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Records Trustees, Vol. 1, Pages 1 - 24.



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C H A N G E   O F   C O L L E G E   S I T E .

At a Special Meeting of the Trustees of Trinity College holden in Seabury Hall of said College, on Wednesday, February 7th A. D. 1872: Present:- Rt. Rev. J. Williams, Chancellor, President Jackson, Messrs. Belknap, Beardsley, Sheffield, J. L. Clark, G. H. Clark, Peters, Hoadly, Northam, Goodwin, Beach, and Paddock. Mr. Mallory, Treasurer.

President Jackson stated the object of this meeting, which was to consider a proposition to sell the present site of the College to the City of Hartford, in order to the erection of a new State House thereon.

A Memorial from the Faculty of the College, adverse to such sale, was read.

Voted, That we are now ready to hear the gentlemen appointed by the Common Council and by the meeting of citizens to confer with this board.

Whereupon Messrs. Joseph R. Hawley, Alfred E. Burr, R. S. Lawrence and Harrison B. Freeman, appeared before the board. General Hawley made a verbal statement of what was wanted on the part of the city, and what the city would probably be willing to give therefor, mentioning \$500,000.00. He said that, at their request, four gentlemen, well acquainted with the value of real estate in Hartford, had made separate appraisals of the land, and that the mean of these valuations was \$374,375.00. He was followed by Mr. Burr; and, after some conversation, the gentlemen withdrew, having been thanked by the Chancellor in the name of the board, for the friendly manner in which their proposition had been presented.

After some discussion, it was



Voted, That the matter brought before the board by the two committees, representing the Common Council of the City of Hartford and a meeting of citizens of Hartford be referred to the Resident Board for consideration: such board being instructed to state to the two committees that, in the unanimous opinion of the Board of Trustees, the sum mentioned, viz: \$500,000.00, would not indemnify this corporation for its surrender of the ground, buildings, and advantages of the site. And that the resident board be instructed, if it be deemed expedient after such communication made, to procure and lay before a subsequent meeting of the board all necessary information as to possible new sites, terms, etc., for the reestablishment of the College.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 278-279.)

February 29, 1872.

The business of the meeting being to consider the proposition of the City to purchase the site of the College for the new State House, Mr. Beach, on behalf of the Committee appointed by the citizens of Hartford and the Court of Common Council, stated, that, in the opinion of that committee, the City would give the sum of \$550,000.00 for the College grounds, with the condition that the College retain the use of all the buildings now occupied by them for the space of three years: at the expiration of the third year, the College to remove the north building, (Brownell Hall), and to retain the use of the remaining buildings for the further time of two years, or more if desired by the College. The buildings



to be the property of the College, and to be removed by it.

After which, Dr. Paddock offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board will entertain the proposition from the citizens of Hartford for the sale of the College campus for the sum of -----thousand dollars, and on the terms and conditions brought informally before the Board this morning:

Provided, a new site for the College can be found, which shall be satisfactory to the Board of Trustees.

This was decided in the negative by the following vote:

In the Affirmative, Messrs. Peters, Paddock, Jarvis, Scudder, Curtis and Beach, 6,

In the Negative, Bishop Williams, President Jackson, Messrs. Northam, J. L. Clark, Bartholomew, G. H. Clark, Sheffield, and Belknap, and Beardsley, 9.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 279.)

At a Special Meeting of the Trustees of Trinity College, called "to take into consideration, and, if deemed expedient, to act on a proposition on the part of the City of Hartford to purchase the College Grounds, and to transact any other business which may be properly brought before said meeting," and holden in Seabury Hall in said College at 2 o'clock P. M. on Thursday, March 21st, A. D. 1872:-

Present: Rt. Rev. John Williams, Chancellor, President Jackson, Messrs. Belknap, Beardsley, Curtis, Scudder, J. L. Clark, G. H. Clark, Bartholomew, Peters, Jarvis, Hoadly, Northam, <sup>E</sup>English, Goodwin, Beach, and Paddock.



The record of the Special Meeting held February 29th last was read and accepted.

Dr. Beardsley had leave to record his vote, at the meeting held February 29th in the negative.

The following vote was offered:

Resolved, That the Resident Board is hereby empowered to sell, and take all necessary steps for the conveyance to the City of Hartford of so much of the lands of the College as lies north of College Street and west of Trinity Street, for the sum of Six hundred thousand dollars: That said Board are further empowered to make such conditions and enter into agreements with reference to mode of payment, and use and delivery of the possession of said property as to it may seem meet: And, that the President of the College be authorized to execute the deed and affix the corporate seal of the College thereto.

Upon the motion of Mr. English, the yeas and nays were ordered, And the question being upon the passage of the resolution; Those who voted in the affirmative were : President Jackson, Messrs. Belknap, Curtis, Scudder, G. H. Clark, Bartholomew, Peters, Jarvis, Hoadly, Northam, Beach, and Paddock. 12.

Those who voted in the negative were, the Chancellor, Messrs. Beardsley, English and Goodwin, 4. So the vote was declared to have passed in the affirmative.

Voted, That the Resident Board be instructed to take measures to secure a new site for the College, and report their action to this Board for their consideration and approval.



March 21, 1872.

At the special meeting of the Trustees of Trinity College held March 21st A. D. 1872, leave was given to the Chancellor to enter his dissent from the vote ordering the sale, which fact I accidentally omitted to record with the doings of that meeting. The following is a copy of a paper subsequently handed me by him:

"Trinity College,

March 21st, 1872.

The undersigned as Chancellor of Trinity College, under the permission of the Trustees, records his dissent from the vote just passed ordering the sale of the College site.

J. Williams."

Quod attestor,

Charles J. Hoadly

Secretary.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 281.)

At a Special Meeting of the Trustees of Trinity College holden in the College Library on Tuesday, July 9th, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.: Present Rt. Rev. J. Williams, Scudder, Chancellor, President Jackson, Messrs. Mead, Beardsley, Curtis, Sheffield, J. L. Clark, G. H. Clark, Hoadly, English, Goodwin, Beach, Paddock.

The record of the meeting of March 21st, 1872, was read and accepted.

Dr. J. L. Clark had leave granted to record his vote as to the sale of College lands to the City of Hartford, in the negative.

The records of the Resident Board were read.



President Jackson made a verbal report with regard to a new site for the College, and read a written report on the subject by Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, of New York.

The Board adjourned to meet at the same place at three o'clock in the afternoon, and then to proceed to inspect various new sites which have been suggested.

)Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 283.)

July 10, 1872.

Resolved, unanimously, That the proceeds of the sale of the College Campus be not used for the current expenses of the College, but be sacredly kept for the securing of other grounds and buildings, and, if practicable, for a future endowment.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 283.)

October 16, 1872.

The special object of this meeting being, to consider the subject of purchasing a new site for the College:

Mr. Beach reported relative to a site on Fairfield Avenue.  
Mr. Belknap reported as to a site on Vernon Street.  
Mr. Mallory, as to one on Farmington Avenue.  
Mr. Belknap and Dr. G. H. Clark, as to the Penfield property,

After the subject had been discussed by several members, upon the motion of Dr. J. L. Clark, it was

Voted, That President Jackson, Messrs. Belknap and Beach be a committee authorized to purchase the Penfield place, including all the land north of Park Street and west of a line drawn midway between Babcock and Putnam Streets, at a price not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars.

Voted, That the thanks of this Board be given to



the Hon. Heman H. Barbour, for his liberal offer to present thirty acres of land in the northern part of the City of Hartford, as a site for the College, although the Board do not deem it for the interest of the College to accept <sup>of</sup> it.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 287.)

December 11, 1872.

President Jackson from the Committee authorized in October last to purchase the Penfield place, made a verbal report upon the subject.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 287.)

December 11, 1872.

Voted, That President Jackson, Messrs. Belknap, Beach, Bartholomew and Pardee be a Committee with power to purchase such site for the re-location of the College within the Town of Hartford as to them shall seem best for the interests of the institution.

Voted, That President Jackson, Messrs. Mallory and Beach be a Committee to consider and prepare for the consideration of this Board, plans for new College buildings.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 288.)

July 2, 1873.

The report of the committee appointed to purchase a new site for the College was read by President Jackson, accepted and ordered on file.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 289.)

July 2, 1873.

Resolved, That the Chancellor, the President, the Treasurer, with Messrs. Beach, Belknap and Paddock be appointed a Committee to consider the whole question of the lay-out



and management of the College site, of the future buildings, with reference to plans, material of construction, position, cost, etc., and to make full report with specific recommendations on all these subjects to an adjourned meeting of this board, to be held when the Committee shall be ready to report.

Voted, That the Committee on plans, etc., be requested to forward a copy of their report, with photographs of plans to each of the Trustees, at least fourteen days before the adjourned meeting at which said plans are to be considered.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 290.)

October 31, 1873.

The report of the Committee on plans for new College Buildings was taken up, and -----

Voted, That the Committee on Plans be authorized to procure detailed plans, drawings and specifications, for those portions of Mr. Burges' general plan as are named in the Committee's report, and submit the same to practical builders, for estimates of cost with estimates of cost for graduation and drainage, steam works, plumbing, painting, and all appurtenances necessary to fit such buildings and grounds complete, ready for use; with authority to make and suggest any improvement or alteration in the details of the plan, and report to an adjourned meeting of the Trustees to be called by the Chancellor.

Adjourned,  
Attest.

Charles J. Hoadly,  
Secretary.

July 1, 1874.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 292-3.)

Voted, That George S. Mallory and Dwight W. Pardee, or either one of them are hereby empowered and directed to



make demand upon each and every of

Samuel H. White,	Austin M. Ward,
Stiles D. Sperry,	George Clark 3d,
John B. Clapp,	Frederick S. Brown,
John Allen,	William M. Charter,
William N. Woodruff,	Henry E. Harrington,
George A. Fairfield,	G. W. Fuller,
Wareham Griswold,	Selah Lewis,

signers of a contract with this corporation, dated June 4th, 1873, to which reference is hereby made for the details thereof, for and in the name of this corporation, that each and every one of them shall carry out the provisions of said contract and shall execute all writing and perform all acts on their part severally to be done and performed under and by virtue of said contract.

Voted, That George S. Mallory be, and he is hereby, appointed Agent and Attorney of the Trustees of Trinity College, for and in the name of the said corporation to execute and deliver a warrantee deed, in due form, to each of

(Names the same as above.)

*Find contract*  
of that portion of land owned on Summit Street, in Hartford, by said corporation, as shall hereafter be allotted to each one of them under the provisions of a contract signed by them on June 4th, 1873, with said corporation, to which contract reference is hereby made for a more detailed description of said land, and which contract is made part of this vote.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 296-297.)

July 2, 1874.

Voted, That George S. Mallory and Dwight W. Pardee, as a committee and as agents of the corporation of the Trustees of Trinity College, are authorized and empowered to decide upon the sufficiency of the several sureties which the respective



signers of the contract of June 4th, 1873, signed by Samuel H. White, Stiles D. Sperry and others, to which reference is hereby made, with said corporation may offer upon their several obligations; also, to demand and collect all moneys that may become due from such of the signers of said contract as shall make default of performance of their said contract; also, to reserve and designate the land proposed to be used for the College Park, and to designate the south line of the proposed street bounding said park; also, to give notice to the several signers of said contract to make division of the parcel or lot of land which is to be conveyed to them by said corporation, according to the provisions and in the manner set forth in said contract; also, to do all the acts for said corporation which by the terms of said contract are to be done by said corporation to carry out on its part the terms thereof and hold the said several signers thereof to a performance of their contract.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 298.)

November 7, 1874.

The plans and drawings for the new College Buildings which were brought from England by Mr. Kimball, were taken into consideration and a communication from Mr. William Burges, the architect, was read.

Voted, That the President of the College be ex officio a member of the Building Committee.

Resolved, That the plans be referred to the Building Committee, with instructions to report at an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees, to be held December 5th, at 12 1/2 o'clock. Said report to state fully the views of the committee as to the adoption of these plans and the cost of putting up buildings necessary for immediate use, ac-



these plans or according to  
cording to any other plans which they may recommend in said  
report, and also the cost of grading the grounds for such  
necessary buildings.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized and empowered to purchase the Dolly Babcock property, so called, at a price satisfactory to a majority of the whole number of the Resident Board, if in the judgment of said Board the purchase is for the interest of the College.

Voted, That the bill of Mr. Burges and all other bills in relation to these plans be referred to the Building Committee, and that they report upon them.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 299.)

December 5, 1874.

The plans for new College Buildings were taken into consideration and it was

Resolved, That the Board instructs the Building Committee to mature plans for the arrangement and erection of a Chapel, Library, Dormitory, Lecture-room building with students' rooms, if practicable, therein, and such other minor structures as may be necessary or desirable appendages thereto, and report to the Board at the earliest possible day.

Resolved, That the Building Committee cause the plans of Mr. Burges, so far as they concern the buildings above named, to be carefully revised, and reliable estimates to be made by parties willing and competent to undertake the construction at the prices named; and that such revised plans and estimates be laid before the Board for final action, at the earliest possible day.

Voted, That the President of the College be ex officio Chairman of the Building Committee.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 300-1.)



April 2, 1875.

The report of the Committee on Plans and Buildings was read by President Pynchon.

Dr. Mallory made a verbal statement, non-concurring in the report of the majority of the Committee.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The following vote was offered, and it was ordered that the yeas and nays be taken upon its passage, viz:-

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to purchase the Dolly Babcock property, so called, as a site for new College Buildings, at a price not exceeding forty thousand dollars.

Those who voted in the affirmative were, Messrs. Bartholomew, Hoadly, and Mallory, -3.

Those who voted in the negative were, Messrs. Pynchon, Belknap, Curtis, Scudder, Jarvis, Northam, Beach, Paddock, and Pardee, 9.

So the resolution was declared to be lost.

The Chancellor and Messrs. Beardsley and Graves declined to vote.

Dr. J. L. Clark had been obliged to leave before the vote was taken.

Voted, That the President, the Chancellor, the Treasurer, with Messrs. Belknap, Beach and Jarvis, be appointed a Building Committee.

Resolved, That there be appropriated from the Building Fund the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, to be placed at the disposal of the Building Committee for the purpose of constructing college buildings and improvements upon the new site upon the plan reported by the Committee on Plans and Buildings this day.



Voted, That all orders for bills approved by the Building Committee be drawn upon the Treasurer by the Chairman of said committee.

Resolved, That the Building Committee be instructed to apply to the proper authorities for an extension of the time allowed for the use of the present college buildings, if, in the judgment of said committee, such extension is necessary.

Voted, That the Building Committee organize and appoint a secretary, and that their records be presented and read at meetings of this Board from time to time.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 301-302)

June 30, 1875.

A report in behalf of the Building Committee was made verbally by President Pynchon, and was accepted.

*Find report*  
A Report of Messrs., Mallory and Pardee, a Committee appointed July 1st, 1874, to make demand upon sundry persons with reference to a certain contract, was read and further explained by Judge Pardee, and is upon file.

The Report was accepted and the Committee continued.

Voted, That the several obligations, with the respective suretyships connected<sup>t</sup> herewith, which have been or may hereafter be received from the purchasers of the lots on Summit Street be referred to the Finance Committee for their determination as to the acceptance of said sureties as a satisfactory compliance with the original obligation signed by said purchasers.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 303.)

June 30, 1875.

Resolved, That the Board having learned of the contemplated breaking of ground for the new buildings to-morrow afternoon, hereby expresses its approbation of the formal act and ceremony and will attend the same in a body.



(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 304.)

June 30, 1875.

President Pynchon, Messrs. Beach and Belknap were appointed the Building Committee.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 306.)

June 27, 1877.

Voted, That the Building Committee be instructed to procure insurance on the new College Buildings to such an amount as they may deem advisable.

Voted, That \$50,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated for the completion of the new College Buildings and other improvements necessary for occupation of the buildings, including grading.

Voted, That the matter of moving the College to the new Site be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 318.)

March 2, 1878.

The President, as Chairman of the Building Committee, presented a report of the Committee accompanied by a full report from Mr. Kimball, architect of the Buildings as to the manner in which the Buildings had been constructed and the appropriations therefor expended.

After a discussion of the subject and a presentation by the Treasurer of the present condition of the Building Fund the following vote with preamble was passed.

Whereas, the architect has called for fifty thousand dollars for the completion of the College Buildings, their equipment for use and necessary preparation of the grounds;

Voted, That the Building Committee be authorized



to expend the above named amount as fast as the economical completion of the work calls for the money.

It was also voted that the matter of making arrangements with the Steward, and of arranging a new schedule of room rents and of fixing the various charges in the College bills be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 319.)<sup>320.</sup>  
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November 16, 1878.

Report of the President as Chairman of the Building Committee asking an additional appropriation of thirty thousand dollars, also a report presented by the architect of the new Buildings.

Reports accepted and ordered on file.

A statement was presented by the Treasurer showing the exhausted state of the Treasury by reason of the large expenditure on the Buildings and necessity of using the property of the General Fund to pay these large expenditures.

Voted, That the Treasurer is authorized to borrow for the corporation of Trinity College a sum not to exceed thirty thousand dollars for building expenses and he is authorized to secure such loan by a pledge of the securities belonging to the College, also to secure the same by <sup>a</sup> mortgage of the block of houses fronting on Elm St. belonging to said Corporation.

After further consideration of the subject, the following vote was also passed.

Voted, That if the Executive Committee shall determine to borrow money sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness of Trinity College, the Treasurer is authorized to borrow



the necessary sum of money and secure it by a mortgage of the real estate belonging to the corporation situated on Elm, Trinity and Washington Streets and Capitol Avenue.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 323-324.)

June 25, 1879.

Report of Building Committee was read, accepted and ordered on file.

Voted, That the Building Committee be authorized to expend not exceeding one thousand dollars to make necessary changes in heating apparatus.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 325.)

June 25, 1879.

Voted, That the Building Committee be authorized to remove the Statue of Bishop Brownell to the College Campus.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 326.)

June 30, 1880.

Report of Building Committee presented.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 327.)

June 30, 1880.

Voted, That the Executive Committee be instructed to remove the Brownell Statue to the College grounds within the coming year.

Voted, That the Executive Committee be instructed to plant trees on the College Campus.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 327.)

June 30, 1880.

Voted, That not exceeding six hundred dollars be appropriated to be expended by the Building Committee, for perfecting the heating apparatus, for pay for organ blower



and for settling with Ellen & Co.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 328.)

April 23, 1881.

Hartford, April 20, 1881.

Rev. T. R. Pynchon, Presdt of Trinity College:

Dear Sir:

If the Trustees of Trinity College will construct the Gateway between the present Colleges according to the plan submitted by Mr. Kimball and commence its erection on or before the 1st day of July, and complete the structure without unnecessary delay, I will contribute to the College towards its erection the sum of forty thousand dollars to be paid as the work progresses. Will execute the proper papers, when the proposition is accepted.

The above proposal to be accepted  
on or before the 1st of May or with- Respectfully,  
drawn by me. (Sgd.) C. H. Northam.

The following votes were thereupon passed:

1. Voted, That the Trustees of Trinity College gladly accepts the proposition of Mr. Charles H. Northam to contribute \$40,000. towards the erection of a gateway and tower to the College Buildings upon the conditions expressed in his communication of April 20th.
2. Voted, That the Trustees hereby tender their hearty thanks to Col. Northam for his munificent gift, and they desire to place on record their high appreciation of this act of generosity as well as of the active interest he has for many years manifested in the welfare of the College.
3. Voted, That the President, Messrs. Geo. Beach, C. J. Hoadley, and C. E. Graves be hereby appointed a Building Committee and that said committee is instructed forthwith to procure plans and contract—estimates to be submitted for approval, at a future meeting of the Trustees to be called by the President as early as practicable.
4. Voted, That the proposed structure be called after the donor.
5. That the President, Judge Pardee, Messrs. Hoadley and Graves be appointed a Committee to communicate this vote to Col. Northam and to make any further arrangements that may be necessary.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 329.)

June 28, 1882.

Voted, That the Executive Committee be empowered



to improve the entrance to College grounds.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 338.)

May 18, 1881.

The President then presented contract-estimates of the new building and exhibited the plans, whereupon the following votes were passed:-

1. Voted, That the report of the Building Committee be accepted and said Committee discharged.

2. Voted, That Rev. Dr. Thos. R. Pynchon, Chas. H. Northam, Geo. Beach, C. E. Graves and Geo. M. Bartholomew be and they are hereby appointed a Building Committee for the purpose of erecting Northam Hall.

3. Voted, That the Building Committee be in-  
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structed to erect a Gateway according to the plan submitted by Mr. Kimball, and if they can make a contract for such erection with responsible contractors for a sum not exceeding \$43,600.; but they are requested to consider the propriety of inviting proposals from different contractors before closing any contract.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 331.)

June 28, 1881.

The following resolution was presented by Bishop Paddock.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees has learned with great sorrow the cause which detains Col. Charles H. Northam, one of its most venerable and valuable members, from its annual meeting to-day; and it takes this occasion to renew its expression of obligation to its absent member for his long continued and most faithful service as a Trustee, as well as his signal acts of generosity towards the College,



and also to express its hopes that he may soon be restored to a greater measure of health and comfort.

The resolution was unanimously passed, and the Secretary instructed to send a copy thereof to Col. Northam.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 332.)

March 14, 1882.

Voted, That the Building Committee are hereby authorized to expend from the funds of the College a sum sufficient to complete payment for the erection and completion of Northam Hall.

Voted, That Judge Pardee, and Mr. Hamersley be added to the Building Committee.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 336.)

June 27, 1882.

Voted, That the matter of introducing City Gas into the College Buildings be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 337.)

June 27, 1882.

Voted, That the matter of renting and controlling the Dining Hall be referred to the executive committee.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 337.)

June 27, 1883.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized to take steps for building on the College grounds a residence for the President.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 353.)

June 25, 1884.

Voted, That the Executive Committee be authorized to put the City Gas into Northam, <sup>and</sup> Seabury Halls.



Voted, That the expenditure by the Executive Committee for the Observatory, Philosophical and other apparatus be and hereby is approved.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 355.)

June 25, 1884.

Voted--In the opinion of this Board any buildings that hereafter may be erected should be located and constructed as existing needs and resources of the College may require, whether or not the same may be in pursuance of the Burgess plans so called.

Voted, That the Executive Committee be authorized and instructed to cause to be built a residence for the President of the College at an expense not exceeding Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 357-358.)

November 13, 1884.

Mr. Graves made a verbal report in behalf of the Executive Board, mainly in relation to the construction of a house for the President and to the lease of land to Professor Ferguson.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 360.)

November 13, 1884.

President Smith, Treasurer Graves and Mr. Hamersley were appointed a Committee to consider the feasibility of erecting a separate building for the department of Physics and Chemistry.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 361.)

June 24, 1885.

Report of Special Committee on erecting building for Physics and Chemistry, said committee was continued.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 361.)



June 24, 1885.

*President's salary*  
The following communication was received from the Alumni Association :

"At a meeting of the Association of the Alumni of Trinity College, held at the College at Hartford, Conn., on the 24th of June, 1885, it was unanimously

"Resolved, That the money received up to date by the Committee to raise funds for the building of a house for the President and for the endowment of the President's salary, be appropriated to the endowment of the President's salary."

It was thereupon, Resolved, That the Board accepts and approves of the Resolution of the Alumni Association of this date, appropriating the money received to date by the Committee of Alumni to raise funds for the endowment of the President's salary, etc., and direct the money now amounting to \$2260., and in possession of the Treasurer of the College to be invested as a fund for the endowment of the President's salary and so entered upon his books.

363.  
(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 362.)

G Y M N A S I U M .

November 12, 1885.

Voted, That the President, Treasurer and Mr. Hamersley be a Committee to prepare plans, and contract for the building of a Gymnasium; provided that no contract for the building be made until the plan<sup>s</sup> for the building are submitted to and approved by this Board. Said Committee to report as soon as possible.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 367.)



April 28, 1886.

President presented the report of the Gymnasium Committee.

Voted, That the report be accepted and ordered on file, as recommended by the report the following votes were passed:

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees of the College be presented to Mr. Junius S. Morgan for his generous contribution of \$8000. for the completion of the fund for the construction of a gymnasium for Trinity College, and for the further sum of \$10,000. to erect an addition in which the students can engage in athletic games during bad weather.

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees of the College be returned to Mrs. J. P. Elton, for her gift of \$1000. for the construction of a gymnasium for Trinity College.

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees of Trinity College be returned to Mrs. Lucy Goodwin for her contribution of \$1000. for the construction of a gymnasium for the College.

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees of Trinity College be returned to Mr. Robert Habersham Coleman for his gift of \$10,000. for an endowment fund for the maintenance of gymnasium and hall for the College. (*never paid*)

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees of Trinity College be returned to the subscribers to the fund for the erection of a gymnasium for the College.

Voted, That the Secretary of this board be desired to communicate this action to the several parties named in the above resolutions, and to the other subscribers as soon as their respective subscriptions shall be paid.



Voted, That in view of the amount subscribed for building a gymnasium for Trinity College, it is the sense of the Trustees that it should be built as soon as practicable.

Voted, That the sum of \$15,000. or as much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated from the Northam Building Fund remaining in the Treasury,--in addition to the money subscribed therefor,--for the erection of a gymnasium.

Voted, That a Committee consisting of the President, Treasurer, Messrs. Goodwin, Williams and Hamersley be appointed to carry out the two preceding resolutions.

Voted, That as the sum of \$10,000., for an additional building in which the students can engage in Athletic games during bad weather, has been given to the College by Mr. Junius S. Morgan, the Committee on Construction of Gymnasium be authorized to have such addition built, provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed the donations received therefor.

Voted, That such building be called after the name of Mr. Morgan.

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees of Trinity College be returned to the Rev. Professor John J. McCook for his valuable services rendered the College in raising funds for the construction of a gymnasium and annex.

Voted, That the fund contributed by Mr. Robert H. Coleman for the maintenance of a gymnasium and hall be called the Coleman Gymnasium Fund.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1. P. 367-368.)

April 28, 1886.

Voted, That the Executive Committee may by an unanimous vote fix upon the site for the proposed Gymnasium.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 368.)



April 28, 1886.

Voted, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to consider and report at the next meeting of this Board, whether it is advisable to construct houses for renting or sale on any of the unimproved real property of the College.

Voted, That the Executive Committee have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Committee for Building Gymnasium.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 369.)

June 22, 1886.

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees be returned to Mr. Junius S. Morgan for his additional gift of \$5000. toward the construction of a Gymnasium and a building for athletic sports.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 370.)

June 22, 1886.

In accordance with recommendation of Executive Committee it was

Voted, That the Executive Committee be authorized to construct four houses for rent or sale on the College grounds fronting on Vernon Street between Broad Street and the driveway at a cost not exceeding \$20,000.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 371.)

June 22, 1886.

Voted, That the Executive and Building Committees be and they are hereby directed to erect the Gymnasium as soon as may be properly done on or near the site marked "G" upon a plan bearing the signature of the President.....  
The vote as above proposed by Judge Pardee was passed.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 371.)



June 22, 1886.

The following resolutions from the Alumni Association were read:

"Resolved, That the Alumni Association congratulate the College on the success with which the fund for the Gymnasium and annex has been raised.

"Resolved, The Alumni Association hopes that the building of the Gymnasium and annex may be undertaken as soon as possible.

"Resolved, That the Trustees<sup>are</sup> hereby respectfully requested to order that the catalogue and report be sent annually to all the Clergy of the Church, to the Church periodicals, and to the lay delegates of the General Convention.

Voted, That the President, Rev. Dr. Coit and the Treasurer<sup>are</sup> be and hereby appointed a committee to consider the question of a building for Athletic Sports and to prepare plans and estimates and to report at next meeting.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 371-372.)

June 22, 1886.

Communication from the New York Alumni concerning Gymnasium referred to Committee on Building Gymnasium.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 373.)

November 30, 1886.

The President read his report and presented therewith communications from the Professors of Chemistry and of Physics endorsed by the faculty showing the need of a building for the Scientific Departments.

Voted, That the subject of erecting a building for the Scientific Departments be referred to a committee of five with instructions to report at the next meeting, and in case they recommend a new building to report plans and specifications for such building with estimates.



The President was made chairman of said Committee, with power to appoint the other four members. The President appointed the Treasurer, and Messrs. Hamersley, Goodwin and Curtis.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 375.)

November 30, 1886.

Voted, That the observatory be called the St. John Observatory after Dr. Samuel B. St. John and his Sister who gave the telescopes and other instruments.

Voted, That the name Jarvis Hall be assigned to the building now known by that name, viz. The North Hall; and that the name Seabury Hall be assigned to the building now known by that name, viz. The South Hall.

The question of assigning other grounds for Tennis Courts in place of that occupied by the gymnasium was referred to the Committee on building the gymnasium.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 375.)

June 29, 1887.

Voted, That the old buildings North of Jarvis Hall be removed as soon as practicable.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 1, P. 384.)



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CHANGE OF COLLEGE SITE.

"BOOK 2".

April 4, 1891.

Mr. Goodwin brought to the attention of the Board and explained a plan which had been under discussion in regard to the improvement of the land lying between the College buildings and Zion St.

After a free discussion the following resolution proposed by the Rev. Dr. Mallory was adopted:-

Voted, That the general plan as explained by Mr. Goodwin in reference to the exchange and improvement of the property owned by the College and the City of Hartford in the neighborhood of the College buildings is approved.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 42.)

April 4, 1891.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. Luke A. Lockwood was adopted:-

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to investigate and report at the next meeting upon the subject of taxation of the real estate of the College.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 42.)

June 24, 1891.

The matter of the construction of a building for the department of natural science was referred to the Executive Committee, with power to take necessary preliminary action as to raising funds and procuring plans for building.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 46.)

June 24, 1891.

Whereas the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Hartford have recommended to the Court of Common Council the negotiation of an agreement between the city and



this corporation whereby suitable arrangement may be made so that the present necessities of the city in quarrying stone may be provided for without injury to adjoining property and that the land lying westerly of the College property on Summit Street may all be eventually devoted to ornamental purposes, And the Common Council has recommitted the subject to the Board of Street Commissioners, in order that the details of such agreement may be settled with a committee of this corporation authorized to act:

Resolved, That this corporation is willing to make an agreement with the city for the above purposes upon the following basis

1. An exchange of a piece of land being the south-westerly corner of the college property on Summit Street and New Britain Avenue for an equivalent piece of land lying in front of the north-westerly portion of the college property and between the college land and Zion Street.

2. The discontinuance of Summit Street.

3. The blasting by the city upon the land conveyed to the college, in such places as the College and City may agree such blasting can profitably be done for the purpose of preparing the land for ornamental use by the College.

4. The dedication of the land conveyed by the College to the City to the purpose of <sup>a</sup>Public Park, to be laid out as soon as the quarrying for stone shall cease, and the quarrying for stone to be carried on with a view of preparing the land to be laid out as a part and confined within limits consistent with that purpose.

5. Details essential to secure the main purposes of the agreement to be agreed upon between the Committee of the Corporation and the City Authorities.



Resolved, That Francis Goodwin, Dwight W. Pardee, William Hamersley, the President and Treasurer be appointed a committee with full authority to negotiate and make on behalf of this Corporation an agreement with the City of Hartford as described in the foregoing resolution and that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the corporation the agreement made by said committee in pursuance hereof and the deed of conveyance of land as required by such agreement.

Provided, however, That no agreement shall be executed until submitted to this Board at a special meeting and approved by that meeting. Not less than ten days' notice to given of the special meeting.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 48,49.)

October 24, 1891.

Mr. Hamersley made a verbal report on the proposed exchange of land on Summit Street with the City of Hartford, - the special object for which this meeting was called.

Voted, That the proposed agreement with the City of Hartford, submitted to this meeting by the committee appointed at the last meeting of this Board, be approved.

Voted, That the committee on the agreement for the exchange of land with the City of Hartford be authorized to agree to any non-essential changes of detail in the engrossed copy of the agreement.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 51.)

October 24, 1891.

Agreement of the Trustees of Trinity College with the City of Hartford relative to the exchange of land.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2. 53-57.)



June 27, 1893.

In accordance with a recommendation in the President's Report the President, Messrs. Lockwood and Quick, were appointed a committee to take into consideration the recommendation of the Faculty that some of the college servants be quartered upon the college grounds; such committee to report as early as practicable.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 66.)

June 27, 1893.

The President and Dr. Wainwright were appointed a committee to have prepared the preliminary plans for a building for the Department of Natural History.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 67.)

June 28, 1893.

The recommendation of the Faculty, that some of the college servants be quartered on the college grounds was approved, and the matter referred to the Executive committee.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 69.)

June 28, 1893.

It was voted, That the Faculty be authorized to place three electric lights in front of the College buildings.

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It was ordered, That some person to be constantly in attendance at the janitor's office be authorized, at an expense not to exceed five hundred dollars.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 70.)

June 28, 1893.

It was then voted, That the College observe Memorial Day as a College holiday.

It was also voted, That permission be granted the Alumni to erect a Flag-Staff on the college campus.....

It was voted, That it is the sense of this meet-



ing that if a Natural History Building is erected, that the public have the benefit of the museum at proper times and under proper and reasonable restrictions.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 73-74.)

June 26, 1894.

Voted,

1. That the proposed gift of a Flag by veterans of the late war residing in Hartford be accepted.

2. That the invitation to be present at the presentation be accepted.

3. That Col. Green be appointed and requested to represent the Corporation in the acceptance of the Flag.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 74.)

June 27, 1894.

The President's Report was taken up, and the following resolution passed:

Whereas the Board are satisfied of the necessity of the immediate erection of a building as recommended by the President at a cost of \$60,000. for building and equipment,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees do heartily concur in the recommendation of the President with reference to the construction of the building for the work of Natural Science, and that they authorize such construction as soon as \$30,000. shall have been secured for said purpose.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 79.)

June 27, 1894.

Upon the motion of President Smith,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized



to proceed with the construction of three dwelling-houses on Vernon Street, at a cost not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 80.)

June 27, 1894.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare and formulate a plan to provide for the care and development of the College property, and report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 80-81.)

June 26, 1895.

A note from the Faculty was read, calling attention to the insufficiency of the Water Supply,.....

Voted, That this Board respectfully request the Water Commissioners of Hartford to give us a sufficient supply of water.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 85.)

June 26, 1895.

On the motion of Dr. Hamersley,

Voted, That the Board appreciates the efforts of the Alumni to raise a fund for the construction of a Scientific Building as reported by the alumni members of this Board, and renew the expression of its conviction of the urgent necessity for the immediate completion of the work.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 88.)

June 24, 1896.

Resolved, That the question of a new building to



supply the place of the old gymnasium be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 102.)

June 29, 1898.

Resolved, That a proper walk be constructed in front of the College buildings, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 119.)

June 29, 1898.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to see that there is more thorough and efficient care taken of the College buildings and rooms.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 122.)

February 11, 1899.

Upon motion of Mr. Thorne, it was

Voted, That such a sum as together with all subscriptions received for that purpose shall not exceed \$40,000., be, and the same hereby is, appropriated for the construction of a hall of Natural Science, and that a building committee of three Trustees with power be appointed by the President, of which committee the President shall be chairman.

The President announced his desire to postpone the appointment of the other members of the foregoing committee until a future time: The President afterward announced as the additional members of the Building Committee, Charles E. Graves and Jacob L. Greene.

Upon motion of Mr. Curtis, it was

Voted, That any sale of property which it may become necessary to make in order to provide funds for the building authorized by the foregoing resolution, shall be



first approved by the Executive Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Thorne, it was

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to act with the committee of the Alumni in soliciting subscriptions for the hall of Natural Science.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 125,126.)

June 26, 1899.

Hon. John Sabine Smith, in behalf of the committee of three appointed at the special meeting of the Trustees, February 11, 1899, to act with the committee of the Alumni in soliciting subscriptions for the Hall of Natural Science, made a verbal report of progress.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 129.)

June 27, 1899.

The Trustees then took a recess for a half hour, for the purpose of breaking ground for the new building for Natural Science..

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 137.)

June 27, 1899.

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Board at a meeting held February 11th, 1899 authorizing the expenditure of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.) for the Natural Science Building be amended so that forty thousand shall read fifty (50) thousand.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 141.)

January 27, 1900.

Upon motion of Mr. Hamersley it was

Voted, That, Whereas on the 7th day of November 1891, an agreement was entered into between the City of



Hartford and the Trustees of Trinity College for an exchange of land and one of the articles provided that the City of Hartford should remove the rock from the land in the rear of the college buildings to the satisfaction of the Trustees, in order that the ground might be properly graded, and such rock was to be removed within three years from the date of such agreement; and

Whereas five years in excess of the time specified have passed, and the rock is not yet removed, therefore be it

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees be directed to bring the matter before the proper authorities of the City of Hartford and request that action may be taken as early as practicable to carry out the specifications of the agreement above referred to.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 144-145.)

June 26, 1900.

On motion of Hon. Luke A. Lockwood,

Voted, That Messrs. James J. Goodwin and William C. Skinner be appointed a special committee to urge upon the City of Hartford the immediate performance of its part of the contract for grading the property west of the College buildings.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 161.)

December 8, 1900.

*Halsey*  
Mr. Graves reported on behalf of the committee for erecting the new hall of Natural Science. He had received altogether in subscriptions from alumni and others \$18,448. Of the legacy of \$20,000. from the Halsey estate recently received by the College \$14,000. was used in payment of the construction of the building. The building has thus far



cost \$58,680. 33/100. There has also been paid for equipment of the building \$9,010.65/100 making the total expenditure \$67,690.98/100 to date.

The following were the subscribers to the building fund:

Rev. Francis Goodwin,	5,000.00	
J. P. Harbison,	350.00	
W. C. Skinner,	250.00	
Mrs. W. C. Skinner,	250.00	
Rev. T. McKee Brown,	10.00	
Rev. C. B. Smith,	100.00	
Rev. A. Mackay Smith,	250.00	
Miss Alice Taintor,	200.00	
W. Johnson,	20.00	
C. G. Woodward,	25.00	
Rev. G. H. Clark,	300.00	
E. F. Waterman,	25.00	
Dr. G. W. Russell,	5,000.00	
J. J. Goodwin,	2,000.00	
Mrs. Burke,	1,000.00	
Thomas McKean,	1,000.00	
Rev. O. H. Raftery,	20.00	
S. T. Miller,	100.00	
T. L. Elwyn,	100.00	
Per John Sabine Smith		
Rev. G. H. Wilson,	25.00	
Rev. T. H. Drum,	5.00	
Rev. W. P. Niles,	10.00	
		40.00
J. M. Warren,	1,000.00	
C. S. Griswold,	5.00	
John Sabine Smith,	40.00	
Rev. F. C. Wainwright,	5.00	
J. S. Smith,	100.00	
J. L. Wilcox,	50.00	
Rev. Thomas Gallaudet,	2.00	
Rev. F. O. Granniss,	10.00	
W. H. Webster,	102.00	
Rev. John Hargate,	10.00	
J. Halsey,	500.00	
Rev. W. H. Vibbert,	100.00	
Chas. A. Sumner,	10.00	
W. S. Cogswell,	100.00	
D. C. Weston,	50.00	
J. I. Robertson,	25.00	
Rt. Rev. L. Coleman,	10.00	
H. W. Thompson,	100.00	
Rt. Rev. John Williams,	50.00	
Miscellaneous. per J. Sabine Smith,	14.34	
B. H. F. Shreve,	25.00	
P. H. Woodward,	100.00	
		<u>\$18,448.34</u>
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(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 165,6.)

December 8, 1900.

Resolved, That the President be requested to have suitable directing signs placed on the buildings as soon as possible.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 167.)

May 25, 1901.

Resolved, That the new Hall of Natural History be named The Boardman Hall of Natural History in memory of the Hon. William Whiting Boardman, LL. D., that a tablet to the memory of Mr. Boardman be placed therein together with his portrait and that suitable ceremonies be provided at commencement time for the unveiling of the tablet.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 169.)

June 24, 1901.

The President also made oral report respecting the assistance given by the Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Company in connection with the designing and installation of the steam heating apparatus of the Natural History building.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Board are hereby tendered to Mr. J. M. Allen, President of the Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Company, and to his associates, for their kindness and generosity in giving advice and superintendence in the construction of the new heating plant for the Jarvis Laboratories and the Natural History building, and that the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Allen of this vote.

(Redords Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 173.)



June 25, 1901.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of that portion of the President's printed report referring to the condition of the College buildings and the changes recommended by him.

Voted, That the same be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 176.)

June 25, 1901.

At 12:30 p. m., the Trustees, Faculty and Alumni of the College formed in procession and marched to the new Natural History Building, where a solemn service was held at the unveiling of a Tablet in honor of the memory of the Hon. William Whiting Boardman, LL. D., for thirty-nine years a Trustee of Trinity College.

(Records Trustees, Vol. 2, P. 179.)