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Submit the following report. The Wing of the Main Building and the Rear Addition according to plans and specifications is completed with the exception of the finals, iron rail to the steps and hard finish to the ceiling over the entrance. The few things unfinished are a part of Mr. Broughtons [sic] contract. There has been no work done on the Observatory since the last annual meeting. Just before we were visited by the Legislators last winter I was appointed a special committee to clear up around the building. Sent man and team. Told him to pile up and burn the rubbish or he could haul some of it in [insertion] for [end insertion] kindling when he came in at night. He brought in about two wagon boxes full, worth perhaps one dollar per load. The rest was burned on the grounds. The grounds were broken and backset last June at an expense of one hundred dollars. This spring they have been thoroughly harrowed and are now being crossplowed [sic] as suggested by the Landscape Gardener from Minneapolis who visited the grounds a short time ago. Which work the resident members of the committee thought best to have done. The ground is being levelled and graded around the building and the clay covered by a coating of black soil or dirt. The old cans and rubbish have been removed and the ground is being pulverized as fast as possible. There has been a two plank walk laid from the south entrance of the building to the platform where the train stops. We would recommend the finishing of the contract of Mr. Broughton as soon as possible (not only of the University Building but also of the Observatory). Which report is submitted for your approval.

Charles E. Teel Chairman Building Committee. which report was accepted and placed on file. The Executive, Farm and Library Committees not submitting reports. Regent Teel as a Special Fuel
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