

ADJOURNED SESSION, AUGUST 26, 1904.

When the Board met, pursuant to adjournment, there were present Messrs. Hatch, Kerrick, McLean, and Nightingale, and Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Alexander, and Mrs. Evans; absent, Governor Yates and Messrs. Bayliss, Bullard, Dickirson, and McKinley. President-elect, Dr. James, was present. Acting President, Dr. Burrill, was absent.

DR. JAMES ACCEPTS THE PRESIDENCY.

President James made a statement of his views with regard to the University, and also spoke concerning leaving Northwestern University.

A letter was read from Mr. H. H. C. Miller, Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern University, asking, on behalf of that University, that Dr. James be released from his obligations to the University of Illinois.

The Secretary was directed to answer the letter, saying that the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was unwilling to release Dr. James on this request.

Dr. James then said that in view of what had been said to him by persons interested in Northwestern University, he had said that he would present this matter in full to the Trustees of the University of Illinois, and that he asked to be released.

On motion of Mrs. Alexander it was voted that, from a consideration of the interests of the University of Illinois, the Trustees were unwilling to grant the release.

Dr. James then formally accepted the Presidency of the University. Mr. McLean offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be instructed to **make** careful investigation as to the needs of the University for new buildings, and be prepared to present to the Board a careful statement with regard to such buildings, in order that the Trustees may be ready to ask the legislature for appropriations therefor.

The Board adjourned.

W. L. PILLSBURY,
Secretary.

F. L. HATCH,
President.