

Meeting of April 10, 1912.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the Blackstone hotel, in the city of Chicago, at 12:30 p. m., on Wednesday, April 10, 1912, pursuant to the following notice which was sent out by the secretary on April 3, 1912:

Upon the call of the president, Mr. W. L. Abbott, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at the Blackstone hotel in Chicago on Wednesday, April 10, 1912, at 12:30 p. m., to consider such matters as the committees of the board and the president of the University may submit and such other business as may be duly presented.

The following members of the board were present: Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore. President James was present.

The secretary presented the minutes of the annual meeting of March 12, 1912, and those of the adjourned session of March 19, 1912, which were approved.

REAPPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The secretary presented the following communication from President Abbott:

CHICAGO, ILL., April 8, 1912.

Mr. C. M. McConnell, Secretary, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.:

DEAR SIR—This is to advise you that the personnel of the standing committees of the board for the ensuing year will be the same as it was for last year.

Very truly yours,

W. L. ABBOTT.

(For list of these committees, see page 107.)

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES.

The secretary presented the following report of appointments made by the president of the University to fill vacancies in the budget passed on July 8, 1911:

Bollman, Minnie, temporary catalogue assistant in the Library on one-fourth time, for the month beginning March 16, 1912, at a salary of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the month (March 18, 1912).

Love, Elizabeth, temporary catalogue assistant in the Library, on one-fourth time, for the month beginning March 16, 1912, at a salary of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the month (March 18, 1912).

McMullen, Jennie B., stenographer in the office of the Water Survey, from March 8, 1912, until June 30, 1912, at a salary of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) a month (March 27, 1912).

Peel, Thomas, laboratory helper in the Department of Chemistry, from March 7, 1912, until June 30, 1912, at a salary of fifty dollars (\$50.00) a month.

Waller, Florence M., temporary catalogue assistant in the Library, on one-fourth time, for the month beginning March 16, 1912, at a salary of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the month (March 18, 1912).

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOLARS AND FELLOWS.

The secretary presented the following report of appointments to scholarships and fellowships made by the president of the University under the authority given him at the session of March 19, 1912 (pages 571-572):

AGRONOMY.

Baird, Robert O., scholarship.....	\$250 00
MacFarlane, Wallace, fellowship.....	300 00

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

Benton, Alva H., scholarship.....	250 00
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BOTANY.

Lehenbauer, P. A., fellowship.....	300 00
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CHEMISTRY.

Englis, Duane T. (nominee of Eureka college), scholarship.....	250 00
Heuse, Edward C., fellowship.....	300 00
Howard, J. W. (nominee of Shurtleff college), scholarship.....	250 00
Murdock, Walter T., fellowship.....	350 00
Nickell, Lloyd F., fellowship.....	400 00
Norbury, Frank G. (nominee of Illinois college), scholarship.....	250 00
Read, John W., fellowship.....	350 00
Sharp, Leslie H. (nominee of Lake Forest college), scholarship.....	250 00
Williams, Guy Y., fellowship.....	350 00

CLASSICS.

Haan, Mary A., scholarship.....	250 00
MacDonald, Janet M., scholarship.....	250 00
Tongate, Hope F., scholarship.....	250 00
Voegelien, Lily B. (nominee of Northwestern college), scholarship...	250 00

ECONOMICS.

Clark, Fred E., scholarship.....	250 00
Ivey, Paul W., scholarship.....	250 00

EDUCATION.

Holley, C. E., scholarship.....	250 00
Spencer, E. R., scholarship.....	250 00

ENGLISH.

Cox, Sidney H., scholarship.....	250 00
Good, J. W., fellowship.....	400 00
Hall, Homer, scholarship.....	250 00
Jenney, Adeline M., fellowship.....	300 00

Rinaker, Clarissa, fellowship.....	350 00
Hill, William (nominee of Carthage college), scholarship.....	250 00
Tieje, Ralph E., fellowship.....	300 00

ENGINEERING.

A.E. Kratz, Elwin V., scholarship.....	250 00
C.E. Huber, J. E., scholarship.....	250 00
E.E. Bagley, G. D., scholarship.....	250 00
Prince, D. C., scholarship.....	250 00
T.&A.M. Lane, E. W., scholarship.....	250 00

ENTOMOLOGY.

Fracker, S. B., scholarship.....	250 00
Mosher, Edna, scholarship.....	250 00
Peterson, Alvah, fellowship.....	300 00
Washington, Margaret, scholarship.....	250 00

GERMAN.

Adler, F. H., fellowship.....	350 00
Lutz, Gretchen, scholarship.....	250 00
Palmer, Edith S., fellowship.....	300 00
Plath, Otto E., fellowship.....	300 00
Voigt, Irma E., fellowship.....	300 00
Zucker, A. E., scholarship.....	250 00

HISTORY.

Goodman, Byne F., scholarship.....	250 00
Knox, Gertrude E., fellowship.....	350 00
Koehn, George L., scholarship.....	250 00
McHarry, Jessie, fellowship.....	300 00
Peine, Arthur F., fellowship.....	300 00
Senning, John P., fellowship.....	350 00

HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE.

Biester, Alice (nominee of the College of Science), scholarship.....	250 00
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MATHEMATICS.

Burns, Josephine E., fellowship.....	350 00
Kircher, E. A. T., fellowship.....	300 00
Mathewson, L. C., fellowship.....	300 00
Swenson, W. A. (nominee of Augustana college), scholarship.....	250 00

PHILOSOPHY.

Geyer, D. L., fellowship.....	350 00
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PHYSICS.

Hornor, Nellie N., scholarship.....	250 00
Nathanson, J. B., scholarship.....	250 00
Woodrow, J. W., fellowship.....	400 00

POLITICAL SCIENCE.

Dowell, E. S., scholarship.....	250 00
Heeren, Harry E., fellowship.....	300 00
Wright, P. Q. (nominee of Lombard college), scholarship.....	250 00

ROMANCE LANGUAGES.

Gourley, Louis H. (nominee of the College of Literature and Arts), scholarship	250 00
Shulters, John R., fellowship.....	350 00

ZOOLOGY.

Ackert, J. E., fellowship.....	350 00
Conel, Jesse L. (nominee of Illinois Wesleyan university), scholarship	250 00
Orcutt, A. W., fellowship.....	350 00
Riley, C. F. C., fellowship.....	350 00
Welch, P. S., fellowship.....	350 00

MATTERS PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT JAMES.

The president of the University submitted the following matters for consideration:

INSTRUCTORSHIP IN HISTORY.

(1) A recommendation that Mr. A. C. Krey, now of the University of Texas, be appointed instructor in History for the academic year beginning Sept. 1, 1912, at a salary of \$1,400.00.

It was voted, on motion of Mrs. Bahrenburg, that this recommendation be approved.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

(2) A request from Mr. W. B. Day, actuary of the School of Pharmacy, for an additional appropriation of \$200.00 for laboratory supplies used during the present academic year in the School of Pharmacy; this additional amount having become necessary because of the increased attendance in the school beyond the number expected when the budget was made.

On motion of Mrs. Bahrenburg, this appropriation of \$200.00 was made for the purpose named, the vote being as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

IMPORT ORDER FOR ZOOLOGY.

(3) A request from Dr. H. B. Ward, professor of Zoölogy, for permission to place an import order in the amount of \$1,000.00 for materials, supplies, etc., for the use of the Department of Zoölogy for the year 1912-1913.

On motion of Mr. Grout, this request was granted and the appropriation of \$1,000.00 made, the vote being as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott,

Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

TRANSFER OF ECONOMICS TO LIST B.

(4) The following communication from Mr. C. M. McConn, clerk of the University Senate:

April 4, 1912.

Dr. Edmund J. James, President:

DEAR SIR—At the meeting of the University Senate on April 1, it was voted to request the trustees to approve the amendment of the entrance requirements of the University by the transfer of Economics (18 weeks, $\frac{1}{2}$ unit) from List C to List B of acceptable electives. (*Annual Register*, 1912, pp. 86, 87).

CHANGE IN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT SUSPENDED.

It was voted, also, at the same meeting to request the trustees to suspend the application of their recent action (Dec. 12, 1911, page 539) concerning the language requirement for the College of Literature and Arts until the subject can be thoroughly considered for the entire University.

Very respectfully yours,

C. M. McCONN,
Clerk of the Senate.

It was voted to approve these two requests of the University Senate.

LEASE OF MEDICAL PROPERTY NOT TO BE RENEWED.

President James presented next the following communication from Dr. William Allen Pusey, vice president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, concerning the lease of the medical property now used by the University:

April 2, 1912.

Dr. Edmund J. James, President University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.:

DEAR MR. JAMES—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, on March 29th last, I was instructed to notify you and the president of the Board of Trustees of the University that the College of Physicians and Surgeons consider the conditions under which the University has been compelled to operate the medical school unfavorable to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and to the University as well, and that accordingly the College of Physicians and Surgeons at the expiration of the present lease in June next, will not renew its lease with the University.

I am instructed to express our regret at the termination of our long and agreeable association.

Very respectfully yours,

WM. ALLEN PUSEY,
Vice-President College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago.

MEDICAL WORK IN CHICAGO TO BE DISCONTINUED.

After a full discussion of the matter, on motion of Mr. Hoit, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The College of Physicians and Surgeons has declined to renew the lease to the University of Illinois for the use of its present property in the city of Chicago (said lease expiring June 30, 1912); and

WHEREAS, There does not seem to be any available plant in the city of Chicago which may be used for a medical school at any price which the University would be willing or able to pay; therefore be it

Resolved, That the medical and dental work now conducted by the University of Illinois in the city of Chicago, be closed on June 30, 1912.

The vote was as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000.00 TO BE ASKED.

The following additional resolution was adopted*:

Be it further resolved, That the Trustees of the University request the Legislature, now in special session, for an appropriation of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for the development of the work of research and instruction in medicine and public health at the site of the University in Urbana-Champaign.

The vote was as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

STATEMENT IN REGARD TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The president of the University was authorized to issue the following "Statement concerning the Medical school of the University of Illinois:"

The University of Illinois undertook some years ago in the city of Chicago an experiment in the work of medical education. As it had received no grant from the Legislature for the erection of a plant, it leased the buildings, ground, and equipment necessary for the use of a medical school from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of Chicago.

The rental paid for this property was very reasonable, not exceeding, in fact, the fixed charges of the plant, counting in the interest on the mortgages and bonds and the requirements of the sinking fund.

The school has been conducted for some fifteen years under this general arrangement, with details varied from time to time. During that period the school has been greatly improved, and ranks today among the good American medical schools.

* This second resolution was adopted subject to the expected ruling of the Attorney General of Illinois on the question whether the General Assembly at its special session might increase the amount voted for the medical school at its last regular session. This ruling, received under date of April 11, 1912, was as follows.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 11, 1912.

Hon. Edmund J. James, President University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

DEAR SIR—I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th inst., in which, in referring to the proclamation convening the General Assembly in extraordinary session, you submit the question as to whether or not the phraseology of the Governor's call would prevent the Legislature from granting a larger sum than \$60,000.00 per annum to the University of Illinois for the maintenance, extension, and equipment of the College of Medicine.

In reply thereto, I would say that the constitution provides that the Governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the General Assembly, by proclamation, stating therein the purpose for which they are convened:

"and the General Assembly shall enter into no business except that for which they were called together."

Sec. 8, Article V, Constitution.

On March 25, 1912, Governor Deneen issued a proclamation convening the General Assembly in extraordinary session on March 26, 1912, to consider, among others, the following matter:

"To make an appropriation for the Medical Department of the University of Illinois."

The general subject, therefore, upon which the legislature may legislate is for the purpose of appropriating money for the Medical Department of the University of Illinois. The amount which will be appropriated, the terms and conditions of the appropriation, whether for one year or for a lump sum, whether for the use at Urbana or at another place in the State to be designated, are wholly matters of legislative discretion which may be exercised under the Governor's call. The Governor has not limited the Legislature to particulars in any appropriation.

Very respectfully,

W. H. STEAD,
Attorney General.

The University of Illinois, however, has never expended upon this school or its management or in rent for the use of the property, a single dollar from the State appropriations. It has been limited to the use of the fees paid by students. The claim may be fairly made that no better school, conducted on the basis of student fees alone, can be found in the country.

The time has come, however, when no medical school can be maintained in accordance with modern standards, whose only support is derived from the payment of fees by students.

Recognizing this fact, and unwilling to conduct an inferior school, the University has asked the Legislature upon three different occasions for funds to put the school upon a proper basis.

The Legislature granted at one time the sum of \$389,000.00 for the purpose of providing an adequate plant for the use of the medical school. The Governor, however, vetoed this bill. In answer to the last request from the University, the Legislature granted (at the Forty-Seventh session) for the present biennium, the sum of \$60,000.00 per annum for the equipment, maintenance, and extension of the College of Medicine of the University of Illinois.

This appropriation was lost by the recent decision of the Supreme court that it was unconstitutional, owing to the fact that the provision in the bill making this appropriation had been amended in the conference committee without having been printed.

The University now renews its request to the General Assembly for an appropriation for the equipment, maintenance, and extension of its work in medicine and public health.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons, however, has decided not to renew to the University the lease for the use of its present plant in the city of Chicago when it expires on June 30, 1912.

Owing to the fact that there is no other adequate plant in the city of Chicago which can be obtained for the use of a medical school at a reasonable rental, the Board of Trustees of the University have been compelled to announce the closing of the medical work in Chicago. They have decided to develop the medical work already begun at the site of the University in Urbana-Champaign.

To carry on this enterprise a special building is absolutely necessary, since there is no available space to house such work in the buildings now upon the campus, or in those authorized to be erected by the present Legislature.

The trustees of the University of Illinois, therefore, respectfully ask the General Assembly to appropriate at its special session the sum of \$250,000.00 for the development of its work in public health and medicine at Urbana-Champaign.

The greater part of this money will be used for the erection, furnishing, and equipment of a medical building.

It is proposed to organize those fundamental courses in medicine and public health which should be required by all schools of medicine, and which every physician, no matter what method of practice he may adopt, must be presumed to know; such as physiology, bacteriology, histology, anatomy, pathology, and sanitation—subjects a knowledge of which is or should be common to all schools or sects of medicine; homeopathic, osteopathic, electro-pathic, eclectic, or allopathic.

In securing an appropriation for this work all citizens ought to unite who desire to see the sanitary and medical conditions in this great commonwealth improved.

Illinois has the undesirable distinction of being the only State supporting a real university which has made no appropriation for work in medicine and public health.

Our border states (with the exception of Kentucky), viz., Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Missouri, have all undertaken such instruction in a vigorous manner, while Minnesota has begun this work in a way which

will serve as a model for other states, and twenty other commonwealths have definitely committed themselves to the continuous support of such instruction and research.

Will Illinois not now fall into line?

ADDITIONAL MATTERS PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT JAMES.

The president of the University presented the following additional matters for consideration:

FINISHING TOP FLOOR OF WOMAN'S BUILDING.

(1) A statement from Prof. James M. White, supervising architect, that the top floor of the addition to the Woman's building can be completed, in accordance with drawings submitted, for between ten and eleven thousand dollars. According to the drawings this would provide twenty-one rooms varying from 160 to 260 square feet, two rooms 26x35 feet, and one room 25x37 feet.

On motion of Mr. Moore, this matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act; the vote being as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

REFUND OF TUITION, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

(2) A request from Prof. W. B. Day, actuary of the School of Pharmacy, to be permitted to make a refund on account of tuition already paid, of \$40.00, to Mr. A. C. Fish, of Abingdon, a student who was compelled to withdraw from the School of Pharmacy on account of illness.

On motion of Mrs. Bahrenburg, it was voted to approve this request and to make an appropriation of \$40.00 to cover the refund in question. The vote was as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

WALKS ON SOUTH CAMPUS.

(3) A communication from Prof. James M. White, supervising architect, asking that authority be given for the construction of a 6-foot concrete walk running east and west on the south side of Lincoln Hall, at an estimated cost of \$250.00; and also for a 4½-foot walk running from the Agricultural building to the Agronomy Greenhouses, at an estimated cost of \$90.00.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, it was voted to approve this request and to make the appropriation of \$340.00 involved therein. The vote was as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

PAVING DRIVEWAY BETWEEN ENGINEERING AND PHYSICS BUILDINGS.

(4) A request from Prof. James M. White, supervising architect, for the consideration of the question of paving the driveway between Engineering hall and the Physics building from Green street to Springfield avenue, at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00.

It was voted to refer this matter to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for consideration and report.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAINTING.

(5) A request from Prof. James M. White, supervising architect, for an assignment from the State appropriation for buildings and grounds, for the exterior painting of the following buildings, at estimated costs as given below:

Agronomy building.....	\$ 80 00
Horticultural building.....	130 00
State Entomologist's building.....	125 00
Woman's building.....	200 00
University hall.....	800 00
President's house.....	250 00
North greenhouses.....	300 00
South Farm buildings.....	1,000 00

Total..... \$2,885 00

On motion of Mr. Hatch, this request was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act; the vote being as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

REMOVAL OF HORTICULTURAL GREENHOUSES.

(6) A request from Prof. James M. White, supervising architect, for authority for the removal of the horticultural greenhouses, with the necessary extensions and grading.

On motion of Mr. Grout, this request was referred to the Committees on Buildings and Grounds and Agriculture for consideration and report.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION.

(7) A request from Prof. James M. White, supervising architect, for the appointment of Mr. L. J. Towne as superintendent of construction for the Armory and Stock Pavilion, for one year, beginning July 1, 1912, at a salary of \$1,800.00 for the year; this amount to be charged against the appropriation for the two buildings named.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, it was voted that the president of the University be authorized to make this appointment. The vote was as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESS SERVICE, AND CORRESPONDENCE OF THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

(8) A communication from Dr. Eugene Davenport, dean of the College of Agriculture, concerning the publications, press service, and correspondence of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, it was voted that this communication be printed in the minutes.

URBANA, April 3, 1912.

President Edmund J. James, University of Illinois:

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT—Replying to your inquiry of March 30, I beg to say that the information you ask naturally falls under three headings: Station publications, press service, and personal correspondence.

STATION PUBLICATIONS.

The following is the plan of publication and distribution of agricultural information from the Experiment Station:

The station issues printed matter in two forms: First, the bulletin, which is primarily the report of experiments actually conducted at this station; second, the circular, whose purpose is to give information which may be needed at some particular time or place and which may or may not arise out of our own experiments.

Both of these publications are sent free upon request, either within or without the State. The station mailing list is made up solely of individuals who have requested, personally, the receipt of these publications. No blanket lists are used, and no name is put on because a friend asks it. When such lists come in the station immediately corresponds with the parties involved, saying that such a friend has requested the addition of their name to our list, stating that our policy is not to add names except upon the request of the individual, and suggesting further that if the individual desires his name on the list he should notify us himself. In this way nothing goes upon the list except by personal request.

The only exception to this is where, in a few rare cases, a person perfectly well known to us asks that some neighbor or tenant be placed on the list.

No name is ever removed from the list except upon request or upon the return of the bulletins unclaimed. I might say, however, in this connection that the station is proposing to revise its list by sending out return postal cards notifying the party of the necessity of an occasional revision and saying that if he desires continuance of the publications he should mail back the return card. It will be so arranged that he can do this without making a mark or even affixing a stamp.

The bulletins are sent to the entire mailing list; in the case of extremely technical bulletins an abstract is sometimes substituted for the full edition. Circulars may be sent to the entire list, but more likely to a partial list, covering a region or class of people necessary to be reached.

PRESS SERVICE.

Aside from the distribution of printed matter prepared by the Experiment Station, Mr. Powell is operating a press service, which is developing along three definite lines:

First—The preparation of page matter which goes to the syndicates for making up into boiler plate. This service is free to the companies involved except that they pay the actual cost of preparation; in one case on bills presented; in another a nominal rate per page is charged. The purpose is to get the information at hand as widely scattered as possible, especially through the medium of the smaller papers of the State.

Second—News notes and brief reports of matters connected with the College of Agriculture and Experiment Station sent free to the papers inside the State, for such use as they may desire to make of them.

Third—A limited service in the preparation of special articles for special papers, such as dairy articles for the dairy press, etc.

The purpose in this entire press service is to develop an agricultural literature that is not yet fully developed, and to more completely disseminate the results of the station work. The University spends a great deal of money in the conducting of investigations and in the publication of bulletins

thereon, and experience shows that in many cases, however important the principles discovered, the application of these principles to practice is but indifferently made. The present effort, therefore, is to iterate and reiterate some of these applications until the findings of the station shall be more generally adopted. Incidentally, it is also the purpose to lay the foundation for a better agricultural literature, which it is hoped to stimulate in this way.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Aside from the above lines of service, which are wholesale and broadcast, the station conducts a personal correspondence, in answer to letters of inquiry, amounting to something like 75,000 letters a year. These letters come either to the Agricultural Experiment Station, or to the various departments or workers of the staff: They present questions of all possible descriptions, ranging from requests for inside information as to patented or patentable articles, to advice on stock feeding or land sales. For the most part this correspondence exhibits a high degree of ability and discrimination on the part of the inquirer, and while the service is exceedingly laborious, it is doubtless the one that is having the most influence upon the agricultural progress of the State, and without a doubt our most intelligent constituency is reached by this body of correspondence.

COMPLAINTS.

As is to be expected in a service reaching directly anywhere from fifty to a hundred thousand individuals a year, occasional complaints will arise. The most frequent is that the questions have not been answered. Occasionally, I suppose, letters are lost in the mails, possibly mislaid or lost in our own offices; but more frequently they arrive without signature; sometimes without the postoffice, and with the printed postmark on the envelope unreadable; and frequently a printed slip with writing thereon is inclosed in an unsealed envelope with a one-cent stamp. Many of the latter kind doubtless make their way to the Dead-Letter Office.

About once a year we get a letter from a man who is clearly insane, and this is likely to be followed up with a long series of complaints. I may say in this connection that no matter how absurd the letter, whether from mental defect of the writer, illiteracy, or what not, the custom is always to make a serious answer to the letter, even though every point alluded to may not be touched in the answer. The custom of the Experiment Station is never to write an insulting or angry letter, and the result has been that it is a rare thing to receive a communication showing real irritation. Almost invariably when the correspondent thinks he has been neglected he simply calls attention to the matter in a courteous way, and the delayed information is dispatched without irritation on either side.

The most common cause of complaint is in not receiving the bulletins. A farmer has frequently said to me: "Why are you no longer sending me your bulletins? I haven't had one for a year," and then almost in the next breath he would begin discussing the last bulletin issued. I have discovered an almost universal impression that these bulletins are issued regularly, like magazines, once a month, whereas they are issued irregularly. If a considerable time has elapsed, many people jump at the conclusion that it has been a year or two since they received one.

The circulars not being sent to the entire mailing list, they are sometimes inquired for by the people who receive the bulletins regularly but not always the circulars. This is a small matter and one which is not developing irritation.

Aside from the press work, the customs in vogue are of long standing and have been built up as a result of experience. As conditions change methods must change with them, but it seems to the Experiment Station

that the service is about as satisfactory as it can be made. We are feeling our way in the matter of press service, and so far as we can discover we are reaching the maximum number of people with the minimum effort.

While it cannot be included in the list of complaints, I ought to say that what is perhaps our greatest difficulty arises from requests of individuals for a class of information that cannot be given without making a special study of their individual conditions. Representative Blank asks if he cannot have the soil of his farm analyzed, reminding us that he voted for our bill. This calls for a letter of explanation in which we show that the only way to study the soils of the State consistently is by the study of types—not individual farms. This, I am glad to say, has in every case proved entirely satisfactory, and I believe in no instance has the individual held an objection against the University for not at once entering into a study of his own special problem. In this way the Experiment Station serves the individual only so far as the information at hand will go, and it does not expend its funds or its energy in needless service beyond that point. In a few rare cases, when the problem presented had a broader significance, we have gone into the case, and in that way secured information which was of special value to the individual, but the point of view has always been the public need.

Yours very truly,
E. DAVENPORT,
Director.

REAPPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR WORMSER.

(9) A request for authority to reappoint Mr. I. M. Wormser assistant professor of Law, for the academic year beginning Sept. 1, 1912, at a salary of \$2,200.00.

It was voted, on motion of Mr. Hatch, that the president of the University be authorized to make this appointment. The vote was as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR USHER.

(10) The resignation of Miss Susannah Usher as assistant professor of Household Science.

It was voted to accept Miss Usher's resignation.

PAVING OF LINCOLN AVENUE.

(11) A communication from the Honorable Frank H. Boggs, mayor of Urbana, transmitting a petition for the paving of Lincoln avenue from the north end of the Forestry running south to the city limits, and of Michigan avenue from Lincoln avenue to Orchard street, signed by a majority of the owners of the abutting property, together with the engineer's estimate of the cost of this improvement to the University. This communication was accompanied by a suggestion from Professor James M. White, supervising architect, that the University ought not to agree to the paving of Lincoln avenue until the city of Urbana shall have provided an adequate outlet for the drainage of that portion of the University grounds which drains naturally in the direction of Lincoln avenue.

This communication, with the accompanying suggestion, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for consideration and report.

CONFERENCE OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS ON ATHLETIC SITUATION.

(12) A report of the recent conference (March 19, 20, 1912, in Chicago) of university presidents (of the state universities of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and Purdue University) upon the athletic situation in the Intercollegiate conference, particularly with reference to the so-called "Amateur Rule."

This matter was discussed at some length. No action was taken.

OPTIONS ON ADJACENT LAND.

(13) A communication from Dr. Eugene Davenport, dean of the College of Agriculture, concerning possible options on land adjacent to the campus which the University would need in case the suggested extension of the campus should be made.

This communication was referred to the Executive Committee, for consideration, in conference with the legal counsel of the University, and report.

PROPOSED HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(14) The following letter from Dr. Burt E. Powell, manager of publications in the Agricultural Experiment Station, proposing to undertake the collection of material for a history of the University of Illinois:

URBANA, ILL., March 15, 1912.

President E. J. James, University of Illinois:

DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES—With each passing year the need of an adequate history of the University of Illinois becomes greater. In fact this need is so insistent that there is a positive demand from many sources for such a work. The sketches that have been written do not even pretend to be anything but mere outlines. It will be accepted I think without argument that there is a real pressing need for a history of the University.

Important reasons exist why this task should be undertaken at once. It may be that it has been too long delayed already. A leading reason for beginning this work at once is the fact that there are living with us still men who have been associated with the University from its organization, as Vice-President Burrill and Professor Shattuck, and others for two or more decades as Mr. Pillsbury, and they would be able to contribute much that will be of inestimable value in a history of the University.

Another reason for immediate work along this line is the necessity for collecting what documents there may be bearing upon the life and history of the University, such as letters, addresses, reports, files of papers, magazines, etc., listing them, and placing them in safety.

You are aware that by your direction I have spent many months in studying the history of the University, largely from the reports of the Board of Trustees. That labor, of course, was chiefly beneficial to me, and yet the results obtained in the form of a complete card index of the reports, histories of the College of Engineering, of Agriculture, of Law, of many of the larger buildings, of the Library, of the Summer Session, papers on "Instruction in English at the University," on "Instruction in Mathematics," "Requirements for Admission," etc., would mean a long step in the preliminary work that is necessary to prepare a history of the University.

On account of these things, and because the men better able to do this work apparently are not in a position to undertake it, I venture to offer my services.

My suggestion is as follows: That I be authorized by the Board of Trustees to collect material for a history of the University of Illinois and

to do such other work along this line as I may have time to do outside of my regular work in the College of Agriculture during the year—perhaps to June 1, 1913. That I present sometime in May, 1913, under the direction of the president of the University, a preliminary report of the work already accomplished and plans for completing the work, and that if these are considered sufficient I be granted a leave of absence for a number of months to complete the task.

There are details, no doubt, that will have to be considered. I have attempted only to outline a working plan.

The idea of writing a history of the University has been in my mind for a long time, but I have hesitated to ask that I be assigned so important a task. Should the Board of Trustees deem it advisable to have me undertake this work I can promise my best efforts to make it a success.

Very truly yours,

B. E. POWELL,

On motion of Mr. Hoit, it was voted that the president of the University be authorized to make the arrangement proposed in Dr. Powell's letter.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

(15) A recommendation that an appropriation of \$350.00 be made for additional equipment in the School of Music.

On motion of Mrs. Bahrenburg, it was voted to approve this recommendation, and to make the appropriation of \$350.00 involved. The vote was as follows: Ayes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mr. Grout, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Moore; noes, none; absent, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Deneen, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Meeker.

GREATER FACILITIES FOR CULTURAL WORK.

In connection with the last item presented, President James called attention to the fact that the University of Illinois has not given as much attention as it should to the development of the esthetic tastes of the student body; that there is a noticeable lack of opportunities to hear and see productions of merit in music and drama, painting and statuary. He suggested that an earnest effort should be made to interest the student body in these matters and to develop their tastes in the proper direction; that, therefore, greater facilities should be secured for those departments of the University which contribute most directly to this end; and that in considering the budget—if not for the coming year, on account of the meagreness of our funds, at any rate for the year after—the question should be raised of making more ample provision for this acknowledged need of academic life.

The board adjourned.

C. M. McCONN,
Secretary.

W. L. ABBOTT,
President.