

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
—OF THE—
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

October 18, 1916

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the Blackstone Hotel, in Chicago, at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, October 18, 1916, pursuant to the following notice which was sent out by the Secretary on October 13, 1916:

On 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, October 18, at 12 o'clock noon, to consider such matters as the committees of the Board and the President of the University may submit, and such other matters as may be duly presented.

When the Board convened, the following members were present: President Abbott, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Henrotin, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Ward, Miss Watson.

President James was present.

As there was no quorum, the Board adjourned.

H. E. CUNNINGHAM

Secretary

W. L. ABBOTT

President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 1916

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the Blackstone Hotel, in Chicago, on Wednesday, October 18, 1916, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the same day.

Mr. W. L. Abbott, Chairman, and Mr. O. W. Hoit, a member of the Committee, were present; also Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Henrotin, Mr. Ward, and Miss Watson, members of the Board.

President James was present.

MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRESIDENT JAMES

The Executive Committee considered the following matters submitted by the President of the University:

WAGON SCALES

(1) A request from the Illinois Traction Company for permission to install a pair of wagon scales on University property adjacent to the old right of way switch of the Illinois Traction System near Wright Street. The distance is fifty feet from the east end of the scales to the Wright Street sidewalk. In order to place these scales at the desired point, it will be necessary to encroach five feet and ten inches on University ground. The Traction System binds itself to remove the scales at the request of the Board, and also to permit the University to use these scales without charge whenever it desires to do so. Under these conditions, subject to the approval of the Board, I gave the Traction Company the right to install the scales.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, this action was approved.

LAW BULLETIN

(2) A request from the faculty of the College of Law for permission to establish an Illinois Law Bulletin to be published three or four times a year, and for an appropriation of \$750 for the first two issues of the Bulletin. It is proposed to publish one in January and one in March during the present academic year. The members of the faculty of the College of Law approve the establishment of such a bulletin and agree to give it their conscientious and continued support.

This request was granted and the appropriation was made.

LAW TUITION FEE ABOLISHED

(3) A recommendation from the faculty of the College of Law that the special tuition fees heretofore required of students registered in the College of Law be abolished, and that in the matter of fees the College of Law be put on the same footing as the colleges of Engineering, Agriculture, and Liberal Arts and Sciences.

This recommendation was approved to take effect for the year beginning September 1, 1917.

LAW SCHOLARSHIPS—RULE

(4) A request from the faculty of the College of Law that a change be made in the language of the rule relating to law scholarships, making it read as follows: "That the Board of Trustees authorizes the award from year to year to students in the College of Law of four scholarship prizes of exemption from the incidental fee of twelve dollars a semester, and four scholarship prizes of exemption from one-half of said semester fee, in accordance with rules to be prescribed from time to time by the faculty of the College of Law."

This request was granted.

MR. P. W. ALLEN'S TITLE CHANGED

(5) A request from the Dean of the College of Agriculture that the title of Mr. Paul William Allen of the department of dairy husbandry be changed from assistant to instructor.

This request was granted.

SALE OF RANTOUL FARM—SMITH LANDS

(6) An offer from Mr. Thomas F. Molloy and Jennie L. Molloy to purchase all that part of the north half of Section 23, Twp. 22 N., Range 9 E. of the 3rd P. M., which lies west of the Illinois Central Railroad right of way, 214 acres more or less, and which was presented to the University by Captain Thomas J. Smith, the proceeds of which are to be used in the erection of a Music building. This farm is known as the "Rantoul farm". It is two and one-half miles north of Rantoul and adjoins the Illinois Central right of way and the Kankakee Interurban line. Mr. Molloy offers \$175 an acre, or \$37,450. Mr. Bruce Henderson, in whose hands the sale of this property was placed, advises that, as there are no improvements on this land except a corn-crib of doubtful value, the price is, in his opinion, a fair one. Captain J. R. Trevett, in a letter to me, expresses his opinion that the price is very good and fully as much as he expected the University could get for this farm. Mr. Robert F. Carr has also given me his opinion that this sale should be made. Professor J. G. Mosier gives his opinion that \$175 an acre cash is a very fair offer. Mr. H. S. Capron, Treasurer of the University, has the same opinion. In view of the fact that the University needs this money in order to enable it to proceed with the erection of the Smith Memorial Music Hall, I have directed the Comptroller to enter into a provisional contract of sale with Thomas F. Molloy for the sum of \$37,450, the price being \$175 an acre, payable as follows: one thousand dollars in cash, which has been received and deposited with the University Treasurer; a note for \$4,000 due March 1, 1917, which has also been received; the balance, \$32,450, payable in cash on March 1, 1917, at which time the property would pass into the possession of Thomas F. Molloy and Jennie L. Molloy. The contract has been made subject to the ratification of the Board of Trustees. The contract and note are herewith submitted.

The Executive Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that this property be sold to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Molloy for \$37,450. The other members of the Board present—Miss Watson, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Henrotin, and Mr. Ward—joined in the opinion that this sale should be effected at the price indicated.

INSURANCE ON PHARMACY BUILDING

(7) A letter from Professor James M. White recommending that additional insurance be taken out on the Pharmacy building in Chicago; also that the American District Telegraph service be installed not only in the Pharmacy building but also in the Medicine and Dentistry buildings. There would be no additional cost for putting in this service, but a continuous

operating expense of \$354 a year for the number of boxes which in his opinion we should have in the several buildings.

The Board of Underwriters has made an insurance rate on buildings of seventy-five cents for five years for each hundred dollars valuation. This is a very low price. They are willing to place the estimate of the total valuation of the buildings from 701 to 711 South Wood Street, including the foundations, at \$84,427.58. Eighty per cent of this is \$67,542.07. Mr. Day estimates the equipment of the buildings to be worth about \$25,000. An insurance of \$20,000 should be carried on this value. The cost of insurance for the buildings for \$67,542.07 for five years would be \$501.50 and the insurance on the contents \$200 for the same time, or \$701.50 altogether, making \$140.30 a year.

The Comptroller of the University was authorized to take out this insurance at the price of \$140.30 a year.

Consideration of the recommendation in regard to the American District Telegraph service was postponed.

At this point Miss Watson left the meeting.

PURCHASE OF SCHAEFER PROPERTY

(8) The following statement:

Mr. Peter P. Schaefer, who owns the property at the south-west corner of Mathews and Springfield avenues in Urbana, being 198 feet more or less on Springfield Avenue and 132 feet more or less on Mathews Avenue, desires to sell this property to the University for \$12,000, if he is permitted to take off the frame structures which he has recently placed on these lots, and the old structure also which has been there for many years.

Captain J. R. Trevett and Mrs. Mary E. Busey, after careful investigation of the situation, recommend that this property be purchased at this price. Governor Dunne has expressed his willingness to purchase at this price if the other members of the Board think it wise. Mr. F. G. Blair and Mr. Robert F. Carr have authorized me to say that they are in favor of the purchase.

The Executive Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that these lots be purchased at the said price, and that the payment be made when Mr. Schaefer presents a merchantable title with full abstract of title, to be approved by the Counsel of the University, and has removed the houses from the lots and filled in the excavations which he has recently made.

The other members of the Board present—namely, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Henrotin, and Mr. Ward—approved this recommendation.

At this point, Mr. Ward withdrew.

ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR HUDSON BAY EXPEDITION

(9) A report from Dean David Kinley that Professor Thomas E. Savage, in carrying out the Hudson Bay scientific expedition during the past

summer, exceeded the appropriation of \$2,000 by the sum of \$90.32, which was advanced by him to meet necessary expenses. He recommends that this sum be refunded to Professor Savage.

This recommendation was approved.

ANALYTICAL WORK FOR BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

(10) A letter from Professor S. W. Parr relating to the analytical laboratory, together with a statement of receipts and expenditures for the past year.

October 7, 1916

Professor W. A. Noyes, Chemistry Building

DEAR PROFESSOR NOYES:

It seems to me there should be made out to you and possibly through you to President James a statement of receipts and expenditures on account of the work done by Mr. Lindgren and his assistants. I am therefore enclosing a statement taken from the books in the Business Office and have included a summary attached thereto.

In this connection permit me to say that a very large portion of the work done by Mr. Lindgren is on behalf of other departments in the University, and as a rule are of such character as to demand the services of an expert. Indeed, much of the work is in itself of an investigational type, as, for example, the determination of boron in steel and that constituent in small percentages; similarly, the determination of small quantities of aluminum alloyed with steel. A number of very valuable papers have resulted from his work.

We are continuing the coal inspection work from the State Board of Administration for two reasons. First, it furnishes a more certain continuity of work and income to maintain the salary of Mr. Lindgren, and second, because we are having a most excellent opportunity for testing out certain appliances, especially in the sampling of coal, which are vital to the success of the marketing of coal under specification. I shall be glad to answer any questions in connection with this work.

Yours very truly,

S. W. PARR

Professor of Applied Chemistry

[SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF ANALYTICAL LABORATORY]

July 1, 1915—July 1, 1916

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
Balance on hand, 1915.....	\$	329.99
State Board of Administration.....		1725.00
University Departments		
Engineering Exp. Station, State Geological		
Survey, Supervising Architect's office.....		741.00
Outside firms and individuals		703.00

Salaries

J. M. Lindgren at \$150.....	\$ 1775.00	
J. H. Whittum at \$100.....	1200.00	
Helpers	185.00	
Chemistry Department, Apparatus, etc	98.00	
Balance, July 1, 1916.....	240.00	
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	\$ 3498.00	\$ 3498.00

This report was received for record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MISS F. E. SMITH

(11) A request from the Dean of the College of Agriculture that further leave of absence without salary be granted to Miss Florence E. Smith, who was injured last winter in a railroad accident and whose leave of absence expires on October 24, 1916.

The President of the University was authorized to extend this leave of absence for six months.

TUITION OF PHILIPPINE STUDENT

(12) A request from the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs for the remission of tuition in the College of Dentistry for Mr. Jose F. Nava, a native of the Philippine Islands, now attending the College of Dentistry.

This request was denied.

EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY DECISION—CASE OF J. W. NORTH

(13) A letter from Judge O. A. Harker submitting the opinion of Justice Barnes for the Appellate Court in the case of North against the Board of Trustees.

October 13, 1916

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

DEAR SIR:

I am pleased to hand you a copy of the opinion delivered by Mr. Justice Barnes for the Appellate Court in the case of North against the Board of Trustees.

You will see that the Court in reversing the judgment of the Circuit Court, does so upon the lines argued by us before the industrial board, and also in the Circuit and Appellate Courts. The position, which was made clear by the testimony of Mr. Abbott, is that while the University does handle dangerous elements, it does so simply as incident to carrying on the business of education.

I suppose this will end the case, but should the administrator appeal to the Supreme Court, I have confidence that the opinion of Judge Barnes will be sustained.

Sincerely yours,

O. A. HARKER

Legal Counsel

WALTER J. NORTH, *Administrator of the Estate of JAMES W. NORTH, Deceased*

vs.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

OPINION OF BRANCH B, APPELLATE COURT

Judges Barnes, McGoorty, and Gridley

(OPINION BY MR. JUSTICE BARNES)

Appellees' intestate lost his life December 5, 1913, from injuries arising out of and in the course of his employment for appellant as caretaker of the medical department of the University by falling down an elevator shaft. Against appellant's protest that the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1913 did not apply to it, and that the Industrial Board was without jurisdiction in the matter, the proceedings for compensation for said intestate's death were had under said act resulting in an award against appellant for \$3360.

Claiming that said Industrial Board had no jurisdiction to apply the act to the University of Illinois, appellant brought said proceedings before the Circuit Court on common law *certiorari*, and this appeal from the court's action in dismissing the petition and quashing the writ raises the sole question whether appellant comes under the act in question.

The gist of appellee's argument for sustaining the court's order is, that appellant is an "employer" as defined by Section 4 of said act, and engaged in an "enterprise" as designated in subdivisions 6 and 7, paragraph (b), section 3 of said act, reading as follows:

6. Any enterprises in which explosive materials are manufactured, handled, or used in dangerous quantities;

7. In any enterprise wherein molten metal, or explosive or injurious gases or vapors or inflammable vapors or fluids, or corrosive acids are manufactured, used, generated, stored, or conveyed in dangerous quantities.

The record discloses that except in the course of educational instruction the University is not engaged in any of the "occupations, enterprises, or businesses" enumerated in said paragraph (b), but that in the course of instruction and for such purposes only, it uses explosive material and inflammable fluid in its chemical laboratory, and runs a foundry in which molten metal is used.

It is conceded that appellant has not elected to accept the provisions of the act and such election will not be presumed unless the employer is engaged in one of the occupations, enterprises, or businesses enumerated in section 3, paragraph (b) of said act. (*Upholl v. Industrial Board*, 271 Ill. 312). If, as we think, appellant was not so engaged, then, it not having so elected, we need not discuss whether it is an 'employer' as defined in section 4.

The question is whether by the use or handling of such explosives, inflammable fluids, and molten metal as aforesaid, appellant is engaged in an "enterprise" as designated in said quoted paragraphs 6 and 7. The record does not disclose the extent of their use. But whether "in dangerous quantities" or not, we do not construe the term "enterprise" as used in said act

to apply to such a set of facts. The University was chartered to furnish instruction to students in various branches of learning. Neither the general nature and character of the work of educational instruction, nor the methods adopted in giving it, can properly be denominated "enterprise" as that term is usually defined. (*Uphoff* case *supra*). Nor would they be brought within the definition of that term as employed in the statute merely by the incidental use and handling of the materials mentioned in the statute.

Were it otherwise and appellant deemed an employer as defined in section 4, then each employee of the University, no matter how remote his employment from the use or handling of such materials, would be brought within the scope of the act, a construction we cannot regard as within its meaning and intent.

The authorities cited in the argument relate to very different situations, and throw so little light on the construction of Section 3, that we shall not discuss them, nor dwell upon the many incongruities the different interpretations would produce.

Reaching the conclusion, therefore, that mere methods of instruction in an educational institution involving the use of such materials cannot be deemed as embraced within the term "enterprise" as used in said act, and that the facts disclosed in the proceedings before the Industrial Board did not give it jurisdiction to render a decision and make such award against appellant, we shall reverse the action of the court below in dismissing the petition and quashing the writ and shall enter the order here that should have been entered in the hearing before the Circuit Court and set aside proceedings and quash the record of the Industrial Board relating thereto. (*Behrens v. Commission of Highways* 169 Ill. 559).

Appellee contends that the order of the Circuit Court allowing the evidence and proceedings before the Industrial Board to be incorporated in this bill of exceptions is of no effect because the bill of exceptions was not filed within time and the court had lost jurisdiction to enter the order. But as appellee subsequently stipulated that the bill of exceptions might be incorporated into the transcript of the record for this bill, he is in no position to raise the point. (*Lilderbrand v. Pickrell*, 167 Ill. 624).

REVERSED AND RECORD OF INDUSTRIAL BOARD QUASHED.

This decision was received for record.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION—GENERAL ORDER 49

(14) General Order 49 from the War Department concerning the military organizations at colleges and universities under the provisions of the law passed on June 3, 1916. Attention is called to the fact that there are many different points involved in transferring the form of organization from that which we have had hitherto to the proposed new form described as the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Applying for the organization of these units of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps implies on the part of the University a willingness to expend considerable money in putting its military service on a more satisfactory basis. Among other things it will have to

provide a range. It seems to be reasonable to ask this of the state, and that it shall be provided from the funds of the state devoted to national defense rather than from the funds of the University.

The President of the University was given authority to apply to the President of the United States for the equipment of certain units of the senior division of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and to pledge the University to the carrying out of the course of military training provided by the President of the United States and the War Department under these regulations.

STABLES FOR BATTERY F

(15) A statement concerning Battery F of the Illinois National Guard, which consisted of students and professors, and was ordered to the frontier during the Mexican difficulties of last summer. The old Horticulture building had been assigned for the use of Battery F and a certain amount of equipment, with ten horses, had been received and the horses were located in the building indicated. There was considerable uncertainty as to what was to be the fate of Battery F when it returned. It was mustered out of the Federal service, however, and again became Battery F of the Illinois National Guard. A report came to me that the Battery would be mustered out of the National Guard service in Springfield but instead of that it was returned to the University with all its equipment, including thirty-three horses. We had no adequate means of caring for these animals. I directed the erection of a small stable on the site of the old Horticulture greenhouses south of the Horticulture building. The walls left standing, being concrete three feet above the ground, were used as the basis of this structure. The east wall of the structure is 18 feet west and the north wall is 141 feet south of the old Horticulture building. The walls are six feet above the old foundation and are of 2x4 construction with "Bishop Rickwall" board on the exterior to receive plaster, and the low gable roof is covered with composition roofing. The estimated cost of the building is \$1,500. I request approval of my action in ordering the erection of this structure.

The action of the President of the University in this matter was approved.

EXCAVATION FOR SMITH MUSIC BUILDING

(16) A report from the Supervising Architect that the plans for the Smith Memorial Music Building are sufficiently well developed to proceed with the erection of a portion of the structure. I asked Captain Thomas J. Smith to examine the plans again carefully and give his opinion, and I have received the following letter from him:

October 16, 1916

Hon. Edmund J. James, President University of Illinois

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I have gone over again with the Supervising Architect and his assistants the plans of the Music Building and I can see no grounds for criticism

whatever. They are so completely satisfactory to me that I hardly need to say anything more except that I hope all possible dispatch will be made use of in getting a start and continuing until completion.

Respectfully,

THOMAS J. SMITH

The Supervising Architect wishes to proceed with the construction of the foundation of the Music building as soon as possible. The dimensions of the building in plan are 122 feet, 10½ inches, north and south, by 162 feet, 8½ inches, east and west, and the approximate distance to the adjacent buildings from the nearest wall lines will be 215 feet to the Auditorium, 56 feet to the Entomology building, and 90 feet to the Observatory.

The Supervising Architect was authorized to proceed with the excavation and the construction of the foundation of the Smith Memorial building.

EXCAVATION FOR EDUCATION BUILDING

(17) A report from the Supervising Architect that the plans for the Education building are sufficiently well developed to enable him to proceed with the construction of the foundations. The building which it is planned to erect at this time is 56 feet wide, not counting the bays. It is the intention to center the length of the building on Mathews Avenue, leaving 18 feet, 2½ inches, to the property line at the north and south. The building proper will be set back 38 feet from the property line on Mathews Avenue. The entrance motives project 12 feet on the west and 11 feet on the north and south. It is to be three stories high above grade, of fireproof construction. The exterior is to be of stone in collegiate Gothic design, already approved by the Board. The building will front Springfield Avenue on the south, Mathews Avenue on the west, and Stoughton Street on the north, and is conceived as a part of a group of buildings which will be erected to the east of the present building. The plans for the building have already been approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Supervising Architect was authorized to proceed with the construction of the foundations for the Education building.

BOHEMIAN SETTLEMENT DISPENSARY

(18) A request from the authorities of the Bohemian Settlement House, 1831 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, that the University should undertake the supervision of a free medical and surgical dispensary in the Settlement House, with a proposed form of agreement between the Trustees of the University of Illinois and the Bohemian Settlement House, concerning such a dispensary. Dr. Charles S. Bacon, professor in our College of Medicine, endorses this undertaking. It is approved also by Dr. D. A. K. Steele, Dean of the Senior College of Medicine.

*AGREEMENT**BETWEEN THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AND THE BOHEMIAN SETTLEMENT HOUSE, CONCERNING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN BOHEMIAN
SETTLEMENT HOUSE OF A FREE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL
DISPENSARY.*

The Trustees of the University of Illinois agree to undertake the management of a dispensary for service to needy residents of the settlement district, to be known as the Bohemian Settlement Free Dispensary, and to assume the responsibility for the same, under the following conditions:

1. The Bohemian Settlement House agrees to furnish and secure the necessary space, equipment, and supplies, these things to be determined by mutual agreement between the two parties; to secure the necessary dispensary license, and to make such reports to the Board of Health as shall be from time to time required.

2. The Trustees of the University of Illinois shall name the medical staff of the Dispensary, and shall keep entire supervision of the medical work and assume the legal responsibility for the same.

3. The Trustees of the University of Illinois shall approve the names of all resident students that shall assist in the Dispensary, and shall appoint all visiting students who may be allowed to participate in the work of the Dispensary.

4. The Trustees of the University of Illinois assume no financial obligations whatever in the support of this Dispensary.

This agreement may be terminated at any time, by either party, on giving six months' notice.

The Comptroller was authorized to sign this agreement.

RELATIONS WITH STATE ARCHITECT

(19) A letter from the State Architect, Mr. James B. Dibelka, to Professor James M. White, Supervising Architect, concerning the cost of preparing plans for the Education building, the Smith Memorial Music building, the Women's Residence Hall, and other buildings.

CHICAGO, October 13, 1916

Professor James M. White, Supervising Architect, University of Illinois

DEAR SIR:

Upon my return from Buffalo, New York, I find your favor of the 7th.

In view of the fact that you have almost completed the plans and specifications for the following buildings, viz., School of Education, Cattle Feeding Plant, and the Horticultural Field Group, I am willing to let you proceed along our agreement.

Regarding the Smith Memorial Music Hall, provided the State does not spend any money on same, I have no claim on it. However, any new building that may be erected in the future by the Trustees of the University of Illinois, outside the above mentioned buildings, should I be at that time State Architect, I shall insist that the plans for same be prepared in my office.

Regarding the charges for preparing plans for the Women's Residence

Hall, I beg to ask that charges for architectural rendering, amounting to \$40.00, and advertising for bids, in the amount of \$21.85, be not charged against me as that expense is not part of preparing plans and specifications. I would kindly ask to have this amount remitted to me, and also the balance due on the Administration Building.

Yours very truly,

JAMES B. DIBELKA
State Architect

This letter was received for record.

LATE APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

(20) A request from Mr. Frank H. VanHouten for a scholarship covering the incidental and matriculation fees. Mr. VanHouten applied to be recommended for a scholarship by the State Farmers' Institute, but owing to his own fault in applying too late, and to the slowness of persons connected with the Farmers' Institute whose signatures had to be obtained, the application did not come in until after registration day and was therefore rejected according to rule.

After full discussion, further consideration of the matter was postponed.

STATE AUDITOR TO DEMAND ALL FEES

(21) A letter from the Auditor of Public Accounts to the Comptroller of the University indicating the intention of the Auditor to recommend in his biennial report that the University be required to turn over all its fees to the State Treasurer.

October 11, 1916

Mr. Lloyd Morey, Acting Comptroller, University of Illinois

DEAR SIR:

Referring to your recent letter regarding the inventory of State property, I beg to advise that I am in no great hurry for this inventory as there is some work to be done on those that have already been received.

I note your views as to the necessity of this inventory being furnished by the University. I have already had occasion to take up with the Attorney General the status of the University, and guided by his opinion I am considering the University as a State institution.

Sooner or later this point will have to be definitely settled, and it is my intention to recommend to the Governor in my biennial report that the University be required to turn over all its fees to the State and that Federal payments be held in the State treasury subject to voucher.

If any action is taken as the result of this, the status of the University would be established very quickly.

Yours very truly,

JAMES J. BRADY
Auditor of Public Accounts

The President of the University was directed to discuss this matter with the Legal Counsel.

FIRE IN CHEMISTRY BUILDING

(22) A report from the Director of the Chemistry Laboratory that there was a fire in the new fire-proof part: "In installing the blackboard in lecture room 161, in the new building, through a careless oversight, pieces of 2 x 4 were put in the walls immediately over the flues coming from the assay furnaces. During a second day of firing the flues became sufficiently heated so that these pieces of wood caught fire and from them the fire extended out to the blackboard, causing its destruction and the blackening of the walls back of the lecture table."

I have urged again and again that the assay furnaces and similar center of fierce heat be taken out of the large Chemistry building and be placed in one story structures which would not cause a great loss if they should be burned or melted to the ground.

This report was received for record.

RECEPTION FOR ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

(23) A request from Miss Isabel Bevier for an appropriation of \$250 for a reception to the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in connection with the meeting of that Federation at the University, on Tuesday evening, November 14.

The sum of \$250, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was appropriated for the expenses of entertaining the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

WATER AND LIGHT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 70

(24) A request from School District 70 that the University extend its water main and electric wires to the school building and supply water and light at cost. About one-third of the land in this district belongs to the University and is not taxed, and the school is largely supported by employees of the University. (See page 60.)

On motion of Mr. Hoit, the sum of \$250, or so much thereof as may be required, was appropriated for this purpose.

SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF FACULTY IN MILITIA

(25) A letter from the Comptroller of the University asking what should be done in regard to the payment of salaries to certain members of the faculty who entered the service of the National Guard, who did not get back to the University until September 25.

The salaries of the members of the faculty in the National Guard who were appointed for the academic year 1916-17 were ordered to begin with September 1, 1916, unless otherwise ordered, provided the members returned before the first of October.

CORNER STONE OF WOMEN'S RESIDENCE HALL

(26) A report from Professor J. M. White and Mr. Albon Bevis, superintendent of construction on the Women's Residence Hall, that the cor-

ner stone should be laid at an early date. I have fixed the time as Saturday, October 21, and have sent a notice to each member of the Board. I think it would be well for the Board to select some member of the Board to lay the corner stone.

Mrs. Laura B. Evans was designated to lay the corner stone in the name of the Board.

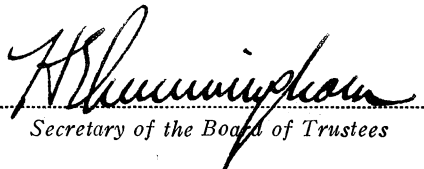
The Executive Committee adjourned.

H. E. CUNNINGHAM
Clerk

W. L. ABBOTT
Chairman

URBANA, ILLINOIS, November 23, 1916

I certify that in the foregoing pages, numbered 121 to 134, inclusive, is contained the record of the transactions of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and of the Executive Committee of the Board at their meetings held October 18, 1916, as approved by the Board at its meeting on November 22, 1916.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees