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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY.

DECEMBER 1, 1898.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

CARBONDALE, ILL., December 1, 1898.

To his Excellency, JOHN R. TANNER, Governor.

In obedience to the requirements made of the boards of trustees of State institutions, we herewith submit the thirteenth biennial report of the Southern Illinois Normal University for the period beginning October 1, 1896, and closing September 30, 1898.

It will be noted that the term covered by this report began prior to our appointment by yourself. There was a little overlapping of administrations; however, but few changes have been made since we assumed charge of the institution. It is with pleasure we note that our predecessors left the interests of the school in good condition. We have seen fit to make some addition to the teaching force, and some modification of the courses of study.

During the last summer a goodly amount of granitoid walk was laid; a considerable portion of the space about the new building was properly graded, and much of this was sodded. These improvements have added materially to the appearance of the grounds.

In this connection allow us to call your attention to our request for a liberal appropriation by our next General Assembly for sufficient funds to give our grounds the attention they should have. Heretofore these estimates have not been commensurate with the importance of the matter. There are no just grounds why the campus of this university should not receive as liberal care as those of other State institutions. The ethical as well as the æsthetical value of well kept buildings and grounds is too great to be overlooked in the management educational institutions.

The school has grown in numbers and public favor. A very large per cent of the graduates are engaged in teaching. A very gratifying feature is that many of these occupy positions of responsibility, such as city or county superintendent. But the institution touches the educational interests of the State more largely by its undergraduates beginning their work before graduation. More especially is this true at the present time, due in some measure to the stringent times in this region.

The trustees have endeavored to be liberal yet frugal in the use of their funds. In a large institution there are many channels in which appropriations are needed if the school is kept abreast of the times. Our purpose has been to be progressive and at the same time judiciously economical.

In our judgment the school is meeting the wants of the section of the State in which it is located. The marvelous advancement in the school work of Southern Illinois is due in no small degree to the influence of this school. We are pleased to note a growing interest in the progress and work of the institution on the part of the leading school people of Southern Illinois. The organization of the "School Council" which meets at the university semi-annually has been valuable in directing the attention of school people to the only State educational institution within the borders of this section of the commonwealth.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

In the year 1891 a high school course was added to the curriculum of the institution. This afforded an opportunity for the young people of Southern Illinois, who did not expect to teach, to secure a preparation for life's duties, or a preparation for entering our best colleges without going far from home. It was found that the students who took this course could get their instruction in the regular normal classes without any added teaching force. A tuition fee of twenty-one dollars per annum was charged. This brought in a considerable sum which was placed in the general fund for defraying the expenses of the institution. This department was discontinued in 1894.

In our opinion it would be well to reinstate this department. It would be an advantage in many ways and without any extra expense to the State. Our equipment in teachers, in library, museum, gymnasium and laboratories is not bestowing its full benefit upon the young people of Southern Illinois. We are not unmindful of the fact that this is the only State institution south of Champaign and our ambition is to make it as useful as possible to the youth of our commonwealth. Because of this desire we studiously plan to make all the departments and appliances as near ideal as possible. Hence we recommend a liberal appropriation for all the needs of the school. We are jealous of the interest of the part of the commonwealth which is represented by the Southern Illinois Normal University, and you will pardon a reasonable amount of pride in securing the best conditions within reach.

The following is a condensed statement of the attendance of students during the period covered by this report:

ATTENDANCE.

YEAR 1896-97. FALL TERM.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Normal Department.....	141	139	280
Model Department.....	65	60	125
Totals	206	199	405

WINTER TERM.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Normal Department.....	165	141	306
Model Department.....	58	65	123
Totals	223	206	429

SPRING TERM.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Normal Department.....	180	166	346
Model Department.....	57	70	127
Totals.....	237	236	473

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year, 653, as follows:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.		
Normal proper.....		437
Preparatory Normal.....		70
MODEL DEPARTMENT.		
Grammar.....		54
Intermediate.....		42
Primary.....		50
Total.....		653

YEAR 1897-98. FALL TERM.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Normal Department.....	152	165	317
Model Department.....	63	53	116
Totals	215	218	433

WINTER TERM.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Normal Department.....	190	182	372
Model Department.....	65	50	115
Totals	255	232	487

SPRING TERM.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Normal Department.....	193	188	381
Model Department.....	63	54	117
Totals	256	242	498

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year, 720, as follows:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.			
Normal proper.....			470
Preparatory Normal.....			104
MODEL DEPARTMENT.			
Grammar.....			56
Intermediate.....			48
Primary.....			42
Total.....			720

YEAR 1896-97. FALL TERM.

	Normal Department.	Model School.	Totals.
Free tuition.....	245	39	284
Paid tuition.....	35	86	121
Total.....			405

WINTER TERM.

	Normal Department.	Model School.	Totals.
Free tuition.....	280	39	319
Paid tuition.....	26	84	110
Total.....			429

SPRING TERM.

	Normal Department.	Model School.	Totals.
Free tuition.....	326	39	365
Paid tuition.....	20	88	108
Total.....			473

YEAR 1897-98. FALL TERM.

	Normal Department.	Model School.	Totals.
Free tuition.....	286	32	318
Paid tuition.....	31	84	115
Total.....			433

WINTER TERM.

	Normal Department.	Model School.	Totals.
Free tuition.....	341	40	381
Paid tuition.....	31	75	106
Total.....			487

SPRING TERM.

	Normal Department.	Model School.	Totals.
Free tuition.....	347	34	381
Paid tuition.....	34	83	117
Total.....			498

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The receipts and expenditures are exhibited in the following statement:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October 1, 1896.....	\$6,113 52	
Received from State treasurer.....	57,220 00	
Received from registrars of institution.....	7,402 34	
Total.....		\$70,735 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Vouchers for bills paid were made out in duplicate; one copy forwarded to the State Auditor, the other retained in the office of the institution.

Apparatus.....	\$208 28	
Building and grounds.....	791 67	
Commencement exercises.....	370 00	
Contingent fund.....	1,141 76	
Fuel and lights.....	909 26	
Furniture.....	675 00	
Freight and drayage.....	4 60	
Gymnasium.....	460 24	
Incidentals.....	410 33	
Library.....	1,455 95	
Museum.....	1,564 97	
New building incidental fund.....	2,679 03	
Postage.....	48 45	
Printing, stationery, and advertising.....	1,223 33	
Repairs.....	798 19	
Salaries.....	51,692 15	
Sundries.....	306 70	
Trustees' expenses.....	2,465 83	
Balance of former to present treasurer.....	293 04	
Balance.....		\$67,498 3,237
Total.....		\$70,735

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

Received from State treasurer.....		\$6,000
Building and grounds.....	\$1,621 21	
Furniture.....	520 00	
Gymnasium.....	422 71	
Laboratory.....	557 50	
Museum.....	365 00	
Balance.....		\$3,486 2,513
Total.....		\$6,000

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MONEYS RECEIVED BY SECRETARY.

Received from C. W. Terry, former secretary.....	\$469 72	
Received from S. W. Dunaway, balance on account.....	52 90	
Received from E. K. Porter, treasurer.....	300 00	
Received from Mrs. A. S. Caldwell, sale of lots.....	505 00	
Received on Neal note and interest.....	1,635 00	
Received from miscellaneous sources.....	12 79	
Total		\$2,975 41

DISBURSEMENTS.

Coal.....	\$810 50	
Lights.....	204 78	
Advertising.....	267 85	
Postage.....	21 00	
Freight, drayage and expressage.....	89 06	
Trustees' expenses.....	66 30	
Laundry.....	10 45	
Tuning piano.....	6 50	
Repairs.....	207 97	
Telephone.....	22 50	
Library.....	25 23	
Commencement expenses.....	11 69	
Printing.....	9 00	
Washing cistern.....	10 00	
Building and grounds.....	364 75	
Miscellaneous.....	21 97	
Balance.....		\$2,149 55
		825 86
Total.....		\$2,975 41

AMOUNT NEEDED ANNUALLY FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

Salaries (in addition to one-half of seminary fund).....	\$18,673 22
Fuel.....	2,000 00
Repairs.....	2,000 00
Library.....	1,500 00
Apparatus.....	1,000 00
Museum.....	800 00
Engineer and janitor.....	1,350 00
Trustees' expenses.....	800 00
Care of grounds.....	300 00
Gymnasium.....	300 00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

Museum cases	8650 00
Library furniture.....	450 00
Fixtures for lighting science building.....	275 00
Students' desks.....	500 00
Artesian well.....	1,500 00
Special session	3,000 00

The following list names the members of the faculty and employés of the institution, with the salary for each.

D. B. Parkinson, president, physics, astronomy and psychology.....	\$3,500 00
Martha Buck, English grammar.....	1,100 00
George H. French, physiology, biology and curator of museum.....	1,800 00
Matilda F. Salter, drawing	1,000 00
George W. Smith, geography and history	1,500 00
Samuel E. Harwood, mathematics	1,600 00
S. B. Whittington, physical director.....	1,000 00
H. W. Shryock, English literature, rhetoric, chemistry, geology and registrar.....	1,700 00
C. E. Allen, Latin, Greek and German	1,400 00
James Kirk, school law, pedagogy and superintendent of practice school	1,800 00
James H. Brownlee, reading and elocution	1,600 00
F. H. Colyer, assistant in history and geography, penmanship	1,000 00
Mary M. McNeill, instrumental music	800 00
W. B. Davis, principal of grammar department and bookkeeping	1,500 00
Ada P. Wertz, principal of primary and intermediate departments.....	1,000 00
Elizabeth Parks, assistant in primary and intermediate department	600 00
H. J. Alvis, assistant in Latin and mathematics	800 00
Minnie J. Fryar, librarian.....	660 00
Augusta McKinney, stenographer and clerical assistant.....	540 00
Richard Tierney, engineer.....	720 00
John Amon, janitor.....	480 00
Isom J. Jones, assistant janitor.....	420 00
Jefferson Phelps, assistant janitor.....	420 00
E. K. Porter, treasurer.....	200 00
F. A. Prickett, secretary Board of Trustees.....	200 00

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

The institution is now completing its twenty-fifth year, and the trustees, faculty and alumni association are planning to make the exercises of next commencement week of unusual interest. It is the purpose of those concerned in the matter to use the occasion to attract the attention of the people of Southern Illinois to the school more generally than has ever been done heretofore. We take this early opportunity to invite you to keep this special occasion in mind and not allow any engagements to interfere with your being present.

POLICY OF THE SCHOOL.

From the first the aim of the school has been specific and the management has kept this purpose in view. However, there have been some difficulties which could not be overcome at once; in fact, they have required years to remove. In the early years of the school the status of the educational work of Southern Illinois was such that it was quite an impossibility to give due emphasis to the strictly professional side of the work of a school of this kind. The result was that a large amount of academic work was necessary. These conditions are still before us, but not to the extent they were at first.

The rapid development of high schools in this section has very much improved the preparation of those who come to us for the first time. Graduates from these schools, whose work is known to be thorough, are allowed a credit of one year on our courses of study. In some instances, even greater credit is allowed. This has enabled us to do more strictly professional work, and consequently made the institution more helpful to the cause of education. It would be well, and the plan is recommended by the institution, for our young people to get all their preparatory work done in their home schools, thereby keeping them under a parental influence a longer time, and at a period when habits, not desirable, are easily formed; furthermore, this is less expensive to the parents, and every community needs the life and spirit of young persons who are ambitious. By remaining at home the social conditions are improved and the welfare of the community enhanced. This policy well enforced will furnish to our people a larger amount of service from our educational machinery, and a greater degree of efficiency.

In every respect the school is attempting to keep pace with the spirit of progress which characterizes the present time.

COMPLETION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCIENCE BUILDING.

Since making the last biennial report, the science building was completed and largely equipped. The laboratories have been furnished with excellent tables, and suitable apparatus added. There is yet need of better furniture and some additional cases in the library. The same is true of the museum. This building in its erection was properly wired for electric lights and pipes laid for gas. The proper fixtures should be put in at once as there are times when these apartments should be lighted.

SYSTEM OF VENTILATION.

In the erection of the main building in '85-86, some provision was made for putting in a system of ventilation. All air ducts were made in the walls, etc., but no fan was put in and the building has been ventilated very largely by the old process, through the doors and windows, a system not at all satisfactory. We recommend that the original plan be completed by the introduction of suitable machinery.

COLLEGE AND SEMINARY FUND.

You are doubtless aware that the two normal schools now in operation have heretofore shared equally in receiving the interest on the college and seminary fund. Since the other two normal schools are to open their doors to students and an appropriation for current expenses will be needed, it is well to determine whether the older two are still to receive the entire amount, or are they to share it with their younger sisters? If so, this should be understood in making the usual appropriations for the older schools.

THE LATE SUPERINTENDENT.

Our report would be incomplete without some recognition of the valuable services of our late Superintendent of Public Instruction, Prof. Samuel M. Inglis, who was called to his reward last June.

His relation to the Southern Illinois Normal University was closer than with any other State institution on account of serving first as a trustee, appointed by Governor Cullom, later as an active member of the faculty for many years, and still later as trustee *ex officio*.

He manifested great interest in the institution, and his long acquaintance with its work rendered his counsel exceedingly valuable. We realize the loss sustained by the institution and the educational interests of the State by his removal from the scenes of earth. But his enthusiastic spirit and earnest christian character left their impress upon the schools of our commonwealth, and many young people will emulate his noble example as a man, a citizen, a teacher, and as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A SUMMER SESSION.

From the earliest history of the school there has been a demand, more or less urgent, for the facilities of the institution to be used during the summer vacation. This demand has been met in one way or other during more than one-half of the years the school has been established. This pressure for summer work has increased till it would seem wise for the school to have some settled policy regarding the matter.

There are several phases of work called for: One is an opportunity to review studies pursued elsewhere, and to take advantage of our increased facilities for instruction, especially in the use of the laboratories, gymnasium and library. Again, there are many young people in southern Illinois who are able to teach, but desire to further equip themselves for the profession; and because of lack of funds they are compelled to continue teaching in the winter, thus getting no opportunity for further advancement.

There are three ways to meet this demand: First, the teaching force of the institution may be used for this purpose. This objection may be offered to this plan: The regular teachers put in the regular scholastic year in their respective departments, and the summer vacation is the only time for rest and special preparation for better work. Furthermore, some of the teachers are in demand as instructors in the county institutes.

The second method is to remodel the courses of study and provide four terms instead of three, placing one in the summer months. There are some serious objections to this plan, as it would require about forty-eight weeks' work per annum of our teachers, which is, perhaps, more than should be demanded.

The third plan is to make the summer session a special one, asking for an additional appropriation, seeking to make it of unusual strength and attractiveness. The second plan has been tried at the Winona State Normal School, Minnesota, with satisfactory results. The

climatic conditions of southern Illinois would not be favorable to such an arrangement. After considerable discussion of the matter, we have decided to recommend the second plan.

Acknowledging your valuable counsel in the management of the Southern Illinois Normal University, and extending a cordial invitation to visit the institution as frequently as your arduous duties will allow, we remain,

Yours very obediently,

SAMUEL P. WHEELER,
President Board of Trustees.

F. A. PRICKETT,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, December 27, 1898.

