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**SIXTEENTH BIENNIAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF THE**

**Southern Illinois State Normal University,**

**At Illinois Building, World's Fair, November 11, 1904.**



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD.

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ILLINOIS BUILDING, WORLD'S FAIR, November 11, 9:00 a. m.

The Board of Trustees met pursuant to call, the following named members present: Dr. F. C. Vandervort, H. H. Beckemeyer, E. J. Ingersoll, and President Dr. D. B. Parkinson.

On motion Dr. Vandervort was elected President of the Board pro tem.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published, and filed with each member of the Board.

The 16th Biennial Report of the Board of Trustees to the Governor was read and approved; also the Biennial Budget, showing estimates for improvements and repairs, with needed appropriations for current expenses of the University. The report made a part of this record.

On motion Dr. Parkinson was requested to make application to the Illinois World's Fair Commission for the cases and contents showing the exhibit of the Southern Illinois Normal at the World's Fair.

On motion the sum of \$250.00 was appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a few pieces of statuary or other works of art, to be selected by Dr. Parkinson and the Secretary, for the ornamentation of our buildings.

On motion Dr. Parkinson was directed to purchase, for use of the office of the University, the furniture now used in the Governor's room of the Illinois Building, if it could be secured for a reasonable consideration.

On motion the Secretary and President, Dr. Parkinson, was directed to purchase the annual supplies.

On motion Dr. Parkinson was directed to continue the advertisement of the various terms of the school in such papers as in his judgment is for the best interests of the school.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to contract, for one year, advertisements by station cards with the Illinois Central Advertising Company of Chicago, and to close the contract with M. M. Thompson

for our annual supply of coal at \$2.10 per ton for screened lump and nut coal, in quantities as needed for the use of the University.

On motion the Board adjourned subject to the call of the President and Secretary.

F. C. VANDERVORT, President, pro tem.

E. J. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

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## BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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*To His Excellency, Governor Richard Yates, Springfield, Illinois:*

HONORED SIR:—It is with pleasure that we comply with the requirements of our office in submitting to you our Biennial Report for the period ending September 30, 1904.

In presenting this report it is gratifying to us to know that during your term of office you have favored the institution with a number of timely personal visits which have given you a knowledge of the institution that could not well be obtained through a formal report.

We appreciate most highly your attitude toward the interests of the State Normal Schools as shown in your recommendations to the last General Assembly in recommending some legislation looking toward a better recognition of the work of the State Normal Schools in the certification of teachers. You will remember that a diligent effort was made to secure the passage of a bill having this for its purpose, but the measure met with opposition from several sources and was defeated in the House Committee on Education. The matter is of sufficient importance to merit a renewal of the effort, and we bespeak your continued support of the movement. The State can ill afford to discount the product of its own manufacture.

As a Board of Trustees, we desire to express our sincere gratitude for your kindly treatment of the bill granting the institution a special appropriation of twenty five thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a library building. It was apparent to every one that the entire amount appropriated by the Legislature was far beyond what the wise financial policy of the State Administration would warrant, and the Chief Executive would be obliged to exercise his veto power in order to bring the sum total within reasonable limits. In doing so you spared

our special bill from any reduction, which allowed us to erect the first library building ever built for a Normal School in Illinois. In fact, there are very few such buildings in the country, and we feel justly proud of this addition to the educational plant of the Southern Illinois State Normal University.

After properly advertising for bids for its construction, the contract was given to the Southern Illinois Construction Company of East St. Louis for \$23,984.00. The contract did not provide for the heating, lighting and plumbing of the building, and in order to place the pipes, wires, etc., to the best advantage, these were provided for at the proper time, and the excess of \$2,000.98 over the \$25,000.00 was transferred from the incidental fund, as shown in the accompanying financial statement. It affords us great pleasure to show in this statement a final balance on September 30, 1904, of \$1,492.59. In view of the fact that so many improvements have been made, and the salaries of the teachers were increased somewhat, we are pleased to note that there is now in the hands of the treasurer a balance of the amount named.

By reference to the statement of attendance you will note that in the Normal Department proper there has been a slight falling off, but the entire enrollment has increased. Strange as it may seem, prosperous times, as these later years have been, are not the most favorable for a large attendance upon Normal Schools, especially since there has been no perceptible advance in teachers' salaries. Young men and women are not attracted by a profession that fails to offer as good compensation as may be obtained in other callings where less preparation is required and where the employment is for twelve months in the year, instead of seven or eight, or occasionally nine, and where there is no demand for an examination every year or more. In view of existing conditions, we have reason to believe that our school has fared better than many other schools of like character.

As soon as the requirements for special preparation on the part of the teacher is insisted upon, and the young people who have this preparation are given credit for said qualifications, and their compensation is commensurate with this preparation and the vital interests involved, the State Normal Schools will be filled to overflowing. It is indeed humiliating to have these unfavorable conditions prevail in the great State of Illinois, where the financial resources are practically unlimited.

Looking toward an improvement in this regard, the institution has offered, for the first time, a one-year course based on the State course of study. This is designed for those young people of our section of the State who are obliged to drop out of school after one year's attendance

and teach in order to return to school in the future. Upon the completion of this course the student is to receive a certificate which may be of some value to the County Superintendent in issuing his teacher's certificate. It is hoped that this step may open the way for a better appreciation of the value of some special preparation for the work of teaching.

During the last two years the institution has undertaken the school garden work, confining its efforts to the seventh and eighth grades of the training school.

On account of some features of the exhibit prepared by the school for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the work in the school garden received less attention than last year, but we are planning to resume it with some added features.

During the last two years the school has formally introduced manual training and domestic economy. By the erection of the new library building we have more ample facilities for these two lines of work, and are moving as rapidly as possible toward a complete equipment in each.

The theory that a systematic plan of motor activity facilitates, strengthens and intensifies mental activity; that the young mind operates more correctly and more rapidly when associated with physical movement of some kind, is generally accepted. It is our plan to place the institution in the front rank in this respect, and we have kept the needs of this department in mind in making up our budget, which is submitted herewith.

In addition to a greater emphasis given to the school garden, the manual training and domestic economy, we have made provision for a more vigorous athletic spirit among our students. A tract of land just east of the public school building of the town, which was donated to the institution in determining its location, has been put in good condition for athletic sport and given the name of "Bayliss Field," in honor of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This field has been graded, a running track has been put in condition, and several hundred shade trees have been planted about the grounds. It promises to be one of the best fields for the purpose in this region of the State.

On account of having so large an attendance of young men, we feel that it is due them to have as good facilities as possible for athletic sports and physical training.

The institution availed itself of an opportunity to prepare an exhibit for the World's Fair, representing its grounds, buildings, recitation rooms, halls, laboratories, library, etc., even though the appropriation allowed to the State Normal Schools was far below the amount needed to make the exhibit as large as the interest of the school demanded.

However, the faculty and students did the best they could under the circumstances. We are especially pleased with the photographic portion of the exhibit, which reflects credit upon the teachers whose skill and labor gave us so complete a representation of the equipment of the school. We regard the presentation of the work done by the Primary, Intermediate, and Grammar Departments of the Training School so deserving special mention. In addition to the amount appropriated by the Illinois Commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, we are able to meet some of the minor bills by drawing upon our incidental fund.

This is the third World's Fair in which the institution has been able to present its methods and work to the world. Having begun its labors in September, 1874, it was able to have a creditable display at the Centennial Exposition in 1876. Again, in 1893, at the Columbian Exposition, the school, with a liberal appropriation, was able to present its methods, equipment, etc., on a much larger scale. For each of these contributions the school has a handsome diploma as evidence of its merit.

You are doubtless aware that out of the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars appropriated by the General Assembly four years ago, but fifteen thousand dollars were set aside for educational purposes, and out of this amount but eight thousand dollars were allowed the State University, and the balance, seven thousand dollars, was distributed between the five State Normal Schools and all the public schools of the State. Notwithstanding the paltry sum of three hundred dollars allowed each of the State Normal Schools by the Commission, each has used the funds allowed to the best advantage, and we have no reason to feel ashamed of the exhibit furnished by our institution.

Although the institution has made good use of the liberal appropriation made by the last General Assembly, we recognize the need of some further improvements that should be added in the near future, viz: the closet and sewer system should be remodeled and enlarged, the facilities for extending the manual training and domestic economy, frescoing the assembly and other halls, and other improvements of less importance. These are covered by the budget, which has been carefully prepared and placed in the latter part of this report.

We have taken a commendable pride in keeping our school abreast of the times in equipment, teaching force, buildings and grounds, etc., and bespeak a continuance of your kindly feeling toward the school.

## ATTENDANCE—YEAR 1902-1903.

## FALL TERM.

Normal department.....	287
Training school.....	158
Total.....	445

## WINTER TERM.

Normal department.....	332
Training school.....	143
Total.....	475

## SPRING TERM.

Normal department.....	357
Training school.....	150
Total.....	507

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year, including the summer session, 1230, as follows:

Normal department.....	976
Training school.....	180
Summer session.....	116
	1272
Less number counted twice.....	42
Total.....	1230

## YEAR 1902-1903.

## ON BASIS OF TUITION—FALL TERM.

	Normal Department.	Training School.	Totals.
Free tuition.....	237	81	318
Paid tuition.....	50	77	127
Totals.....	287	158	445

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## WINTER TERM.

Free tuition .....	296	69	355
Paid tuition.....	36	74	110
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Totals.....	332	143	475

## SPRING TERM.

Free tuition.....	327	67	394
Paid tuition.....	30	83	113
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Totals.....	357	150	507

## ATTENDANCE—YEAR 1903-1904.

## FALL TERM.

Normal department.....	273
Training school.....	168
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Total .....	440

## WINTER TERM.

Normal department.....	268
Training school.....	159
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Total.....	427

## SPRING TERM.

Normal department.....	324
Training school.....	156
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Total.....	480

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year, including the summer session, 1414, as follows:

Normal department.....	864
Training school.....	451

Summer session.....	140
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	1455
Less number counted twice.....	41
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Total.....	1414

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YEAR 1903-1904.

ON BASIS OF TUITION—FALL TERM.

	Normal Department.	Training School.	Totals.
Free tuition.....	199	65	264
Paid tuition.....	73	103	176
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Totals.....	272	168	440

WINTER TERM.

Free tuition.....	224	76	300
Paid tuition.....	44	83	127
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Totals.....	268	159	427

SPRING TERM.

Free tuition.....	313	80	393
Paid tuition.....	11	76	87
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Totals.....	324	156	480

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1902, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1903—REGULAR FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance September 30, 1902.....	\$ 2,284 07
From State Treasurer.....	40,368 56

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From Registrar.....	5,408 30
Total.....	\$ 48,060 83
Disbursements.....	43,450 27
Balance September 30, 1903.....	\$ 4,610 66

## LIBRARY BUILDING FUND—RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer, special appropriation.....	\$ 25,000 00
Disbursements.....	5,376 17
Balance September 30, 1903.....	\$ 19,623 83

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Buildings and grounds.....	\$ 2,041 31
Contingent.....	311 49
Fuel and lights.....	1,574 53
Furniture.....	2 25
Incidentals.....	1,034 00
Laboratory.....	275 49
Library.....	532 99
Museum.....	6 13
Pay roll.....	34,582 40
Printing and advertising.....	566 15
Repairs.....	1,435 69
Supplies.....	228 58
Trustees' expenses.....	859 26
Total.....	\$ 43,450 27

## SUMMARY.

Total receipts from all sources.....	\$ 73,060 93
Total disbursements.....	48,826 44
Total balance September 30, 1903.....	24,234 49

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1903, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1904—REGULAR FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance September 30, 1903.....	\$ 4,610 66
From State Treasurer.....	48,993 57
From Registrar.....	3,767 35
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Total.....	\$ 57,371 57
Disbursements.....	53,878 00
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Balance September 30, 1904.....	\$ 3,493 57

## LIBRARY BUILDING FUND—RECEIPTS.

Balance September 30, 1903.....	\$ 19,623 83
Disbursements.....	21,684 81
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Excess over special appropriation (paid from incidental fund).....	2,000 98
Final balance September 30, 1904.....	1,492 59

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Buildings and grounds.....	\$ 1,936 86
Contingent.....	2,441 79
Fuel and lights.....	2,237 69
Incidentals.....	1,285 06
Laboratory.....	599 39
Library.....	1,593 31
Museum.....	32 29
Pay roll.....	39,627 00
Printing and advertising.....	1,088 73
Repairs.....	1,797 24
Supplies.....	582 90
Trustees' expenses.....	655 73
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Total.....	\$ 53,878 00

## SUMMARY.

Total receipts.....	\$ 76,995 40
Total disbursements.....	75,502 81
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Total balance September 30, 1904.....	\$ 1,492 59

We submit herewith a list of our present faculty and employes, with the salary of each:

Daniel B. Parkinson, M. A., Ph. D. President, psychology . . . . .	\$ 3,700 00
Martha Buck, Matron, English grammar . . . . .	1,200 00
George H. French, Curator, physiology and natural history . . . . .	2,000 00
Matilda F. Salter, drawing . . . . .	1,200 00
George W. Smith, M. A., Secretary of Faculty, civics, geography, and history . . . . .	2,000 00
Samuel E. Harwood, M. A., pedagogy and school law . . . . .	2,000 00
Carlos E. Allen, B. A., Latin, Greek and German . . . . .	1,900 00
Henry W. Shryock, Ph. B., Vice President and Registrar, reading, rhetoric and English literature . . . . .	2,350 00
James Kirk, M. A., higher mathematics and methods in arithmetic . . . . .	2,000 00
Ada P. Wertz, M. A., training teacher, intermediate department . . . . .	1,100 00
Washington B. Davis, M. A., physical science . . . . .	2,000 00
Frank H. Colyer, B. A., instructor in geography and history . . . . .	1,200 00
Minnie J. Fryar, Librarian . . . . .	1,100 00
John M. Pierce, M. A., instructor in German, Latin and French . . . . .	1,200 00
Jacob T. Ellis, superintendent training school, training teacher grammar department, principal of high school . . . . .	1,500 00
Amanda Esther Wilson, training teacher, primary department . . . . .	1,100 00
William Troy Felts, instructor in arithmetic, algebra and book-keeping . . . . .	1,300 00
George M. Browne, associate, physical and biological sciences . . . . .	1,500 00
Inez L. Hollenberger, physical training, assistant in English . . . . .	900 00
R. V. Black, vocal music, heavy gymnastics, writing and spelling . . . . .	1,100 00
Edna Hester, assistant librarian . . . . .	360 00
Lula Peay, stenographer and clerical assistant . . . . .	720 00
John Amon, janitor . . . . .	780 00
Thomas Clark, engineer . . . . .	750 00
Isom Jones, fireman . . . . .	420 00
Jefferson Phelps, assistant janitor . . . . .	600 00
C. C. Lawrence, florist . . . . .	780 00
H. C. Mitchell, treasurer . . . . .	200 00
E. J. Ingersoll, secretary . . . . .	200 00

We recommend the following budget as the amounts needed annually by the institution for the next two years:

	1902	1904	Ex.
One half interest of seminary fund.....	\$6,493.54	\$ 6,493 54	
In addition to one half interest of seminary fund.....	27,500.00	30,500 00	300
Salaries—engineer, janitors and fireman.....	2,500.00	2,500 00	
Repairs and improvements.....	3,000.00	5,000 00	200
Fuel and lights.....	2,000.00	2,000 00	
Care of grounds.....	1,500.00	2,500 00	1000
Library.....	1,000.00	2,000 00	1000
Apparatus.....	1,000.00	2,000 00	1000
Printing and advertising.....	1,500.00	1,500 00	
Trustees' expenses.....	800.00	800 00	
Museum.....	500.00	500 00	
Gymnasium.....	200.00	200 00	
Total .....	<u>\$47,993.54</u>	<u>\$55,993 54</u>	<u>\$800</u>

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL P. WHEELER,

President Board of Trustees.

E. J. INGERSOLL,

Secretary Board of Trustees.