Meeting of March 19, 1907.

The startling information came to the University the morning of the 13th inst. that Hon. L. H. Kerrick, who had the day before been elected president of the board of trustees, had just been found dead in his bed.

The necessity for a special meeting of the board was at once evident, and later in the day four members who were still in Urbana, and Mr. Lehman, with whom he talked by telephone, instructed the secretary to issue the following call:

Upon the call of five members of Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois there will be a special meeting of the board at the University at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, March 19, inst., to elect a president and transact other business presented.

At a conference held by those members of the board who attended the funeral of Mr. Kerrick at Bloomington, Saturday, the 16th inst., it was ascertained that it would not be possible for a quorum of the members to attend the meeting at the University on the 19th, and that it was probable if the meeting were adjourned to Chicago that a quorum would attend, and it was agreed that this course should be taken. Members of the board not present at Bloomington were notified by the secretary of the change in plans.

Accordingly when the time named in the call came there were present, at the usual place of meeting at the University, only Mrs. Busey and the secretary, Mr. Pillsbury.

The meeting was duly called to order by the secretary.

On motion of Mrs. Busey the board adjourned to meet at the Palmer House in Chicago, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 1907.

W. L. PILLSBURY,
Secretary.

Adjourned Session, March 20, 1907.

When the board met at the Palmer House in Chicago, pursuant to adjournment, there were present Messrs. Abbott, Blair, Davison, Madden and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Busey; absent Governor Deneen and Messrs. Hatch, Lehman and McLean. President James was absent.
The secretary, Mr. Pillsbury, called the meeting to order, and stated that, as the board was now without a president, the first thing in order was to elect one to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Evans nominated Mr. Abbott, and there being no other nominations the secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the board for Mr. Abbott; this was done. Mr. Abbott was declared elected, and took the chair.

On motion of Dr. Davison, Mr. Abbott was appointed a member and chairman of the standing Committee on Buildings and Grounds, the other members to be appointed by the president of the board.

IN MEMORY OF MR. KERRICK.

On motion of Mrs. Alexander a committee was appointed to prepare and present a minute in memory of Mr. Kerrick. The president appointed on this committee Mr. Blair, Mrs. Alexander, and Mrs. Evans.

The following minute reported by the committee was adopted:

In the death of Leonidas H. Kerrick the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois has lost one of its most faithful and useful members. At its annual meeting on March 12, 1907, the board showed its appreciation of his services and its confidence in his ability by making him its unanimous choice for president of the board. His sudden and unexpected death came as a great shock to his associates, and they wish to express by these words their feeling that his death has deprived them of an earnest, influential co-worker and the University of one of its best friends.

It is our further desire to extend to his mother and wife and daughter the heartfelt sympathy of this board of trustees.

F. G. Blair,
Mrs. Carrie T. Alexander,
Mrs. Laura B. Evans,
Committee.

DEAN OF WOMEN.

On motion of Dr. Davison the Committee on Students’ Welfare was requested to look for suitable persons to fill the place of Dean of Women in the University, and to refer to President James the names of any whom they may deem worthy of consideration.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The secretary was instructed to dispose of surplus reports.

METHOD OF TRANSACTING UNIVERSITY BUSINESS.

The secretary was instructed to ascertain and report to the board in what way business is conducted in other Universities, especially in the making of purchases.
Library and Woman's Hall Open Sundays.

Mrs. Busey, from the committee of Students' Welfare, reported that the Library had been open Sunday afternoons since the end of the holiday recess, and that the attendance had been quite large.

She also reported that the opening of Woman's Hall Sunday afternoons was delayed somewhat on account of the diphtheria scare, and that since it had been open the attendance had been small, though increasing somewhat of late.

Standing Committees.

President Abbott has reported to the secretary the following list of standing committees for the ensuing year:

Agriculture—Fred. L. Hatch, chairman; Mrs. Mary E. Busey, George H. Madden.


Finance—Alexander McLean, chairman; George H. Madden, Lewis L. Lehman.

Instruction—Frank G. Blair, chairman; Mrs. Mary E. Busey, Dr. Charles Davison.

Publication—Mrs. Laura B. Evans, chairman; Frank G. Blair, Dr. Charles Davison.

Library—Mrs. Carrie T. Alexander, chairman; Frank G. Blair, Fred. L. Hatch.

Student's Welfare—Mrs Mary E. Busey, chairman; Mrs. Carrie T. Alexander, Mrs. Laura B. Evans.

School of Pharmacy—Dr. Charles Davison, chairman; Alexander McLean, William L. Abbott.

College of Medicine—Dr. Charles Davison, chairman; William L. Abbott, Alexander McLean.

Engineering—Lewis L. Lehman, chairman; William L. Abbott, Fred L. Hatch.

The board adjourned.

W. L. Pillsbury, Secretary.

W. L. Abbott, President.