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GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Board of Directors

February 8, 1904

The following colleges were represented:

SLA - Nachtrieb, Keyes, and Snyder  
School of Agriculture - Hoyt and Cady  
Law - Not represented  
Medicine and Surgery - Dr's Wilson and Rees  
Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery - Dr's Booth and Richardson  
Pharmacy - Bachman and Erkel  
Dentistry - Dr. Hartzell

The first business to come before the Board was the election of officers. Prof. Henry F. Nachtrieb was duly elected President of the Association. Dr. Louis B. Wilson was duly elected Vice President. Charles F. Keyes was duly elected secretary and treasurer. Each of said officers was elected to serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The committee having charge of the banquet reported all bills paid except bill of U. Store for decorating the stage. Receipted bills to the amount of \$295.00 were audited and filed.

Dr. Wilson reported that if any college of the University of Minnesota not now represented on this board should select and delegate two of its members to serve on this Board, that they be admitted to active membership. Duly seconded and carried.

Dr. Richardson moved that the question of printing the constitution and sending out notices be left with the president and secretary.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary be authorized to issue necessary expense for postage, printing, and stenographer. Carried.

It was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the secretary and treasurer demand of each alumnus .50¢ annual dues for a year, or \$10.00 for life membership, and not combine dues with any other alumni association.

Dr. Wilson moved that the secretary and treasurer begin to prepare at once card catalogue of the alumni and former students, and also other records to facilitate the work of the organization.

It was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the President write the various candidates for Governor to ascertain the position which they hold with regard to the Board of control, and the relationship to the University.

It was duly moved, seconded, and carried that a vote of thanks be extended the University Store for the decorations furnished at the banquet, and also to the Junior class of the University for the use of decorations which they had hung in the Armory, and the secretary was instructed to notify these parties.

It was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the President appoint standing committees. Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

constitution adopted Jan 30 1904 B. Snyder, Secretary pro tem.

April 8, 1904

The meeting was called to order by President Nachtrieb. Those present were Wilson, Snyder, Anderson, Hummel, A. Bess, Mercer, Hartzell, Pike, and the secretary.

President Nachtrieb read the draft of a letter to be sent to candidates for Governor asking for a statement of attitude towards the Board of Control. The letter was approved.

Mr. Anderson moved that the President, Vice President, and the secretary be a committee to get up a card catalogue. Carried.

Mr. Mercer, Dr's Hartzell and Richardson were appointed a committee on investment fund, and the secretary was instructed to notify them of their appointment and that they proceed at once toward the investment of life membership money.

Mr. Snyder moved that all regents, ex-regents, members of the faculty of the University be elected to honorary membership of the General Alumni Association. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

May 6, 1904

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Snyder, Hummel, Bess, Mercer, Rees, Benjamin (by proxy), Richardson, Booth, Hartzell, Pike, Bachman, and the secretary.

Pres. Nachtrieb read a letter from E. B. Johnson containing a proposition to the Alumni Association to take over and operate the Alumni Weekly.

Prof. Haynes appeared and exhibited to the Board the model of the soldiers' monument which is to be placed on the campus, and requested the Board take some action regarding it.

Mr. Snyder moved that the president be authorized to draw resolutions subject to approval of Prof. Haynes, approving the soldiers' monument which should be spread on the records. Carried.

Mr. Snyder moved that Mr. Johnson's proposition as to the Alumni Weekly be referred to a committee of five to consider and report. Carried. The chairman appointed Mercer, Snyder, Hartzell, Hummel, and Booth.

It was moved that Mr. Snyder be a committee of one to consider and report on the advisability of incorporating the General Alumni Association.

The secretary was instructed to prepare a list of outside alumni who had not paid their dues, and to bring in a list of twin city alumni in same condition.

The meeting was adjourned until May 20th.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

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May 20, 1904

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Bachman, Richardson, Rees, Wilson, Pike, the secretary.

Pres. Nachtrieb read a letter from T. N. Eddy stating his views on the Board of Control.

Mr. Hummel reported for the committee appointed to consider the Alumni Weekly proposition that the committee considered the proposition not to be a feasible one.

Moved that the report of the committee be accepted, and the committee discharged. Carried.

Dr. Richardson moved that a new committee composed of members of the old committee and the president and secretary in addition consider the Alumni Weekly proposition anew. Carried.

Moved that a committee of three be appointed (not necessarily members of the Board) to look into incorporation of the Association. Carried.

C. J. Rockwood, H. S. Abbott, and the Pres. were elected.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles E. Keyes, Secretary

Meeting at Nicollet Cafe, June, 1904, 12:15p.m..

Present were Nachtrieb, Snyder, Richardson, Hummel, the secretary.

Pres. Nachtrieb reported for the committee appointed to consider the matter of taking hold of the Alumni Weekly, that it would be impossible to comply with postal regulations so as to send the Weekly second class matter to all alumni, and the committee decided it was inexpedient to take hold of the matter.

Pres. Nachtrieb was authorized to draft a letter to be published in the Weekly stating the position of the Board to the Weekly.

The secretary produced typewritten lists of alumni by classes, and placed same in hands of members of the Board to interview for life memberships.

Charles Keyes, Secretary

September 21, 1904

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Hummel, Mercer, Rees, Benjamin, Pike, Grunshaw, and the secretary.

Pres. Nachtrieb presented a draft of the letter to be sent to alumni respecting the Pres. Northrop reception and testimonial. With modifications the letter was accepted, and it was moved and carried that it be sent to Alumni.

Remainder of time was devoted to discussion of the work of the Association.

Charles Keyes, Secretary

December 19, 1904

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Snyder, Hummel, Mercer, Richardson, Pike, Erkel, and the secretary.

Mr. Snyder presented a report of work done in writing to alumni and members of the legislature on Board of Control matter. He also gave a report of a talk he had had with Governor-Elect Johnson relative to the matter.

Mr. Mercer reported for the investment committee that plans had been made for the investment of the life membership fund which now amounts to \$700.00. Committee recommended that N.D. farm mortgage bearing 7%<sup>c</sup> be purchased.

It was moved and seconded that the Board have a regular meeting the first Monday of each month beginning in February, special meetings to be at the call of the President. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the second annual alumni dinner and business meeting be held Saturday evening, February 11, 1905, at the University Armory. Dinner at 6:30 sharp. Carried.

It was moved and carried that the secretary be a committee of one with power to arrange for the menu.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Snyder be a committee on music and Mr. Mercer to secure a speaker.

The matter of the election of Alumni representatives on the Athletic Association Board of Control, by the Alumni Board, was discussed.

It was moved and carried that the Board indorse the project of enlarging the campus, and that the chairman of the legislative committee represent the board in advocating the matter before the legislature.

It was moved and carried that the Board extend its thanks to Mr. E.B. Johnson for putting out the Alumni Directory and Weekly.

It was moved and carried that the President, secretary, and Chairman of the Legislative Committee prepare an eligible list of men for the Board of Regents, including men outside the twin cities, and that the President address a letter to Governor-Elect Johnson on the subject.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

February 6, 1905

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Hummel, Rees, Pike, Hartzell, Erkel, and the secretary.

The secretary reported that he had secured Mr. Maas to furnish the dinner at .65¢ a plate, two hundred to be guaranteed.

Pres. Nachtrieb reported that Mr. Maas had been over to the University and looked the ground over. It was decided to set the tables in the smaller gymnasium room, if possible.

It was moved and carried that pledge slips for life memberships be placed

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at each plate at the alumni dinner, and that a special speaker be asked to present the matter.

The following matters were also discussed, but no action was taken.

The proposed memorial to the "Old Main" building.  
The Life Membership fund  
Northrop Memorial fund

Pres. Nachtrieb reported that no action had been taken by the University Athletic Association changing the method of electing alumni representatives to the Board of Athletic Control.

It was moved and carried that the regular meeting of the Board be held on the first Tuesday of each month hereafter, instead of the first Monday.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

March 4, 1905

The meeting was called to order by the secretary, President Nachtrieb, being absent in St. Paul, Present were Hummel, Rees, Bachman, Richardson, and the secretary.

The secretary reported on the circular letters to be sent out to all alumni in the state on the Perley bill, and presented a copy for the approval of the Board. It was voted that the letter be approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

April 4, 1905

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Snyder, Hummel, Richardson, Booth, Rees, and the secretary.

The secretary reported on a letter sent to alumni in regard to the Perley bill and of response thereto. Report was also made of expense incident thereto, and bills aggregating \$59.45 and \$70.00 were ordered paid.

A communication from the Agriculture Alumni Association was read, stating that they had voted \$25.00 to Northrop Memorial Fund.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

April 19, 1905

The meeting was called especially by Pres. Nachtrieb to take action on the matter of recommending Secretary and purchasing agent be appointed for the University. Present wer Rees, Hartzell, Bachman, Booth, and the secretary.

It was moved and carried that it be recommended to the Regents that

E. B. Johnson be made Secretary and Purchasing Agent of the University, and that President of the Board draft a letter to Pres. Wyman of the Regents in regard thereto.

The secretary was authorized to get out letters to alumni requesting payment of dues.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

June 7, 1905

The meeting at the office of H. V. Mercer, was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Hummel, Mercer and secretary.

As no quorum was present, no business was transacted.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

November 7, 1905

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Hartzell, Mercer, Rees, Richardson, Nachtrieb and Keyes.

A communication was received from the Medical Alumni Association with reference to salaries paid at the University.

It was moved and carried that the secretary acknowledge receipt of the communication to the effect that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association heartedly endorse the resolution.

It was moved and carried that the Board proceed to the election of a representative of the Alumni on the University Council. F.B. Snyder and C. J. Rockwood were placed in nomination and vote upon them was a tie.

It was moved and carried that the alumni representative on the University Council be D.P. Jones, and he was declared elected.

It was moved and carried that the General Alumni Association endorse the project to acquire land between University Ave. and 4th St. for the purpose of enlarging the University campus, and that the secretary communicate this endorsement to the Alumni Weekly.

The meeting then adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

December 6, 1905

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Snyder, Richardson, Mercer, Bachman, Rees, Booth, Hummel, and Keyes.

Dr. Richardson moved that the underwriter meeting take the form of an

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informal reception dispensing with the dinner. Seconded.

Mercer moved to amend to include refreshments and dancing.

Snyder moved ~~that~~ <sup>that it</sup> as a substitute which was accepted, that the meeting be held February 3, 1906, <sup>be</sup> of an informal social nature, that no charge be made, and refreshments be served by the association. Carried.

Committee of one was appointed as follows: Snyder, Finance; Richardson, Program; Rees, Music; Hummel, Refreshments; Booth and Bachman, Floor of Reception; President and Secretary, Announcement; Mercer, dancing.

Moved and seconded that amendments to the constitution as read by the secretary be submitted to the annual meeting for adoption. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Snyder and Keyes be a committee to report on the advisability of the incorporation of the Alumni Association.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

February 2, 1906

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nachtrieb. Present were Nachtrieb, Booth, Hummel, Bachman, Mercer, and Keyes. Hartzell and Rees were excused and Snyder is out of the city.

Plans for the annual meeting were discussed.

Mr. Hummel reported for the refreshment committee.

After further discussion, no further business being up for consideration, the meeting adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

March 13, 1906

Pres. Nachtrieb called the meeting to order. Present were Snyder, Mercer, Bachman, Rees, Keyes, Richardson, and Booth.

Mr. Snyder for the finance committee of the annual meeting reported that he had collected \$15.00 toward the expense of the meeting, and the secretary was authorized to pay bills incurred therefor.

The secretary read two letters, one from Dr. Rees of the Board, and one from Dr. T. L. Bowman of Duluth, both on the subject of employing a permanent secretary for the Association on salary.

Upon a motion duly seconded it was resolved that the letter and proposition of Dr. Rees with respect to the General Secretary be placed on file, and that Dr. Rees be tendered the thanks of the Board for his services and interest. Carried.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed with the President ex-officio, to draw up a contract with Mr. E.B.

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Johnson, looking to his employment as secretary.

Messrs. Mercer, Snyder, and Rees with the President were appointed as the committee.

It was declared that it was the sense of the Board that Prof. Nachtrieb and Mr. Johnson should, if possible, be present at the annual meeting of the Duluth Alumni, and lay before them the plans for increasing the efficiency of the General Alumni Association.

It was the sense of the Board, that Mr. E.B. Johnson should be employed as alumni secretary, and that the sum of \$2,500 at least should be raised by subscription towards his salary and other expenses of the association for a period of two years.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

Annual Meeting  
February 10, 1906

The meeting was called to order by President Nachtrieb.

The reading of the minutes of last year's meeting was dispensed with.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was then read. It was moved and carried that it be received and filed. The President appointed Messrs. F. M. Anderson and E.B. Johnson as an auditing committee to report on the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

Mr. Snyder moved that the Association authorize the Board of Directors to take steps looking to the incorporation of the Association. This motion was seconded and carried.

President Nachtrieb then reported on the work of the Association during the past year, and told of his recent visit to the University of Michigan, and what the Michigan Alumni Association was doing.

Mr. Mercer of the finance committee of the Board of Directors reported that there was \$1080.00 in the life membership fund of which \$600.00 was invested in a farm mortgage, the balance seen to be invested in a like manner.

Mr. J. W. Powell of Duluth appeared as a delegate from the Northern Alumni Association and read a set of resolutions favoring larger salaries to professors and instructors in the University, which resolutions had been previously adopted by the Northern Alumni Association. He moved that a committee be appointed to draft a similar set of resolutions to be presented for adoption by the General Alumni Association. Messrs. Powell, A.W. Rankin, A.L. Helliwell, and Stephen Mahoney were appointed to the committee.

Mr. E. B. Johnson then read a set of resolutions on the subject of football, and moved the adoption of the same. Dr. Rees seconded the motion suggesting that the resolution be adopted as the sentiment of the Alumni Association and be presented to the faculties of the University. It was moved by Mr. Aiton that the resolutions be laid on the table. This motion was lost. The original motion was then carried.

A letter with greetings from the Washington D.C. Alumni Association was

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read.

Mr. Anderson of the committee to audit the accounts and vouchers of the Secretary-Treasurer, reported that the committee had found vouchers to account for all expenses reported by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Powell then read a set of resolutions prepared by his committee favoring increase of salaries of professors and instructors of the University and moved their adoption. The resolutions were then adopted.

Two amendments to the constitution of the General Alumni Association as proposed by the Board of Directors were then offered and adopted.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Secretary be directed to cast the ballot of the Association for Hon. D. P. Jones as alumni representative on the University Council. The motion was carried. The meeting then adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

March 27, 1906

A special meeting was called to consider the proposition of having the Alumni Secretary handle University news. Those present were Nachtrieb, Rees, Hartzell, Hummel, Erkel, Gaumnitz and Keyes.

It was moved and seconded that a committee of three or four be appointed to draft a proposition from the Alumni Association to the University Council respecting the handling of official University news.

Messrs. Rees, Hartzell, and Gaumnitz were appointed a committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles F. Keyes, Secretary

May 1, 1906

A meeting of the board of directors was held in the office of President Northrop. There were present directors Nachtrieb, Moody, Rees, Keyes, Hummel, Bachman, Beoth, and Johnson.

It was voted to send the resolutions concerning the salaries of Minnesota professors to the Regents with a statement concerning the matter by the president of the board.

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote. "Resolved, that we believe that Alumni Day should be kept free from all important functions except alumni meetings and that Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi orations and other like events should be transferred to some other day, perhaps Tuesday evening before the senior promenade".

It was voted to hold the alumni picnic at noon on the day before commencement day, and directors Johnson, Rees, Hartzell, Hummel, Mercer, Beoth

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and Bachman were appointed a committee to arrange for the same.

Mr. Keyes, as treasurer, reported upon several bills which he had paid upon previous authority which action was approved by vote of the directors present.

The chairman of the investment committee reported that the committee had purchased another mortgage.

Mr. Keyes presented his resignation which was laid upon the table.

The secretary was authorized to issue a news letter to the newspapers of the state as soon as finances of the association will permit.

Professor Nachtrieb and Mr. Keyes were appointed a committee to write to Professor Flathen in regard to his bill of \$70 for postage.

Several other minor matters were discussed, but no action was taken.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

June 5, 1906

The meeting of the directors was held in the office of President Northrop at 8:00 p.m.. There were present directors Moody, Booth, Gaumnitz, Hummel, Bachman, Nachtrieb, Keyes, and Johnson.

Prof. Nachtrieb's letter to Prof. Flathen was read and the matter discussed.

The question of taking over the duties of the alumni athletic association was also discussed, but no action taken.

The committee on incorporation presented its report. It was adopted with amendments as follows:

- I. Name - "The Minnesota Alumni Association"
- II. No changes
- III. No Changes
- IV. No Changes
- V. No changes
- VI. Made to read "First Tuesday in September, 1906"
- VII. Present officers to serve until the first annual election.
- VIII.

The whole was adopted as amended, and the committee was instructed to have the same properly filed according to law.

It was voted to extend an invitation to the Board of Regents to be present as the guests of the alumni at the picnic.

The secretary outlined briefly his plan of campaign for the summer.

A number of other matters of more or less importance were discussed, but no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

October 2, 1906

The meeting of directors was held in the office of President Northrop at 8:00 p.m.. There were present directors Booth, Moody, Bachman, Rees, Nachtrieb, Mercer, Hummel, Keyes, Richardson, and Johnson.

Mr. Mercer made a report concerning the contract with the secretary, to the effect that the contract would soon be ready.

Mr. Keyes, the treasurer, made a report on bills which he had paid and his action in paying same was approved.

A communication from Prof. Flathe~~n~~ was presented by Prof. Nachtrieb and afterward withdrawn.

Dr. Rees reported \$25 now pledged by Dr. Ringnell.

The president and secretary were appointed a committee on legislation to interview the president of the board of Regents, the purpose of learning their intentions concerning legislation.

Letters from Messrs. Powell and Graty were read.

The secretary made a report on his summer's work which showed four hundred new life members, either paid in or definitely pledge to be paid in before January 1, making a total of 520 life memberships to date.

New subscriptions to the Weekly to the number of 280 were also reported.

The election of officers was postponed to the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary ✓

November 13, 1906

The meeting of directors was held at the office of the president of the University at 8:00 p.m.. There were present directors Snyder, Rees, Richardson, Bachman, Gaumnitz, Hummel, Keyes, and Johnson. Dr. O. K. Richardson was elected chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The committee appointed to see the regents concerning what was to be asked of the legislature reported progress and was continued.

The election of officers was then taken care of and it was voted that the secretary cast the ballot of the association for the following officers for the ensuing years: Henry F. Nachtrieb, president  
O. K. Richardson, vice-president  
E. B. Johnson, secretary  
C. F. Keyes, treasurer

After some discussion in which it appeared that the members of the board were unanimously in favor of asking alumni representation on the board of regents, it was voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to interview Governor Johnson upon the matter and to ask him to recommend the same in his message to the legislature. This committee was also instructed to take whatever steps may be

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found necessary to secure the introduction of a bill to secure the desired end.

Mr. Snyder told of the steps he had taken to get more friendly to the University on the finance committees of the two houses.

The secretary reported that since the previous meeting he had secured 125 new life memberships, 200 new subscriptions to the Weekly, and 225 new subscriptions to the directory.

The meeting was adjourned.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

November 13, 1906

Immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting of the directors of the General Alumni Association, the directors of the Minnesota Alumni Association (incorporated) was held and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the association for the same officers as the General Alumni Association. This being done, the following officers were duly declared elected:

Henry F. Nachtrieb, President  
O. K. Richardson, vice-president  
D. F. Keyes, treasurer  
E. B. Johnson, secretary

The meeting then adjourned.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

January 2, 1907

The meeting of directors called to order at 3:30 by President Nachtrieb. There were present directors Nachtrieb, Carroll, Rees, Mercer, Moody, Booth, Hummell, and Johnson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee approved to see the Regent and to secure from them a statement of what it<sup>was</sup> proposed to ask from the legislature, reported that that statement had been given to the press and that it included costs for various buildings, and,

- a) \$15,000 for the library
- b) \$85,000 for increase in experimental farms
- c) \$40,000 additional for general expenses.

No request was made for additional land for the campus; the request for the library being considered altogether inadequate and the amount asked for general expenses out of which funds for increased salaries must come, being so small, it was voted to adopt the following resolutions: ( Moved by Mercer )

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association request the Board of Regents to ask of the legislature, through channels, a sum of money sufficient to provide for the following:

1. The amount asked by the librarian and approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, so as to make the

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- library an efficient tool for the use of the departments depending largely upon it for prosecuting their investigations.
2. To purchase privately, or by condemnation, or otherwise, additional land for the campus, as described below.
    - a) land to the south of the campus, bounded by Harvard street, the campus, and the river, save the portions now owned by the railway companies and the park board.
    - b) land to the north of the campus, bounded by University avenue and Fourth street and by Fourteenth and Eighteenth avenues.
  3. For funds sufficient to allow the Board of Regents to adopt and pursue a policy of paying University professors and instructors salaries at least equal to the salaries paid by similar institutions of the highest grade.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Board of Regents and the legislative committee of this board use every effort possible to secure action along these lines.

The committee to see Governor Johnson made a report to the effect that Gov. Johnson had given them a cordial hearing and had expressed himself as favorable to having the alumni nominate all candidates for the board, the governor to make his selections from the lists submitted to him. The committee was continued with instructions to see that a bill was prepared and introduced embodying the ideas of Gov. Johnson.

It was voted to hold the annual meeting on the evening of Monday, February 18, the anniversary of the granting of the charter of the University.

The decision as to the place and general character of the meeting was left to the discretion of the president and secretary.

The meeting was adjourned.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

February 5, 1907

Upon the invitation of Director Moody, the Board met at the Odin Club and lunched together, afterward holding the regular monthly business meeting. There were present directors Nachtrieb, Booth, Richardson, Moody, Erkel, Hartzell, Rees, Gaumnitz, Keyes, and Johnson.

Final plans for the annual meeting were made and it was decided to invite Dr. Felwell and Governor Johnson to make ten minute speeches. It was also decided to limit refreshments to frappe and coffee and sandwiches.

It was voted to send a letter to each member of the Board of Regents signed by the Board of Directors as a whole, and to modify the letter submitted by the secretary for this purpose, by omitting the sentence, "That this is one of the pressing needs of the University no one will deny".

The need of further increase of the guaranty fund was discussed and several other matters were discussed in an informal manner. The president reported that the Flather matter had been settled by his collecting the sum claimed to be due him, from the deans of the various colleges.

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Several bills submitted by the treasurer were approved for payment as follows:

One Oliver Typewriter	\$50.00
Printing--Index Press	32.00
Desk	40.00
Printing--Franklin	6.25
Shears	1.35
Wastebasket	1.35

The secretary made a verbal report of what had been recently done and what was on foot for the immediate future.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 8:00 o'clock.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

Annual Meeting  
February 18, 1907  
Alice Shevlin Hall

There wer between three and four hundred present, and the whole meeting was characterized by enthusiasm and good feeling. After something more than half an hour of social intercourse and viewing of the building, the business meeting was called to order by President Nachtrieb. The campus quartet sang a selection and answered to several encores. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The secretary made his report, which was printed in the February 18th issue of the Weekly and added a few words as to the future plans, which contemplate an arousing of the alumni to take more interest in public affairs and especially to get more alumni to run for the legislature, both for the sake of what it would mean to the state and that the University's claim may receive sympathetic reception. The treasurer's report was read and as it had been previously audited by a committee of the alumni appointed for the purpose it was approved.

Treasurer's Report  
General Fund  
Feb. 18, 1907

To the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota: I herewith present the following report of receipts and disbursements of the Association for the past year:

Receipts

Balance from last year	\$ 36.03
Subscriptions for annual meeting, 1906	115.00
Annual dues 1906 since last meeting	51.00
Interest on life membership fund	37.76
Subscriptions on guarantee fund, secretary's salary	1101.66
Sundry	2.25
Annual dues, 1907	90.00
Total	<u>\$1433.70</u>

Disbursements

Expense, annual meeting, 1906	119.00
Postage and exchange	40.34

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Printing	\$ 69.25
Accrued interes: mortgage loans	9.00
Pienic expense, 1906	25.07
Typewriter for secretary	50.00
Salary of secretary	997.25
Sundry	17.05
Cash on hand	<u>106.74</u>

Total \$1433.70

Very respectfully submitted,  
Charles F. Keyes, Treasurer

The above statement has been examined and found correct.

Signed - Stephen Mahoney  
F.C. Bowman  
George B. Arten

The report of the finance committee follows:

Life Membership Fund

Statement of Life Membership Fund, General Alumni Association:

Total amount collected to date \$3915.00

(This is invested in North Dakota farm mortgages as follows)

1 loan drawing 7Pet. inst.	\$600	
1 loan drawing 6Pet. inst.	600	
1 loan drawing 6Pet. inst.	600	
1 loan drawing 6Pet. inst.	800	
Total interest on loans		2600.00
Leaving cash on hand for investment		<u>1315.00</u>

Charles F. Keyes, Treasurer

This report was accepted and approved.

It was voted to have the next annual meeting of the same general character as the present meeting, at least that it be held on campus, and later in the meeting it was decided to make provision for dining together at 6 o'clock and then to have the whole evening for a discussion of the University's needs and what could be done by the alumni to help.

The following resolutions were introduced by Charles L. Alexander '92, Law, '03, of Pelican Rapids, and a member of the present legislature, and were voted a unanimous approval.

"Resolved, That we heartily indorse the action of our board of directors in securing the services of a secretary to devote his whole time to the work of the association and in taking over the Alumni Weekly.

"Resolved further, That we recognize the necessity of providing for the support of this enlarged work, for which our Board has so wisely planned, by securing, as soon as possible, an endowment fund sufficient to secure the greatest efficiency in the work, and to this end, we urge every alumnus to identify himself with the work by at once taking out a life membership. We believe that the alumni can do no other work that will mean so much for the welfare of the University as will placing the work upon a sound financial basis by promptly raising the life membership fund to at least \$30,000.

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which were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Next the resolutions, "Resolved, That the alumni of the University of Minnesota, in annual meeting assembled, request the Board of regents to ask of the State legislature, through the regular channels, a sum of money sufficient to provide for the following:

- "(1) The amount asked by the librarian and approved by the library committee of the faculty and by the executive committee of the board of regents, \$30,000 a year, so as to make the library an efficient tool for the use of departments depending largely upon it for prosecuting their investigations.
- "(2) To make a beginning for an enlarged campus. Asking now, for money to purchase land immediately needed for new buildings to be granted by the legislature, and the ultimate securing of the land described in the resolutions presented to the board of regents by our board of directors.
- "(3) For an annual appropriation for current expense of \$200,000 in addition to the present standing tax levy and to make it clear that this is the one thing that is most needed at this time and the one thing that must not be sacrificed.

"We further petition the board of regents to make it a matter of record, at this time, that when this \$200,000 is granted that at least \$150,000 shall be devoted to the sole purpose of advancing salaries of the teaching force of the University and that no part of the sum so set apart shall be used to secure additional instructors.

"We fully believe that the placing of salaries upon something like an adequate basis of compensation will do more to advance the cause of education, the good of the University, and the welfare of the State, than any other one thing, involving a like expenditure, that can be brought forward at this time.

"We further pledge the board of regents our hearty support in trying to secure, not only the appropriation necessary to provide for these particular items, but everything that has already been asked of the legislature for the University."

Resolutions to the legislature were introduced by Mr. Mercer and after being amended by including the paragraph about the college of education were also adopted by a unanimous vote.

"Resolved that the Alumni of the University of Minnesota, in annual meeting assembled, do hereby most earnestly petition the Legislature of the State to make adequate provision for the present needs and future welfare of the University.

In particular do we request that the Legislature grant \$200,00 in addition to the present standing tax levy, for general support, so that salaries of the teaching corps of the University may be advanced to a fair living rate and to provide for the increased cost of living.

We ask that the appropriation for library support be made at least \$30,000 annually, so as to provide for the actual needs of the University at the present time.

That an appropriation to be made for securing an addition to the campus to provide for the new buildings that are being asked for at this time and that the Board of Regents be empowered to take steps that shall ultimately result in securing the following described property--

- (a) Land to the south of the campus, bounded by Harvard street, the campus and the river, save the portions now owned by the railway

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companies and the park board.

- (b) And to the north of the campus, bounded by University avenue and Fourth street and by Fourteenth and Eighteenth avenues.

We desire to place ourselves on record as being in sympathy with the movement for the enlargement of the usefulness of the college of education and believe that its proper development will be a positive gain to our whole educational system.

We fully believe that the people of the State are ready to do what is necessary to make the University of the greatest service to the State, and to keep it abreast of sister state universities, and we trust that all of the items submitted by the Board of Regents may be granted, for they are all necessary to enable the University to serve the people of the State most efficiently.

Adopted, by a unanimous vote, February 18, 1907.

President.

Secretary.

Dr. W.W. Folwell was introduced and spoke for about twenty minutes upon the old days at the University and then pointed out some things for the future to be worked for and hoped for to make the University an institution of the first rank. He was heartily cheered at its close and the following resolution was then introduced and adopted by a unanimous rising vote: "Resolved that we desire to express to the Board of Regents our sincere appreciation of their action in naming the new main building Folwell Hall in honor of Dr. Folwell."

A resolution was then introduced thanking the Campus quartet for their entertainment and asking them to come again next year. Mr Borncamp then arose and asked to be heard before any vote was taken on the proposition. He said that he and the other members of the quartet had enjoyed the evening and the meeting immensely but that he felt that the annual meeting should afford the alumni a chance to get together for hearing talks over University matters, and then proceeded to "unburden" himself. He said, that as conditions now were, he could not conscientiously recommend his friends to send their children to the University nor would he send his own to the University unless a change was made so that each student could come into personal contact with the instructor and have his work known to the instructor. He talked right out in the meeting and said openly some things which a great many really feel, that the University has lost and is losing ground and that unless something is done to bring the University up to a higher standard by paying higher salaries and securing more instructors, it would be hopelessly left in the background.

This talk caused the alumni to agree to have the meeting next year called for six o'clock to give time for such discussions.

The resolutions were then seconded and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Rachie then spoke upon the necessity for University men to take greater interest in public affairs and the education for the public service was one of the greatest objects of the University.

David P. Jones was then reelected to membership on the University Council and the meeting adjourned to the dining room downstairs. Informal dancing, visiting, and coffee and sandwiches occupied the time till midnight when everyone went home happy.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

March 5, 1907

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Commercial Club in the Andrus Building at 6:30 p.m.. Those present were Directors Nachtrieb, Snyder, Booth, Hummel, Bachman, Carroll, Rees, Burch, Heef, Keyes, and Johnson. The following representatives of the medical alumni association were present by invitation for a conference on a proposition to change the form of the Weekly: Dr's A.E. Benjamin, F.C. Todd, E.H. Beckman, and A.E. Hedback. While waiting for dinner the special business of the evening was discussed and it was the general understanding of those present that the matter should be placed before the subscribers and the proposition to have every fourth or every ninth number made a magazine number should be thoroughly investigated, and it was also the opinion of those present that the Weekly should be developed and its scope expanded as rapidly as circumstances-mainly financial should admit of such expansion.

The regular business was then taken care of and it was expressed as the sense of the meeting that it would be advisable to send a letter to the members of the legislature in the name of the Association and the form of letter to be sent was referred to the legislative committee - which committee consists of the following named directors - Snyder, Mercer, and Richardson.

A discussion of the sub-committees on appropriation then followed. Prof. Hoag told what the City Engineers club was doing to boost the University. The secretary told what was being done to keep things moving.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

April 1, 1907

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held in the office of Director Mercer, 510 Security Bank Building. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Keyes, Mercer, Hoag, Johnson, Snyder, Bachman, Carroll, Richardson, Hartzell, Moody.

A general discussion of the legislative situation occupied a considerable portion of the evening.

The following committee was appointed to consider the subject of an alumni button: Dr. O.K. Richardson, Professors Hoag, Bachman, and the secretary.

Bills submitted by the secretary were properly approved amounting to \$111.18 were ordered paid.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

April 26, 1907

The special meeting of the board was held in the office of the director Mercer at 5 o'clock. The secretary made a statement of conditions, as he had learned them from talks with members of the board of regents. He also submitted a series of resolutions embodying matters to be brought to the attention of the board of regents. These resolutions were amended and adopted as follows:

SUGGESTIONS

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of

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the University of Minnesota for the Guidance of a Special Committee appointed by the Association to wait upon the Board of Regents and present the cause of the Alumni in regard to the matters mentioned herein.

The special committee consists of Messrs. C.J. Rockwood, '79, D.P. Jones, '83, E.P. Allen, ex-'90, Frank Healy, '82, and Frank Webster, '86, Orlando Oehler, and E.B. Johnson, was called in by the committee.

Suggestion 1. After a careful consideration of the state of finances of the University, that we believe that the end to be gained, the permanent uplift of the whole institution, will justify the devoting of at least \$125,000 to the purpose of raising the salaries of professors and instructors, who are to be retained, substantially as indicated in the following tentative schedule, and that until such provision is made, it would be unwise to add new members to the teaching force of the University.

The following schedule is intended to be merely suggestive and is to be taken as an example of what the alumni believe to be a fair and just distribution of the funds available. The minimums are, we feel, as low as they should be, and while the maximums are not what they should be, they are fairly just. The distributions in groups of 5's is, of course, purely arbitrary and naturally would not be followed in actual practice. This schedule indicates what \$125,000. will do toward raising salaries.

PROFESSORS. We would fix the minimum at \$2750. and for a professor in charge of a department at \$3000. Forty professors could be raised to \$3000. Raise ten to \$3250.; ten more to \$3500.; and ten more to \$3750. as a present maximum, with the distinct understanding that this is to be no hard and fast figure. Deans, save in the department of law, medicine, and agriculture might well be cared for by a payment of \$250. above the maximum for a professor.

Suggestion 2. We believe the time has come for the Board of Regents to definitely adopt a policy of retiring professors of advanced age and long service. These professors or other officers should, in our opinion be pensioned by receiving at least half pay for the balance of their lives and should be given a title, connecting them with the University in an honorable and dignified capacity. We feel that after the age of 65 all Professors should be considered eligible for such retirement, at the option of the Board of Regents, and at the age of 75 such retirement should become compulsory.

The alumni definitely pledge themselves to support the Regents in trying to secure from the legislature of 1909 the necessary funds to carry out this plan in a larger way in the future. We earnestly hope, however, that a beginning may be made at once.

Suggestion 3. We believe it to be absolutely essential that the Board of Regents adopt a regulation requiring all nominations for appointment to the teaching staff of the University, above the rank of assistant, be submitted to the respective faculties concerned, for their consideration before being sent to the Board of Regents.

Suggestion 4. A definite system of graduation of rank should be established for the members of the faculty, with definite and clearly defined duties attached to the members of each rank, or grade, and that a system of minimums and maximums be established for each grade, and the MINIMUMS SHOULD BE AS HIGH AS IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THEM. WE FULLY BELIEVE THAT A HIGH MINIMUM AND A COMPARATIVELY LOW MAXIMUMS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE UNIVERSITY THAN THE REVERSE. A LOW MINIMUM IS A STANDING

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INVITATION TO LOWER SALARIES IN TIMES OF SPECIAL STRESS.

Suggestion 5. We most earnestly request the Regents to expend the sum granted by the State, for the enlargement of the campus, for the purchase of land to the south of the campus exclusively.

Suggestion 6. We most earnestly request the Board of Regents to follow the almost universal custom of public boards, and hold open meetings for the discussion of all matters of general interest or that have to do with general policies affecting the welfare of the University, and further, that at the close of every meeting a full and frank statement of all business transacted at that meeting be placed at the disposal of the newspapers desiring the information.

Record of attendance was not made, but nearly the whole board was present.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

May 14, 1907

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors was held in the office of the president of the University. There were present directors Mercer, Hoof, Bachman, Booth, Richardson, Burch, Rees, Johnson, and Hummell.

The minutes of the meeting of March 5, were read and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of April 1 were read and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of April 26 were read and corrected by exchanging the word "resolution" and substituting in lieu thereof the word suggestions. Thus they were adopted.

Considerable time was spent discussing various matters connected with the report of this committee, but no final action was taken.

It was voted that the treasurer be instructed to write to the guarantors asking them to settle their accounts with the association.

The secretary was instructed to write to the following members of the legislature thanking them for their effective support of the interests of the University the last season of legislation. Messrs. Elwell, Timberlake, Allen, Milton, Rachie, Rockwell, Helmberg.

The following items of business were brought up and made a special order for the June meeting.

1. Price of a life subscription to the Weekly.
2. Question of postage paid by secretary for collecting data for the alumni directory, about \$120.
3. Shall the college of pedagogy be allowed representatives on the board of directors.
4. Alumni representation on the governing board and the creation of a board of alumni advisers.
5. A resolution of appreciation to the legislature as a whole.

Plans for an alumni picnic were approved and the president and secretary were instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

June 4, 1907

Regular monthly meeting of the board of directors was held at the office of director Mercer. There were present directors Bachman, Mercer, Keyes, Hummell, Johnson, Nachtrieb, Rees, Hartzell, Richardson, being absent on account of illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected by adding the name of Mr. Hummell to the list of those present, and were then approved.

The special order of business was then taken care of and acted upon as follows:

1. Relating to a life subscription to the Weekly - laid on the table.
2. Bill of the secretary for \$110. for postage for gathering material for the alumni directory was approved and ordered paid out of the special fund for legislation campaign.
3. In regard to representation from the college of pedagogy, it was voted that as soon as this college has an organized alumni body so as to elect representatives to this board, such representatives will be recognized by this board.
4. Action on this item was postponed.
5. Discussed, no action was taken. It was voted that Dr. William Watts Felwell be invited to attend the alumni picnic as the guest of honor.

It was voted that the secretary be instructed to correspond with the alumni of the 6th and 60th districts to determine if possible, the present attitude of Representatives Nolan and Wells in regard to the University and what attitude they are likely to take if re-elected and to determine what can be done to bring them in line to support the University if re-elected and to report all correspondence to this board.

Adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

July 2, 1907

The board of directors of the General Alumni Association met at the office of Director Mercer at 5 p.m.. Present were Directors Mercer, Selvig, Johnson, Nachtrieb, Richardson, Keyes, Rees, Hummell, Booth, Gaumnitz, and Carroll.

It was voted to pass over the August meeting and to leave the question of the September meeting to the call of the secretary. Printing bill of the Index Press to the amount of \$34.60 was approved and ordered paid.

Several letters from members of the legislature were read, acknowledging the receipt of the letter of thanks which was sent them by the directors of the board.

An editorial from the Columbia Quarterly commenting on the work of our association during the past winter was read.

The committee on finance was instructed to consider and bring in recommendations concerning the bonding of the secretary and treasurer.

The main subject of the meeting was then taken up regarding the action of the regents in asking the secretary to vacate the office of the registrar. The secretary stated the case from information which had come to him and Dr. Rees reported an interview with Regent Owen.

President Nachtrieb having left the room, Dr. Richardson took the chair.

It was voted that the chairman appoint a committee of three to consider the whole matter and to report their recommendations to a later special meeting of the

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board to be called by the secretary. The chairman appointed Messrs. Mercer, Rees, and Keyes.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

July 12, 1907.

The board met at the office of Director Mercer at 5 o'clock. Present were Mercer, Nachtrieb, Selvig, Johnson, Gaumnitz, Rees, and Keyes. The committee was instructed to see if provision could not be made for an office for the secretary upon the campus, pending the decision of the whole matter by the Board of Regents in October. The committee was also authorized in its decision to request the Board of Regents to make a place in its regular order of business for receiving communications from the alumni.

The following resolutions were offered by the secretary and it was voted to lay them upon the table until after the settlement of the matter in hand, a room for the secretary.

1. Resolved, that we declare it to be our belief that the alumni of the University should be officially represented on the Board of Regents of the University.
2. Resolved, that effort be made, wherever and whenever possible, to arouse the alumni to the necessity of such representation on the board of regents and a definite campaign planned to secure action from the legislature of 1909. 1909
3. Resolved, that a special meeting of our board be held at which an attempt shall be made to formulate definite plans for bringing this about.
4. Resolved, that a committee be appointed by the chair to write to Governor Johnson, and ask him definitely and specifically to allow the alumni to name the members of the board of regents to be appointed during the remainder of his administration, and explaining to him the great desirability of such a course and the fact that in this way he will win the gratitude and support of the alumni.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

July 20, 1907

A special meeting of the board was called to consider principally the question of finance. There were present Directors Richardson, Snyder, Hummell, Rees, Johnson, Moody, Selvig, Keyes, Hoof, and Burch.

After some discussion of the subject of finances it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to arrange for an active canvass of subscriptions. Dr. Rees and Mr. Snyder and Mr. Keyes were appointed as such a committee.

Bills submitted by the secretary were approved covering an item of \$17.50 interest, \$15 for expenses of a trip to Duluth, and several smaller items.

The following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors desires to express its sincere thanks to the Wilson Company, and particularly to its manager, Mr. H.W. Wilson, <sup>for so</sup> generously.

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providing desk room for our secretary.

Resolved, that the statement of accounting submitted by our secretary covering the expenditure of the one hundred twenty dollars subscribed by members of the Fourteenth Avenue Business men's Association, be approved and that a copy of the statement, accompanied by these resolutions be sent to the secretary of that organization.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of the University, desires to express its hearty appreciation of the kindness of the officers and members of the Fourteenth Avenue Business Men's Association for their activities in raising one hundred and twenty dollars for the use of our association in its legislative campaign of last winter.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association desires to express its hearty appreciation and thanks to the Public Affairs Committee of the Minneapolis Commercial Club, for its contribution of \$450 for the use of our association in conducting a campaign of publicity for the purpose of securing larger appropriations for the University from the legislature of 1907.

Resolved that the statement of accounting submitted by our secretary, covering the expenditure of the five hundred dollars subscribed by the Minneapolis Commercial Club and the Minneapolis Real Estate Board, be approved and that a copy of the same, accompanied by this resolution, be sent to both the chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Minneapolis Commercial Club and the Secretary of the Minneapolis Real Estate Board.

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota desires to express its hearty appreciation and thanks to the Minneapolis Real Estate Board for its contribution of fifty dollars for the use of our association in its campaign of publicity for the purpose of securing larger appropriations, for the University, from the legislature of 1907.

Resolved, the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of the University desires to express its hearty appreciation and thanks to Mr. Fred Chute, for his part in securing an appropriation of five hundred dollars from the Minneapolis Commercial Club and the Minneapolis Real Estate Board, for the use of our association in conducting a campaign of publicity for the purpose of securing larger appropriations, for the University, from the legislature of 1907.

The secretary made a verbal report on his trip to Duluth, the life memberships, and the Weekly.

Adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

October 1, 1907

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October 29, 1907

The adjourned October meeting was held at the office of director Mercer, 510 Security Bank Building. There were present directors Nachtrieb, Hummel, Keyes, Carrell, Johnson, Richardson, Moody, Hartzell, Rees, Booth, and Watson.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Upon motion it was voted that the election of officers be postponed until a later date when a larger number of directors were present.

The resolutions laid upon the table at the July 12th meeting were taken up and action was taken as follows.

- a) was unanimously adopted.
- b) The president was authorized to appoint a committee of three to look up the question of constitutionality. *ability*
- c) The resolution was not adopted, but the committee which worked upon the Governor in the fall of 1906 were reappointed and were instructed to see him again or to communicate with him and find out why he had failed to do as he gave the committee the *understanding* he would do, when he was seen a year ago. The committee consisted of Prof. Nachtrieb, O.K. Richardson and Mr. Snyder.

The board voted to approved a letter to be sent to the Board of Regents thanking them for the office space in Felwell Hall.

The secretary was authorized to secure some new letter heads on which should appear the names of the members of the Beard of Directors.

The secretary was instructed to get together all the material available bearing upon the desirability of an appropriation by the Board of Regents for the support of the work of our association, and to present it at the next meeting of the board in the form of a resolution for the action of the board.

It was duly move, seconded and voted, that the present officers succeed themselves for another year.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

The adjourned meeting of the Minnesota Alumni Association was held at the office of Director Mercer, October 29, at 5 p.m.. It was moved, seconded, and voted that the present officers, Henry Nachtrieb, president; O.K. Richardson, vice-president; C.F. Keyes, treasurer; and E.B. Johnson, secretary; be reelected for one year.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

December 3, 1907

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors was held in room 219 Felwell Hall, the office of the association. There were present directors Rees, Nachtrieb, Snyder, Bachman, Keyes, Burch, and Johnson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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In pursuance of previous instructions, the secretary presented a form letter to be submitted to the board of regents asking for an appropriation of \$500 for the purpose of sending 700 copies of the Weekly to the high schools of the state and to a selected list of newspapers of the state. Slight changes in the arrangement of the substance of the letter were suggested and the secretary was instructed to make these changes and submit to the chairman for his approval and then send to the secretary of the board of regents.

It was voted to make a life subscription to the Weekly \$15.00.

A letter from Director Stanly<sup>2</sup> was read urging aggitation of the question of continuous session of the University. The secretary was instructed to tell him that the board felt the raising of that question at the present time would be unwise.

The resolution regarding alumni representation on the board of regents adopted by the Northern Minnesota Alumni Association was read and ordered presented at the annual meeting of the association.

The special finance committee reported progress and were continued.

The following bills were allowed:

The Index Press	\$38.67
The H.W. Wilson Co.	3.50
W.J. Hall	8.00

The secretary was instructed to prepare a letter to be sent to all alumni showin a full statement of receipts and expenditures and estimates of receipts and expenditures for the present year.

The chairman and secretary of the board and Director Burch were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting. Several topics for discussion were suggested, including the Carnegie pension fund and the so called "Sabbetical" year for professors. A second committee ~~was appointed~~ to prepare a memorial to Mr. Carnigie and the board of regents was authorized. The chairman was to be a member and to appoint two others to act with him.

A discussion of many things of interest to the University, including the question of regents was indulged in, after which the meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

January 9, 1908

The board met at the office of Dr. Mercer, 510 Security Bank Building, at 5 o'clock. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Hummel, Bachman, Keyes, Burch, Mercer, Booth, Rees, and Johnson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Prof. Nachtrieb, chairman, announced the appointment of the committee authorized at the previous meeting, the chairman, and directors Snyder and Hummel.

The time was spent <sup>2</sup>auditing a letter submitted by the secretary to be sent out to all alumni. The secretary and chairman were instructed to redraw the letter in the light of points made during the discussion.

The pamphlet submitted by the secretary was amended by striking out several paragraphs and remodelling certain other as suggested by members of the board.

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The place for holding the annual meeting was discussed and the final disposition of the matter was left to the committee in charge.

The meeting was adjourned.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

February 4, 1908

The board met at the office of Director Mercer. There were present Directors Mercer, Hummel, Burch, Hoag, Gaumnitz, Bachman, Keyes, Snyder, Rees, Richardson, Nachtrieb, and Johnson.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. Mercer was elected temporary chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The special committee appointed to see Governor Johnson made a report verbally to the effect that he met them most cordially and gave them assurance that he would appoint alumni - Gov. Lind and Mr. Hovland - to the next two vacancies to occur.

The special committee appointed<sup>at the October 29th meeting</sup> to consider the question of how alumni representation on the board of regents could be secured constitutionally, made a partial report, and it was voted that this committee be and hereby is empowered to draft and present to the annual meeting, a resolution, such, if any, as they shall deem advisable to accomplish the result sought.

"Resolved, that the special committee appointed to investigate the best means of obtaining the right to have regents of the University selected from names presented to the Governor by the General Alumni Association." 4736

It was voted that the question of raising the life membership fee be presented at the annual meeting for the purpose of securing an expression of opinion for the guidance of the board,

It was voted as the sense of the board, for the direction of the special committee, that a majority of the appointed members of the board should be alumni to be chosen from a list submitted to the Governor by the board of directors of the General Alumni Association.

The special committee on resolutions on pensions for professors and the sabbatical year, made a verbal report that action at this time was not desirable. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

#### ANNUAL MEETING AT DONALDSON'S

The Fifth annual meeting of the General Alumni Association was held at Donaldson's tea rooms, Tuesday evening, February 18, 1908 on the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the University. There were 315 seated at the tables and a few more came in later to attend the business meeting. The new tea rooms were filled to their capacity with the most representative gathering of Minnesota

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alumni ever gotten together. The spirit of the meeting was good. Earnestness characterized all that was said and during the dinner hour old friends visited or listened to the excellent program of songs which the University YMCA Quartet furnished. Remarks were heard on all sides complimenting the members of this quartet.

The business meeting was opened by President Nachtrieb who read a telegram that was received during the dinner hour from the alumni association at Alexandria Minnesota.

President Nachtrieb then announced that the Duluth alumni were represented by Dr. Fred Bowman and William Hoyt.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and there being no objections made, were declared approved.

The secretary then read the following report which was also approved.

To the General Alumni Association:

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as secretary of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota:

\$3,080. have been added to the permanent endowment fund during the year from the life memberships. The amount in this fund is now \$7,090., most of it bearing six per cent interest, being invested in farm mortgages.

Last year there were 300 unpaid pledges, there are now 327 pledges. The slight increase is due largely to recent pledges in the last call for support.

There are now 700 fully paid life members and 21 partially paid life members and 327 pledges, making a total of 1,048 life memberships either paid in or pledged.

The Alumni Weekly subscription list has grown nearly two hundred during the year.

The regents have given a regular place in their order of business for receiving communications from the alumni.

\$100,000 have been added to the University payroll for increases in salaries. In securing this sum our association was the largest single factor. This means an average increase of about 30 per cent in the average salary paid University professors.

\$450,000 was secured for the greater campus. In securing this appropriation, our association was a potent though not the largest factor. To Senator Elwell belongs the greatest credit. Without his untiring devotion to the cause the campus bill would never have become a law. In the House Messrs. Timberlake and Allen did great work for this bill. The speeches of Messrs. Rachie, Rockne, Miller, and Holmberg, all alumni, helped decidedly in securing a favorable vote on the bill. All of the other alumni, as well as many friends of the University, stood by the bill and voted and worked for its passage. To all of these men the thanks of the association are due.

The past year has seen a marked change in sentiment among the people of the state in regard to the University. Never before has open public sentiment been so favorable. There was never before assension of the legislature when the lines between city and country in relation to all matters touching the University, were so little in evidence. The feeling of members of the legislature on the day of adjournment was most friendly, as indeed it was all through the session.

The alumni themselves have never been so aroused to the interests of the

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University. This arousing of the alumni and their recognition of their responsibility for the University, has been largely the result of the work undertaken by our association.

The work which has been done during the past two years has only been made possible because a few have shouldered the load. Four alumni have given \$200 each to the work; thirteen have given \$100 each; thirteen more have given \$50 each; five have given \$30 each; four have given \$25 each; nine, \$20 each; nine \$10 each; and seven \$5 each for this work.

We have failed, and that only partially, in one thing we have undertaken. We have not made provision for the permanence of the work. This is vital to the whole future of the work of the alumni for the University, and it is far from being in a satisfactory condition. If the work is going to be done as it should be done, it must be put on a permanent basis by securing an endowment from life memberships or otherwise.

While much has been accomplished, much remains to be done and I place as first in this list, proper provision for the future of the work. No one is going to be willing to do the work that must be done on a "pass the hat" basis. This will do while the work is being started but the future of the work must be assured by something more permanent. An endowment from life memberships is the ideal way to secure this, but it is a slow way and unless the alumni respond more promptly than in the past some other method must be devised to supplement it.

We should have alumni representation on the board of regents; a majority of the appointive members should be alumni.

The legislature is to meet again next winter. Members of the senate hold over. This body is very friendly to the University, but one vote being recorded against the \$1,000,000 campus and building bill last winter. The alumni should see to it that men seeking an election to the House are friendly to the University.

The University is going to need the backing of the alumni in the future, possibly even more than in the past; at any rate, it will always need their support.

The past year has been successful beyond what we might reasonably have hoped. The future is what we will make it. Every alumnus is responsible for his share of the work. A few cannot do the work that belongs to all. Let us all get together and push.

One word more - Any person who has, at any time, anything he wants to have considered by the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association will be welcome at their meetings and will be given a thoughtful hearing. If you cannot be present in person a letter will receive earnest consideration and sympathetic treatment. The board would welcome such an exhibition of interest on the part of the alumni. Remember the way is always open for you to get a hearing for anything you think should be considered. If you have anything to say don't hesitate to make it known,

Respectfully submitted,

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

The treasurer, Mr. Charles F. Keyes made his report and also a report for the investment committee of the board of directors. These reports were accepted and

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referred to an auditing committee consisting of Professors West and Webster, this committee to make a written report to be published in the Weekly.

Nominations for candidates for the alumni representative to the University Council were called for and Mr. D.P. Jones was nominated to succeed himself. The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the association for Mr. Jones, which was done and he was declared duly elected.

Mr. Fred B. Snyder made a report on the state of finances of the University Fellowship Association and the Moses Marston scholarship fund. These reports being sufficient for the information of the association called for no action.

Mr. L. A. Page, representing the Alumni Athletic Association asked to have the functions of that association taken over and administered by the General Alumni Association, and presented a definite and workable plan to accomplish that end. This was referred to the board of directors with power to act. The full statement presented by Mr. Page will be published in the next issue of the Weekly.

President Nachtrieb then made a report which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. D.P. Jones made a motion that the life membership fee be made \$15. This matter was discussed at some length and was finally voted down.

In connection with the debate upon this question the whole question of the best means for securing life memberships for an endowment for the work was thoroughly discussed. Mr. Rachie, from Willmar, pledged himself to see every alumnus in Willmar and endeavor to secure life memberships, and urged that this was the best method to get someone in each of the towns in the state to do the same thing.

Dr. Bowman, of Duluth, told of what was done in Duluth last summer when the secretary, assisted by various members of the Duluth association, secured 41 life memberships in two and one-half days.

The resolutions adopted by the Northern Alumni Association was read and ordered filed. This was published in the Weekly a few weeks ago.

A special committee of the board of directors, appointed to consider the question of how to legally secure alumni representation on the board of regents offered the following resolutions, through its chairman, Mr. Carroll:

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Be it further resolved, that in order to secure this result, we are in favor of legislation which will so amend the existing law as to provide, that after the terms of the members of the present board of regents expire, it shall be a qualification of the majority of the appointed members of said board that they shall be graduates of ten years standing of some department of the University; that at least one of the vacancies on said board occurring in each of the years 1909, 1910, 1913, shall be filled by the appointment of a graduate of the University of ten years standing. That in filling said vacancies the governor shall give due consideration to names that may be submitted to him by the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota.

Be it further resolved, that the board of directors of the General Alumni Association are requested to secure if possible the introduction of a measure at the next session of the legislature, designed to accomplish the above results, and to secure its favorable consideration by the legislature and the governor.

These resolutions precipitated the liveliest debate of the evening. Motions were made and amendments offered. Finally it appeared that there was a decided division of opinion about the matter and the wiser counsel prevailed and the

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and the matter was referred to the board of directors to consider further and to report back to the next annual meeting of the association. The debate on the question showed that it was a live one and that all of the arguments are not on one side of the question.

A letter of friendly greeting from President Northrop was read and heartily cheered. Governor Lind was introduced and spoke earnestly for a few minutes pledging to the University the best service of which he was capable in the discharge of his duties as regent.

Regents Owen and Olsen were also present and occupied seats at the head table. During the evening President Nachtrieb read the following clipping taken from the Far, Stock, and Home, edited by Regent Owen.

"State University Alumni

The Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota is an eminently practical useful and necessary organization. And there is an element of institutional patriotism and loyalty in it, that entitles it to the respect and regard of all well wishers of this great educational institution. The association is composed of both sexes, of a college mother of whom they are proud, and for whom their affection strengthens with advancing years. They band themselves together that they may more effectively promote the interests of the institution which contributed so much towards making them the useful citizens they are. And the influence the associated alumni in behalf of the University is extremely helpful because it is judiciously and patriotically exerted.

If the association were larger in number the interest and activity of its members would be increased, and their alma mater would be made proportionately stronger, better equipped and better qualified to fulfill its mission.

The Alumni Association has an excellent organ, The Alumni Weekly, the office of which is the University campus, and is thus in close touch with University matters. It is ably edited by alumnus E.B. Johnson '88, and deserves the support of every alumnus who retains any interest or regard for the University and is a good medium for all who desire to be familiar with the state's greatest educational institution."

The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting of the Northern Alumni Association of the University held at Duluth last July.

To General Alumni Association of Minnesota:

Whereas: The University of Minnesota now has approximately 20,000 students who are sometime have been enrolled as such; About 600 of whom are graduates of its different department, representing practically every phase of life and activity in the state, And, whereas: The Alumni of the University are the natural guardians of its interests, fully informed of University conditions and possibilities of development, and in full sympathy with its purposes, And whereas: It is the almost universal custom to have the governing boards of educational institutions made up largely of the graduates of such institution, Therefore: Be it resolved by the Northern Alumni Association that we recommend to, and urge upon the General Alumni Association, most earnestly, that in our judgement, it is expedient and necessary for the best development of the University, that the majority of the appointed members of the board of regents be chosen from the graduates of the University.

Furthermore: We pledge our support to any movement undertaken by the General Alumni Association looking towards the securing of this desired end.

March 3, 1908

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the office

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of the association, 219 Folwell Hall. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Bachman, Snyder, Hartzell, Gray, Mercer, Keyes, Carroll, Richardson, Rees, Booth, and Johnson.

A communication from the Minnesota Alumni Athletic Association was presented, and referred to Messrs. Mercer and Snyder for consideration to report at the next meeting of the board.

Bills were presented for approval and it was voted that hereafter, all bills shall have the approval of the president before being presented to the board. The president to act as an auditing committee on all bills, the bills of this meeting to be paid on the approval of the president.

The following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, the General Alumni Association, at its fourth annual meeting adopted the following resolutions--

"Resolved, that we heartily endorse the action of our board of directors in securing the services of a secretary to devote his whole time to the work of the association, and in taking over the Alumni Weekly.

"Resolved, further, that we recognize the necessity of providing for the support of this enlarged work, for which our board has so wisely planned, by securing as soon as possible, an endowment fund sufficient to secure the greatest efficiency in the work, and to this end, we urge every alumnus to identify himself with the work, by taking out at once, a life membership. We believe that the alumni can do no other work that will mean so much for the welfare of the University as will placing the work upon a sound financial basis, by promptly raising the life membership fund to at least \$30,000."

Whereas, at its fifth annual meeting, it was the manifest sentiment of those present that the work should be continued and provided for,

Therefore, be it resolved, That the board of directors, acting for the whole association, does hereby declare it to be the fixed policy of the association to maintain, until such time as otherwise ordered, a line of work that shall call for the employment of a paid secretary to devote his full time to the work of the association.

Resolved, further, that we undertake to raise an endowment necessary to secure the permanence of the work.

The report of the chairman of the committee having in charge the annual meeting was made, showing net profits of \$59.75 was received and approved and the committee commended. Report on file.

The president and treasurer were instructed to draw up and close a contract with the present secretary, for the coming year, May 1st, 1908 to May 1st, 1909; upon terms, substantially as follows:

Salary to the year to be \$2,500.

The association to be responsible for this whole amount, subject to the following conditions;

1) The secretary shall accept the Weekly as an equivalent of \$900 toward his salary, to pay all bills and take the proceeds for the year.

2) The secretary shall make at the end of the year, a report showing all receipts and expenditures and an estimate for the year next following, which shall form the basis of the contract for that year.

3) At some convenient time the secretary and treasurer shall make an exchange of checks so as to get the agreed income from the Weekly upon the books of the association.

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4) The secretary shall be \$150 a month for each of ten months and \$100 for the eleventh month. In case the regents appropriate \$500 for subscriptions to the Weekly, the secretary shall pay over to the treasurer \$300 of this amount, thus making the Weekly's net income \$1,200 to the association.

A motion to direct the president to see President Northrop and try to have the name of Colonel Liggett placed on the Carnegie pension list, if not already on that list, was laid upon the table. It being understood that the president would do what was suggested in the motion without formal instruction to that end.

The following proposition for taking out life memberships was approved, to be used with the senior class and such other cases as it may be found desirable.

Payments to be made as follows: \$3.50, December first for each of four years and \$3 for the same date of the fifth year, making \$17 in all, to be distributed as follows:

\$5 for the Weekly for five years.

\$2 for the annual dues for four years.

\$10 for a life membership.

The following resolutions were adopted, and the president and secretary were instructed to make proper presentation of facts to the Board of Regents at the first meeting of the new board, after the 4th of March.

Resolved that application to the Board of Regents be made for \$500 for subscriptions to the Weekly, to place the same in the hands of the leading newspaper men of the state and in a selected list of high schools.

Resolved that application be made to the Board of Regents to issue an alumni directory this year, our association volunteering to do all of the work of preparation of the directory and to issue it as a special number of the Weekly. The cost to the University not to exceed the actual cost of postage and printing, or about \$750, not to exceed this sum.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that inquiry be made as to whether it will be possible for the St. Anthony Commercial Club to raise \$500 for a publicity campaign for next winter.

The following resolution was laid upon the table for one month and Director Mercer was asked to prepare a form of bequest to be incorporated in wills to secure the end sought in the resolution.

Resolved, that we believe it to be time for us to begin to try to interest rich citizens of the state in the University for the purpose of having them make provision in their wills for gifts to endow professorships, erect buildings, or to establish fellowships, scholarships, or lectureships, or to give money for these purposes while living.

President Nachtrieb read a form letter which it was proposed to send to a selected list of alumni, the principle involved being a short statement of facts and a further statement that unless word was received before April 7, the association would draw upon the person addressed for \$10.50 for life membership and cost of collecting the same. The principle was approved and several verbal suggestions were made as to the form of the letter, which was referred back to the president for redrafting.

The president also read a statement expressing appreciation of the services of members of the board whose terms were about to expire and of welcome and promise of support to the new members. This statement received a unanimous vote of those present and it was ordered published in the Weekly as a statement of the Board.

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A letter of condolence to Mrs. McDermott was also read and approved and ordered sent to her.

The following preliminary estimate of receipts and expenditures for the year 1908-09 was made by the secretary:

Expenses-- Salary of the Secretary		\$2,500.00
Office furniture, supplies and miscellaneous		75.00
Printing, outside Weekly		125.00
Postage,		200.00
Office help,		100.00
Lowest estimate on which we can keep up work		<u>\$3000 .00</u>
Income--Interest	\$500.00	
Annual dues and annual meeting	100.00	
*Weekly	1200.00	
Faculty, secured for two years	600.00	
Outside subscriptions, not less	600.00	
Total balance	<u>\$3000.00</u>	\$3000.00

The \$500 needed for the publicity campaign of next winter can doubtless be provided for through the commercial clubs of this city.

\*Conditioned upon the action of the regents granting \$500 for subscriptions for the Weekly.

A discussion of the question of granting honorary degrees, as proposed to Messrs. Lind and Young took place. A confidential statement from the President of the University, indicating that the matter had been settled closed the discussion.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

April 7, 1908

The regular April meeting of the board was held at the office of Director Mercer. There were present Directors Carroll, Mercer, Hummel, Keyes, Gaumnitz, Richardson and Johnson.

In the absence of president and vice-president, Mr. Carroll was elected temporary chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The report of the committee appointed to consider the taking over of the functions of the Minnesota Alumni Athletic Association was reviewed and adopted. Report on file herewith.

The secretary announced for the president the names of men appointed to the committee provided for in this report as follows:

L.A. Page, chairman  
 George K. Belden  
 Alfred F. Pillsbury  
 J.E. O'Brien  
 Josiah Chase

After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The undersigned, your Committee, to whom was referred the communication

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from the University of Minnesota Alumni Athletic Association by George Belden and L.A. Paige, relative to the performance of the functions of the Athletic Association by the General Alumni Association, has considered the communication at a meeting with Messrs. Belden and Paige, and respectfully reports as follows:

We find that the University of Minnesota Alumni Athletic Association is a voluntary association organized by alumni for the promotion of the welfare of athletics at the University of Minnesota. Its functions are exercised through two alumni and their alternates, who act as members of the Board of Control of Athletics. We believe that the objects sought to be obtained by the Athletic Association can be better looked after by the assumption of the duties by the General Alumni Association.

We recommend that the General Alumni Association assume the functions of the Athletic Association, and that they be carried into effect in the following manner to-wit: that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the General Alumni Association with power to act. That the five so appointed elect from their own members two members to serve upon the Board of Control. That the committee of five elect one alternate from its members to serve on the Board of Control in case either of the regular is absent. That in the first instance one member be elected each year to serve for two year. That the alternate shall be elected annually. That the names of the committee of five, and the members elected to act on the Board of Control, shall be reported to the General Alumni Association, at its regular annual meeting. That the committee of five shall report monthly to the Board of Directors of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

F.B. Snyder  
Charles Mercer

April 15, 1908

A special meeting of the board was held at the office of Director Mercer at 5 o'clock. There were present Directors, Nachtrieb, Bachman, Selvig, Hartzell, Gray, Johnson, Hummel, Gaummitz, and Rees.

The following communication was recieved from Mr Johnson:

"To the Board of Directors of the General Lumni Association of the University of Minnesota,

In accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into with you some two years since, I hereby turn over to you, as representing the General Alumni Association, The Minnesota Alumni Association Weekly, and I do hereby relinquinsh all all personal right and title in the same to the said Association, and I further kind myself to never make any claim, of any sort, against the Association or its representatives in consideration of my action in this matter.

Very truly,

E.B. Johnson

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors accept the offer made by Mr. Johnson and take over the Minnesota Alumni Weekly, assuming the ownership of the same in accordance with the terms of said offer.

A bill of \$31.40, mainly for postage paid by the secretary was submitted after having been properly approved by the president and was approved and ordered

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paid.

The question, for which the special meeting was then taken up viz: The recommendation of the names of candidates for apposition on the Board of Regents made by the death of Regent Noyes.

After some considerable discussion of the general situation and individual candidates, it was voted to submit the following list to Governor Johnson with a statement that the appointment of anyone on the list would be gratifying to the alumni.

W.D. Willard, Mankato  
 O. A. Linde, Marshall  
 W.H. Hoyt, Duluth  
 J.W. Willia and C.L. Smith, St. Paul  
 C.A. Sommers, and L.S. Gillete, Minneapolis

It was voted that a committee of those including the president be appointed to wait upon the governor to secure, if possible, the appointment of some one of the persons named on the list. The committee was appointed as follows:

Henry F. Nachtrieb  
 W.E. Gray  
 Fred B. Snyder

It was also voted that a committee of three be appointed to consider the question of the proposed raising of the N.P. tracks passing throught the campus, and to report at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

May 4, 1908

The regular May meeting was held at the office of the association in Folwell Hall. There were present Directors Hummel, Bachman, Carroll, Keyes, Gutsche, Nachtrieb, and Johnson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected by adding the name of Perry Jones to the list recommended to Governor Johnson for appointment to the board of regents.

President Nachtrieb reported for the committee to wait on Gov. Johnson. He and Mr. Gray had seen the Governor and received assurance that he would name some name off the list to substitute for Regent Noyes.

It was voted that the secretary be requested to submit to the board a list of one half dozen candidates for the board of regents from each of the following districts: Minneapolis, St. Paul  
 Duluth  
 Southern Minnesota  
 Southwestern Minnesota  
 Northwestern Minnesota  
 Northern Minnesota

It was voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to consider carefully what the alumni shall stand for at the next session of the legislature- to report at the June meeting. Appointed were Carroll, Gray and Johnson.

It was voted as the sense of this board that the Northern Pacific tracks

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through the campus should be moved - failing such removal-they should be lowered.

The question of establishing Dutch treat luncheons for alumni was discussed very briefly but no action was taken.

The treasurer reported that for the year just closed there were bills unpaid amounting to \$320.71 and pledges supposed to be good \$328.00.

The question of following up the plan previously authorized by the board of sending out drafts was taken up and after reading a number of letters, it was voted to drop the whole matter.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

June, 1908

The regular June meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office of Director Mercer at 5 o'clock.

There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Hoag, Snyder, Selvig, Hummel, Richardson, Keyes, Rees, Booth, Erkel, Baumnitz and Johnson. Drs. Hartzell and Moody and Mr. Carroll sent word that business detained them.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was decided to leave the time of the next meeting to the call of the chair.

The secretary was elected as alumni member of the Minnesota Union.

The secretary made a verbal report on plans for the picnic on life memberships, the action of the regents in regard to the requests of the alumni for financial support, and on candidates for the board of regents.

The secretary then submitted the financial report which follows and it was voted--

That the Board assume obligation to pay the secretary \$300 which was not received from the high school board, payable out of the first funds available over current expense.

It was voted that the president and secretary send an invitation to Mrs. Pillsbury to attend the picnic and greetings in the name of the alumni.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1908

(On basis of statement of June 1, 1908, in lieu of similar statement for May)

Bills due, June 1st, not including special item, mentioned below	\$392.65
Cash on hand to meet same	56.96
Balance	<u>\$335.69</u>

This includes \$190 collected on the new year and a bill of \$150 on new year's account, thus really reducing the cash item by \$40, making the actual deficit	\$375.69
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Pledges made and due, last year's account, collectable,	375.00
Balance, not counting special item mentioned below	.69

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Due on last year's account, collectable (?) probably not

\$100.00

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The secretary has not received this year \$300 which it was expected he would receive from the high school board. This being due to action of Regents last spring.

It was agreed last winter, at the time application was made to the Regents for \$500 for the Weekly, that if this sum was granted it should offset this deficiency.

The deficiency was due to no fault of the Board of Directors, nor to any fault of the secretary, and the Board is not technically liable for making any effort to make up this sum, as it was not in the agreement.

What will the Board do?

Shall the account be wiped off the slate?

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

October 28, 1908

Pursuant to call of the president, the board of directors met at the office of the association.

There were present directors Nachrieb, Hoag, Hummel, Keyes, Mercer, Erkel, Richardson, Carroll, Booth, Johnson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following report was presented by a special committee and was accepted, and acted upon section by section. This report was discussed and amended and finally adopted in the following form Section 3 being left to the president to frame as to form, the substance being agreed upon at the meeting--

To the Honorable Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota, after a careful consideration of present University conditions, respectfully submits the following statement for the consideration of the Board of Regents:

1) We heartily endorse the action already taken by the Board of Regents in asking the consent of the Governor and the Legislature for authority to make formal application to have the University admitted to share in the benefits of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning.

2) We believe that the present standing tax levy of .23 of a mill should be increased to at least .5 of a mill, in lieu of the .23 of a mill tax and the standing appropriation of \$165,000 annually.

In support of this we submit the accompanying figures taken from official sources, mainly U.S. government reports.

On Basis of Actual Valuation

Minnesota receives 11/100 mills, Michigan receives 19/100 mills, Wisconsin receives 22/100 mills, Illinois receives 7/100 mills.

On Basis of Assessed Valuation

Minnesota receives 40/100 (23/100 plus \$165,000 equals 40/100) of a mill tax for general current expense, or \$380,000 annually.

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Michigan receives 38/100 or \$650,000 annually. This does not take into account the Agricultural college nor the School of Mines, both of which are supported by the state. If these were taken into account the rate would be 29/100, or \$780,000 annually. Michigan is supposed to save something out of this sum for buildings.

Wisconsin received 21.00, or \$622,000, for current expense.

Illinois receives 55/100, or \$622,500.

On the basis of what is now being received from the 23/100 mill tax, Minnesota would receive 446,750, an increase of \$886,750 annually.

3) We rejoice in what has been done toward enlarging the campus and take this opportunity of reasserting our belief in the importance and wisdom of acquiring at as early a date as possible the land involved in the original plan; - viz- the land between the river and Harvard Street.

4) We respectfully request the Board of Regents, before finally adopting permanent plans for campus improvement, to have the proposed plans placed on exhibition, so that interested parties may have a chance to inspect the same, and that anyone desiring to make suggestions be allowed to do so in writing, the same to be submitted to a committee of the Board for careful consideration before the final action is taken.

5) We most earnestly urge the Board of Regents to use its utmost endeavor to secure the removal of the Northern Pacific Railroad tracks from their present right of way through the University campus, and if that should be found to be impossible, to prevail upon the city council not to adopt any plan that will result in raising the tracks.

We take this occasion to assure the Board of our hearty support to secure the necessary legislation to insure the carrying out of any plans and suggestions looking forward the enlargement of the usefulness of the University.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Finances were discussed but no final action was taken. The legislative situation in the 39th district was also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

October 6, 1908

The annual meeting for the election of officers could not be held owing to lack of a quorum. Adjournment was taken to the regular November meeting which was called one day earlier to avoid the general election.

E. b. Johnson, Secretary

November 2, 1908

The regular November meeting and the adjourned October meeting was held at the office of Director Mercer at 5 o'clock, November 2. There were present Directors Mercer, Nachtrieb, Hoof, Hummel, Blosmo, Rees, Keyes, Carroll, Snyder Richardson, and Johnson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the secretary of the committee on athletics, was read, and it was voted that that committee be given notice of meeting of our board so that they may be present to present any matters they may desire to at any meeting.

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The committee on finance made a report showing progress in providing for same.

In the discussion which followed, the desirability and necessity of having a more sure and safe course of income was emphasized.

After some discussion of the matter it was voted:

- 1) That the price of the Weekly be advanced to \$2 for the following college year and that .25% discount be allowed for prompt payment.
- 2) That alumni out of college less than three years be given the rate prevailing at present.
- 3) That the special \$17 offer now in force be limited to members of the graduating classes hereafter.

It was voted to postpone the election of officers to the next meeting. A nominating committee of three to report nominations for officers was authorized and the chair appointed Messrs. Carroll, Hoof, and Blossmo.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the chair.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

December 14, 1908

The adjourned November meeting was called to order by President Nachtrieb. There were present Messrs. Erkel, Keyes, Mercer, Rapeer, Moody, Booth, E.C. Higbie for C.G. Selvig, Nachtrieb, Carroll, Gray, Gaumnitz, Rees, Hummel, Johnson, Gutsche, and Snyder.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was passed over.

The committee on nominations reported in favor of a re-election of the officers now serving. This report was accepted and approved and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the board for the present incumbents. This was done and they were duly declared elected.

The committee on finance reported the raising of \$300 for the guaranty fund and also the promise of \$200 more on certain conditions. The report was ordered filed and the committee was voted the thanks of the association.

The secretary reported the following names of candidates for the Board of Regents, suggested by alumni and other friends of the University.

W.H. Hoyt, Eng 90	J.H. Witmaack, Law 01
John W. Powell, 93	W.W. Folwell
Fred C. Bowman, 78	W.F. Webster, 86
O. A. Lende, 01	F.B. Snyder, 81
M.E. Matthews, of Marshall	C.J. Reckwood, 79
Alex Janes, 02	D.P. Jones, 83
J. A. Kennicott, Law 03	L.S. Gillette, Eng 76
F.A. Mathwig, Law 93	W.I. Gray Eng 92
W.D. Willard, 88	E.C. Stringer, of St. Paul
S.B. Wilson, Law 98	C.L. Sommers, 90
Albert Pfaender, 97	S.W. Burr, Law 92
C.H. Christopherson, 98	T.C. Daggett, Law 00
O.C. Gregg, of Lynd	W.B. Douglas, Ex-Atty Genl.
A.W. Trow, of Glenville	J.W. Willis, 78
Russell P. Spicer, 97	
George E. Perley, of Moorhead	
E.E. Sundber, of Kennedy	
C.L. Spaulding, of Warren	

After some considerable discussion it was voted that the Board name to Governor Johnson the following:

E.C. Stringer, of St. Paul  
O.A. Lende, of Marshall  
Russell P. Spicer, of Willmar

Kenneth Clark, of St. Paul  
George E. Perley, of Moorhead  
B.B. Gislason, Minnesota

The president was authorized to appoint a committee of three, the president to be chairman, to wait upon Governor Johnson in the interests of these candidates. The committee was afterward named as follows; C.J. Rockwood, in place of President Nachtrieb who could not serve, and Dr. S.P. Rees and Walter N. Carroll.

The following were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting in February. E.P. Burch, chairman; J.A. Hummel and E.B. Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

January 14, 1909

A special meeting of the Board called by President Nachtrieb to consider the report of the committee sent to interview Governor Johnson concerning the filling of two places on the Board to become vacant in March.

There were present Directors Mercer, Nachtrieb, Carroll, Rees, Snyder, Richardson, Hummel, Emmons, Johnson, Hartzell, and Mr. Rockwood, member of the special committee.

The following report was received and placed on file subject to amendment to be made by the committee on further consultation. (Report follows these minutes) Mr. Rockwood made a statement of the whole matter and after some considerable discussion it was voted that the same committee be continued to wait upon Governor Johnson again with a statement to be formulated by themselves stating the general objections of the alumni to both Regents Wilson and Rice and to their reappointment to the Board of Regents. The committee to go fortified with specific facts to be used if necessary in their conference with the Governor.

Mr. Mercer offered the following resolution. Whereas we believe that the agricultural department of the University is an important and scientific department, now therefore, be it

Resolved: 1. That it is the opinion of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association that a scientific man familiar with the science there taught should be made dean of that department.

2. That the Board of Regents should be careful to see that such positions should not be used as a mere political convenience.

After discussion this resolution was laid upon the table until the next regular meeting.

President Nachtrieb was authorized to reappoint the auditing committee named last year to audit the accounts of both years so as to have the same ready for the next annual meeting.

The question of material to be used in the legislative campaign document to be sent out this year was left to the discretion of the legislative committee and the secretary.

An informal discussion of the annual meeting was held but no final action taken.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

Report to the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association read by the Committee appointed by Pres. Nachtrieb to personally present to Governor Johnson the list nominated for vacancies in the Board of Regents:

Your committee selected to interview Governor Johnson on his appointments to the Board of Regents, met him by appointment January 8th. We found the Governor very positive in his statements. Evidently he was smarting severely under the late criticism connected with the condition of the School of Agriculture. He told your committee that the appointments that he himself had made to the Board of Regents had always been excellent, whereas when he had been guided by the advice of others, the appointments had not been good; that he had never made a mistake himself.

He incidently referred to Regents Hovland and Smith as his appointments made in the recommendation of the alumni board and they had not been satisfactory; and in very complimentary language commented on Regents Wilson, Rice and Nelson.

He expressed surprise that we should have on our list any one except a University of Minnesota graduate, saying that if we did not present Minnesota graduates, what was our excuse for existing as an organization. Your committee replied that it was not our object at this time to ask for appointments to the Board from Minnesota alumni exclusively. We did not feel that the time had yet come when that was necessarily desirable. Our interest in the appointments on the Board of Regents was only one of many that we entertained for the University. We believed this, however, that between two equally good men, if one were a Minnesota graduate and the other not, the former would be the better Regent.

The Governor criticized the Law Department and its head very severely and showed not only that he was prejudiced, but that he was not acquainted with the men giving the work in the Law Department.

He commended very strongly in contrast the work done by Regent Mayo on behalf of the Medical Department. He was very positive that General Wilson was one of the best Regents that had ever served the University; that he was very much interested in the work of the University and was very progressive and that the Governor knew this to be a fact and that we could have no knowledge about him.

Also that Governor Rice was one of the best Regents the University had ever had; that while it would be to the Governor's political interest not to reappoint him, for the welfare of the University he should like to do nothing better than that. He had not yet made up his mind whom to appoint.

Your committee presented the name of Mr. Lende of Marshall, Minnesota. The Governor said his appointment was out of the question. He made this statement: "If a man is appointed from the Seventh Congressional District, it will Regent Rice."

The committee presented then the name of Mr. Stringer of St. Paul, saying that he was eminently qualified; that he was a college man; had the inclination, the time and the willingness to assume the duties of Regent. The Governor replied, "Impossible!" "If a man is appointed from St. Paul it will be General Wilson."

He volunteered this statement, that he had hoped to have the opportunity to appoint Mr. Fred Snyder to the Board of Regents. Your committee at once replied that Mr. Snyder had always been on our list as a man we should like to have appointed; that he was not urged on the Minneapolis list in our last communication simply because we had thought that the appointment could not come to Minneapolis. The Governor made this reply, that geography was not considered and if he were satisfied that the best appointment could be made from Minneapolis that he would make them all from Minneapolis.

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Given an opportunity to speak about Dr. Folwell, the Governor said that he thought favorably of Dr. Folwell and that if certain resignations had materialized, creating some vacancies on the Board, Dr. Folwell's name would have been considered.

He spoke about Regent material and said it should be composed of well balanced business men of some weight and not young enthusiasts who were easily persuaded that the salvation of the University depended upon their individual efforts.

The Governor during the whole interview was not only positive and "cock-sure" but was evidently "bluffing" and made statements that your committee realized were not as to the facts. Your committee feel that this positive statement by the Governor should be met by a plain, straight statement in reply, telling why we do not desire the re-appointment of Regents Wilson and Rice and urging the appointment of the best two men that we can find for the vacancy this spring, thus taking him at his word that the two best men will win.

Mr. Rees

This committee was instructed to prepare resolutions commending the stand taken by the three regents--Lind, Owen and Hovland--in connection with the recent appointment of a dean for the department of agriculture.

February 2, 1909

The regular February meeting of the Board was held at the office of the association in Folwell Hall. There were present Directors Bloomo, Nachtrieb, Erkel, Richardson, Hoag, Gaumnitz, Booth, Emmons, Hartzell, and Johnson.

President Nachtrieb made a verbal report of progress for the special committee appointed to see Governor Johnson. The proposition to frame a resolution to be submitted at the annual meeting was left to the committee.

The program for the annual meeting was submitted by the committee and adopted with a few minor changes.

The secretary reported on life membership as follows: Full paid, 961; part paid, 197; definite pledges, 124; partial payment plan, 72; total, 1354.

It was voted to send out cards to the Minneapolis and St. Paul alumni notifying them of the annual meeting.

The following resolutions were ordered submitted to the annual meeting:

Resolved, That a special committee of nine members, including the president, treasurer and secretary, be appointed by the chair to take up and consider in a broad way, the question of future support of the work which the association is trying to do for the University.

Resolved, That this association desires to express its hearty appreciation of the generosity of the alumni and other friends of the University who have so generously contributed to the support of the work during the past three years.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to every contributor and be published in the Alumni Weekly.

An informal discussion of several matters of importance was then had and President Nachtrieb read a letter written by himself to Senator Nelson and Senator Nelson's reply--both relating to the establishment of a U.S. forestry laboratory at the University.

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President Nachtrieb announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Legislative: F.B. Snyder, B.H. Timberlake and C.J. Rockwood

Investments: H.V. Mercer, C.F. Keyes, W.N. Carroll

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

February 18, 1909

A special meeting of the Board was called by the president at Mercer's office. Present were Directors Mercer, Nachtrieb, Keyes, Carroll, Rees, Richardson, Booth, Hartzell, and Johnson.

The question of action to be taken in relation to the location of the stock yards was discussed as it was voted that if the question was brought up at the annual meeting, the following resolution should be introduced: "Resolved, that we place the whole matter in the hands of our Board of Directors, leaving them to take action, in our name, such as may be shown to be necessary to guard the University from any possible damage."

It was also voted to give the special committee to see Governor Johnson discretion as to what sort of a resolution, if any, should be introduced concerning the deanship of the department of agriculture.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

February 19, 1909

The sixth annual meeting of the General Alumni Association was held at Donaldson's tea rooms. The University Glee club gave a concert from 6 to 6:30 and sang between courses at the dinner which was served a little after 6:30

The business meeting was called to order by President Nachtrieb.

There were present 310.

The minutes of the last previous meeting having been published in the Weekly were declared approved, there being no objection raised to this action.

The secretary read his report which follows:

This report is confined to a statement, as brief as possible, of the salient points of the past year's work of the association. The secretary issued, almost immediately after the last annual meeting, a dictionary of the University-the first publication of its kind ever issued, which has proved to be very useful. The summer was spent mainly in getting material together for the alumni directory and in editing the same. The directory was issued on the last day of last November. The Regents contributed \$750 towards the expense of this publication. This covered postage and about two thirds of the cost of the printing; the balance of the cost of printing being made up from advertisements which provided about

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two thirds of the deficit and the other third, amounting to \$100 was charged against the Weekly. The change in the form of the directory added greatly to the time required for editorial work. Some of the defects of the present edition can be easily corrected in the next.

The board of directors began early to consider matters which had been brought to their attention and which they felt should be brought before the legislature this winter. After a careful consideration of the whole situation by the full board, a communication, embodying the general conclusions, was sent to the Board of Regents, who gave it due consideration and have placed the emphasis where, it is safe to say, the alumni generally felt that it should be placed. Your board feels that the Regents deserve the support of all the alumni in what has been asked for the support of the University and your secretary is glad to be able to report that up to date he has heard no objections to the program from the alumni.

The past few weeks have been spent mainly in preparing and issuing a pamphlet of information for the use of the alumni and other friends of the University in placing before the legislature and the people of the state the needs of the University and facts bearing upon the same.

In some respects the prospects at the opening of the present legislative session did not appear so favorable as at the last session; in others, they appeared much better. The very important half-mill tax proposition is so reasonable and just that it has fair prospects of becoming law. The various needs of the University are likely to receive the due consideration, but the alumni must be alive to their duty and see to it that nothing goes by default of proper presentation of the facts to their representatives in both the Senate and the House.

Progress has been made in building up the life membership fund, but it has been slow work and at the present rate it will be many years before complete provision for the work can be made in this way.

My first annual report, made February 18, 1907, showed 391 full-paid life members and 300 pledges; my second showed 700 full-paid life members, 21 partly-paid life members, and 327 pledges mostly for definite dates; the status of the matter tonight is 976 full-paid life memberships; 201 part-paid life memberships; and 223 pledges that are unquestionably good. The life membership fund now amounts to about \$10,000.

The Weekly has been published regularly during the year and your board feels that it has grown in usefulness to the association and to its individual members. The price has been increased so as to place it on a strictly commercial basis, that is, to make it pay for the editorial cost as well as the mere mechanical cost of production. Our estimates indicate that the change in price will accomplish this end. Every subscriber to the Weekly is contributing definitely and appreciably to the support of the work of the alumni for the University, we therefore urge those who are not subscribers to place their subscription for the Weekly. If we could double our subscription list we should not need to ask any individual for a special contribution for the support of the work. The steady growth in life memberships would care for the growing needs of the association.

Experience has taught our association how to do some things far more effectively and with less disturbance than sometimes and accompanied action in the early days of our life as an association. Such results do not always show in forms to be credited to our association but they count none the less effectively for the good of the University, and that is the end for which we mainly exist.

The institution of "Dutch Treat" luncheons in this city during the past year also is worth making a matter of record at this time. Four have been held and

the attendance has been 55, 96, 84 and 75.

The thousand and one things that make up the daily life of the secretary cannot be catalogued and reported but their sum total adds very appreciably to the effectiveness of the year's work.

The secretary appreciates and is very thankful for the support of the alumni who have shown a disposition to do what has been asked of them when called upon to do some definite thing. If the alumni would only respond as readily when things are brought to their attention through official communications which are sent out to all alumni, conditions of work would be ideal.

There are greater tasks before us than behind us; the alumni are everywhere becoming more and more an active and vital factor in the life and the work and the success of their universities. We believe that Minnesota has one of the most effective organizations of alumni at present in existence but we must move forward and be ready to assume the responsibilities that are placed upon us and bear our share of the responsibility for the welfare of the University. It is a task which good citizenship demands of us and it is one that we should gladly bear in gratitude to the state which has given us the opportunity to secure an education under conditions so favorable as those prevailing at Minnesota.

The treasurer read his report which was received and turned over to a finance committee consisting of Messrs. Joseph Chapman, Jr. and David P. Jones. This committee will audit the account and their findings will be published in the Weekly later, together with a full statement of the report.

It was voted that the secretary cast the ballot of the association for David Percy Jones, '83 to succeed himself as the alumni member of the University Council.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of nine members, including the president, treasurer, and secretary, be appointed by the chair to take up and consider in a broad way the question of future support of the work which our association is trying to do for the University.

The chairman appointed the following committee:

Dr. Soren P. Rees, chairman  
Fred B. Snyder,  
David P. Jones,  
Henry B. Hovland,  
George H. Partridge,  
Clarence C. Dinehart.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this association desires to express its hearty appreciation of the appreciation of the generosity of the alumni and other friends of the University who have so generously contributed to the support of the work during the past three years.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Weekly and that a copy thereof be sent to every contributor to the guarantee fund.

The following resolutions, presented by the representatives of the Northern Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota were read and received and ordered placed on file:

At a meeting of the Northern Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota on Monday February 15, 1909 pursuant to a call of the President of said association for the purpose of considering and discussing University affairs, the following resolution was moved and unanimously adopted by said Association:

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WHEREAS, There is pending at the present time Before the legislature two bills, one known as the bill granting the University a half mill tax for general support, the other bill requiring the Northern Pacific Railway Company to cover its tracks through the University campus;

AND WHEREAS, It is apparent that these two bills are of the utmost importance to the University and that the passage of same by the legislature will vitally influence the future of said institution and add to its power for good and efficient work,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Northern Alumni Association of said institution call upon the General Alumni Association and the members of both Houses of the legislature of Minnesota from their respective districts to use their influence and votes to secure the passage of the aforementioned bills.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Northern Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota report the adoption of the Resolution to the General Association, and cause copies of the same to be sent to each and every member of both Houses of the Minnesota Legislature residing within the district covered by the Northern Alumni Association.

F.C. Bowman, Pres.  
Charles E. Adams, Secy.  
W.H. Hoyt, Treas.

It was voted to adopt these resolutions as the sense of the General Alumni Association.

It was voted to send a telegram of greeting to the Northern Alumni Association of Minnesota.

The athletic committee, consisting of L.A. Page, George K. Belden, Alfred F. Pillsbury, Josiah H. Chase and E.J. O'Brien, was reappointed.

The business meeting concluded with a few words by President Nachtrieb expressing the appreciation of the alumni at the attitude which the Board of Regents have taken showing larger ideals of what the University should be and do and for having the courage of their convictions and urged the alumni to stand by the policy adopted by the Regents.

He then introduced Clarence G. Dinehart, '99, state treasurer, who acted as toastmaster of the occasion and presided while the following program of toasts was being responded to.

Honorable A.O. Eberhar, Lieutenant Governor, "From the Outside".

Honorable N.J. Holmberg, School of Agriculture, '02, Representative from the 22nd legislative district, "Agriculture and the University."

Honorable Samuel G. Iverson, Law '93, "Conserving the University's Resources."

Miss Josephine Schain, Law '07 and '08, "CoOed Loyalty"

Honorable Frank L. McVey, Member of the Minnesota State Tax Commission and President-Elect of the University of North Dakota, "The University and the Public."

Honorable John Lind, President of the Board of Regents, "University Administration."

Mr. Dinehart was exceedingly happy in his role as toastmaster and by his judicious use of Attic salt he added a zest to the occasion that was very enjoyable.

He seemed never to lack for just the right thing to say and did the honors of the occasion in a way to make his fellow alumni proud of the man and the fact that he represents the state in so important an official position. His little anecdotes were always pat.

Mr. Eberhart was introduced as an alumnus "At sight" and his degree was

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formally conferred upon him by the toastmaster - J.D. - doctor of jokes. Mr Eberhart showed that he deserved the title as well as several other titles before he finished his speech. He said in beginning that there were two things which it was proverbially impossible to go up against successfully - the Almighty and a railroad company - The alumni had shown their power by going up against the railroad company and he was ready to bet that they would win. He urged the alumni to serve the state out of gratitude. With his humorous stories he worked in some telling points. He argues for cooperation in these days of interdependence when the whole world is our neighbor. He called upon the alumni to take an active interest in public life and be leaders in getting the people to abandon their old methods of thought and action and to lead them into new and better ways. He told how money was being wasted in the public service for things of little benefit while the vital things were being insufficiently provided for. He said that he did not blame the legislature but the people of the state who clung to their old idols rather than abandon them for new and better things. The greatness of the state consists in the happiness, worthiness and progressiveness of its people. He pledged his support to the University and said that he hoped hereafter to be counted legally among the alumni.

It was a telling speech and made a strong impression on all who heard it.

Mr. N. J. Helmborg was next introduced. He cut out all humor and went straight to his point and stuck to it until he had finished. His opening told briefly the history of farming in this country, its difficulties and the wondrous strides during the past few years. He then showed that farming is the foundation of all our greatness and prosperity. He spoke of the evolution in farming methods in the past thirty year-especially in farm machinery but indicated that there was still room for progress in road making, animal industry, plant life study, the social environment and enjoyment of the privileges of an education. He said in effect, there are two ways of looking at education-that of those who inherit a competency and who do not need to struggle for a livelihood. The other, that of those who must earn their daily bread and the agricultural class belong to this latter classification. He traced the history of the tiller of the soil from the serf and slave to the freeman and freeholder of today. Education is now the property of the poor equally with the rich. The farmer needs as all other do to be trained in habits of thrift, culture and refinement. Farming can be learned best in the school of experience but the schools can do much to help solve the problems of the farmer. The wealth of the world is in sea, and mine, and forest and fertile soils. Minnesota is richest in its fertile soils and farming prosperity marks the pulse beat of the commercial world. Good citizenship is the product of greatest value. There are no Sleepy Hollows in the world today. The worker who is at the same time a public-spirited citizen is the true American nobleman. Our own agricultural department is one of the best and is furnishing the information, the training and the culture that the farmer needs.

It was a wonderful talk in that so much was said in so few words and the field so thoroughly covered.

Samuel G. Iversen, who spoke next, dealt in figure but figures that were elegant and which furnished the most acceptable sort of music to his hearers. He recited the history of the University land grants and told how it happened that Minnesota was practically the only state that had preserved its heritage. The credit was due mainly to Captain Braden, state auditor, who refused to sell lands which he believed would some day be very valuable. He gave figures to show that Minnesota University is practically sure to receive \$40,000,000 endowment from these lands before it was one hundred years old. He told of the University's share in the swamp land fund which will bring it in a substantial income of itself for the University. He figured that the income from these two sources

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would eventually amount to above a million and a half a year and expressed the hope that the day would come when tuition could be made free to all and the University have everything it needed to make it the greatest and best of the country. He said: "It seems that an All-wise Providence has been watching over the fortunes of the University of Minnesota--Planted in the heart of the continent, its future guaranteed, what may we not expect of the future." We have much to do, however, we must show that we deserve the support of the state and that the University exists for the people of the state.

Mr. Iverson has spent most of his life in the office of the auditor and he knows as no other man the facts with which he had to deal and his enthusiasm made what might otherwise have been dry statistics "fresher than a mountain stream."

In introducing the next speaker, Josephine Schain, the toastmaster outdid himself and before he had finished he had conferred upon her every degree known to the college curriculum and proved that she, as the representative of her sex, deserved it. In closing his introduction he turned to her with a quotation from Heine: "So hold und schon and rein".

Miss Schain made an admirable speech upon co-ed loyalty which had been assigned to her with a request that she give President Northrop "what he had coming." We are not going to print her speech here but keep it for the commencement issue of the Weekly which is to be devoted to President Northrop and his administration. We simply quote the speaker's toast to the President: "A toast to the man who has taught us things we never can forget. Who by his life has shown what loyalty means; taught us the value of high ideals and honor. A man who has been an inspiration to us all; a real friend, a wise counsellor; one whom we love--our own dear Prexy."

The toastmaster then announced the reason why the guests of honor, President Northrop and Dean Jones were not present, having been called to Washington on business connected with the location of the forestry laboratory, and proposed a toast to "The scholar, the gentleman--dear old Prexy." The whole body of the alumni arose and drank the toast.

Dr. McVey, who was next introduced as the man who had something to do with a "certain encyclopedia," got back at the toastmaster with the story of the man who had the choice between hair and brains and chose the brains. After this exchange of pleasantries, he got down to business and in about ten minutes gave the assembled alumni an inspiring talk upon what a University should be and do for the people of the state. He recited the fact that the people do not understand what a University means and gave a number of definitions that are likely to be given by people who have given the subject little close thought. The blame for this lack of understanding is partly, at least, the fault of the University. A university is not the faculty, the students, the alumni, equipment or buildings, but it is an institution that takes in all of these elements and unites them into a homogeneous whole. A university may be a monastery shut away from everything but the consideration of ideals or it may be a part of the world helping to solve the problems of the world and unless it is this it has failed miserably in its functions. The University should assert itself and its faculty should be the leaders in the life of the community and be doing things that make their influence felt outside. What activity connects the University with the world? Unless there is such vital connection the University is failing in its full service for the people. There has been a conflict of ideals and dollars which has resulted in a complete misunderstanding, the University should do its part to remove the cause of the misunderstanding. It should lead the public in education, in government, in all walks of life and be and become a factor in everything that is for the good of the commonwealth. The University should have correspondence courses for those who cannot get in touch with it in any

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other way. There is still knowledge and power to be acquired and the University should be ready to furnish the knowledge for the asking. The University should show the state. He then referred to a number of little matters in connection with the administration of our own University and said, "Is it any wonder that the people of the state lack confidence in the University's ability to help when the University itself does not use the expert help it has in dealing with its own problems? The University should be the greatest power in the state. It should have that power because of the service it can and does render the people of the state. It should lead the people in doing things that ought to be done as they ought to be done."

'Governor' Lind, as usual, made a speech that hewed to the line and let the chips fall where they would. He holds a warm spot in the hearts of the alumni who have boundless faith in the man. He spoke for a few minutes of the University administration and acknowledged that what Dr. McVey had said of the faults of the University administration had been true but he said they were true no longer. The policy of the Regents is to make the University, as far as possible, sufficient unto itself in all such matters. He said that the University had not asserted itself locally as it should in the past and the professors should be the leaders of thought in their community and should stand for what is highest and best. "I have no patience with those who say that ministers and professors should not get into the political game and work and fight for what is best. Do it as your right and without apologies." He complimented the work which Professor Anderson did on the voters league last fall. Continuing he said that the ideal should be that the University is a fountain to which people may come for help in anything in which they need information or advice and should be an aid in every activity in which the people are interested. At the same time he cautioned the alumni to be careful not to stand for the idea of the University as a state fair to be worked about as a nickel in the slot machines where anyone could go and get their nickel's worth doled out by machinery. The University should meet every reasonable demand of the people and should anticipate those demands and give the people a chance to know, not only what they want to know, but what they ought to know. All these things are good but there is still a higher ideal of a university than to be a borrower from the ages and a lender to the people of today. The University has a higher duty to perform, to itself and the people, it should add something to the sum total of human knowledge, it should take steps in advance of all progress previously made by the world. We are appreciated by the people of the state and they are going to give us substantially what is asked. But there are things which the state cannot properly do but which must come as the result of private beneficence and I want the alumni to enter into a solemn pledge with me that they will work with me to bring about the foundation of scholarships so that we can keep our best and let them work for a year or two longer in lines where they can do something that shall really count for the highest function of a university.

He added a postscript by telling of the success of one of our boys who graduated in engineering, Darwin Schuetz, who is now engaged in one of the most important pieces of railroad construction in the country today and then said that it was an everlasting shame that in the city of Minneapolis there was no room for a graduate of the University-they made good everywhere else in the world but were given no chance here and that the alumni should see to it that this condition is remedied. He said the only one who has been so employed for years soon discovered graft and they came near putting him in prison for his rashness.

Mr. Hawley, alderman from the second ward, said:"There are a number of us alumni in the city council and we shall welcome the aid of the alumni in getting some good University men in important positions in the city government."

Thus closed the sixth and most successful meeting ever held by the alumni. It was an occasion long to be remembered as one worth while. Everything passed off smoothly and every word said came from the heart of the speaker and found

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lodgement in the hearts of those who heard.

Mr. Young, who was to have been present and spoken, was unavoidably detained at the last minute.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

April 10, 1909

The regular April meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota was held at Donaldson's tea rooms at six o'clock, April 10, 1909. There were present Directors Booth, Carrell, Erkel, Hoag, Cady, Copper, Johnson, Keyes, Mercer, Moody, Nachtrieb, Rees, Richardson, Snyder and Emmons.

Director Carrell was host of the evening and dinner was served at six o'clock. After dinner Director Rees acted as toastmaster and several were called on to speak.

The order of business was taken up and a letter from Joseph Chapman, chairman of the auditing committee was read.

The reports of Marwick, Mitchell & Co. were submitted as follows:

MINNESOTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
Treasurer's Accounts  
April 2, 1909

For the period from February 14, 1908 to February 18, 1909.

Cash and Investments, as at February 14, 1908	\$ 6,731.79
Receipts for the period from February 14, 1908 to February 18, 1909	<u>3,288.70</u>
	10,020.49
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Investments, as at February 18, 1909	8,650.00
Cash, as at February 18, 1909	<u>1,370.49</u>
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	\$ 10,020.49

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Minnesota Alumni Association for the period from February 14, 1908 to February 18, 1909 and we certify that the foregoing is a correct statement thereof, as shown by his books. The investments consist of first mortgage loans on improved farms or improved city property. The mortgage deeds were examined and found in order. The cash on hand was verified by a certificate obtained from the St. Anthony Falls Bank. Interest on all mortgages has been collected to the last due date and taken into the accounts of the General Alumni Association.

Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Receipts and Disbursements

For the period from February 14, 1908 to February 18, 1909

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Receipts:

Cash on hand, as at February 14, 1908	100.22
Guaranty Fund Subscriptions	1,556.39
Interest on Invested Funds	434.70
Alumni Weekly	900.00
Annual Dues	108.00
Annual Meeting - 1908	59.75
Sundries	1.49
	<u>3,160.55</u>

Disbursements:

Salary of Secretary	2,400.00
Annual Meeting	89.00
Postage	54.25
Clerical Help	35.55
Press Clipping Bureau	24.82
Printing & Stationery	204.47
Traveling Expense	10.00
Accrued Interest on Investments purchased	15.00
Sundries	17.75
Cash on hand, as at February 18, 1909	309.71
	<u>\$ 3,160.55</u>

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota for the period from February 14, 1908 to February 18, 1909 and we certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of receipts and disbursements as shown by his books. The disbursements were properly vouched and the balance of cash on hand February 18, 1909 was verified by a certificate obtained from the Minnesota Loan & Trust Company.

Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

It was voted that President Nachtrieb write to Marwick, Mitchell & Co. thanking them for their generosity in auditing the books of the association and making no charge therefore. President Nachtrieb also reported an interview with Marwick, Mitchell and Co., in which they offered to get up a set of books and bring them up to date, properly audited, for fifty dollars. It was voted to accept this offer and President Nachtrieb volunteered to raise the necessary amount of money to carry out this plan.

It was voted to approve the proposition of the secretary to publish a complete statement of all financial reports of the association together with the present report of Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Directors Nachtrieb, Mercer and Snyder were appointed a committee to audit the bills submitted by the secretary covering the publicity campaign expenses and money received from the Commercial club.

The secretary reported that the Commercial club had pledged two hundred and fifty dollars toward this expense and had already paid in one hundred dollars of the same and that the Real Estate Board of this city had contributed twenty-five dollars toward the same.

Some little time was spent discussing the legislative situation, a report being received from Messrs. B.H. Timeberlake and Fred B. Snyder, members of the

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	Second year	
Balance		\$ 106.74
Fifty subscriptions		1,419.67
Life memberships and annual dues		<u>451.57</u>
Totals		1,977.98
	Third year	
Weekly		900.00
Balance		100.22
Seventy subscriptions		1,556.39
Life memberships and annual dues		<u>603.94</u>
Totals		\$ 3,160.55
Disbursements	First year	
For salary		\$ 997.25
Other expenses		329.71
Balance		<u>106.74</u>
Total		1,433.70
	Second year	
For salary		1,441.67
Other expenses		436.09
Balance		<u>100.22</u>
Total		1,977.98
	Third year	
For salary		* 2,700.00
Other expenses		450.84
Balance		<u>9.71</u>
Total		3,160.55

\*This includes a \$300 deficit in salary of the secretary due to change in plans of the High School Board.

The association has also raised and disbursed \$870 for legislative campaign expenses.

NEED OF CHANGE

The work was founded upon faith in an idea; it has proven, by its results, to be exceedingly valuable. There is no longer a question in the mind of anyone as to whether it shall continue; the only question is now how to provide for the work so that we can command the services of a first class man and can assure him of support that shall not be subject to the ups and downs that must of necessity attend the methods used in the past.

We are all agreed that the building up of an endowment fund from life memberships is the ideal, the logical and the ultimate means that must provide such a stable foundation. It is however, certain that this is a slow method of accumulating such a fund and that some other method must be used to raise the necessary funds until the life membership fund reaches a figure that will prove adequate for the support of the work.

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#### THE SITUATION

The amount needed annually is \$4,500, for the following purposes:

Salary of the secretary	\$3,500.00
Office supplies	50.00
Printing	150.00
Postage	200.00
Stenographer	<u>600.00</u>

Total \$4,500.00

The present resources of our association are:

Income from life memberships and annual dues	\$ 900.00
*From the Weekly	<u>1,800.00</u>

\*The secretary will accept the Weekly at this figure if his salary is made what is suggested in the foregoing estimate of expenses, otherwise he would not be willing to guarantee it for more than \$1,500.00.

#### POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The possible methods of raising this money seem to be:

1) The hand-to-mouth method used in the past. This method, aside from being a constant source of annoyance to many persons, does not secure the best results for the money spent, for the secretary cannot do his best work under such conditions nor is it worthy of an association that represents the potential power that our association represents.

2) By getting some one man to contribute \$1,800 a year for each of the next five years.

3) By an endowment-temporary, possibly-to be devoted to other purposes as soon as the life membership fund will care for the work.

4) By asking the University to assist to the extent of furnishing a stenographer and paying \$1,200 a year toward the Weekly or for some other purpose so that the money shall be available for our expenses.

5) By additional subscriptions to the Weekly--2,000 more would provide all that is needed for the present and the life membership fund increase will provide for the natural increase of expenses.

6) By a combination of all the above.

7) By the enactment of a law giving the alumni the naming of three members of the Board of Regents and allowing only full paid life members or those who keep up their annual dues at \$1 a year, to vote for these members.

8) The President of the Board of Regents has several times suggested the possibility of utilizing a portion of the time of the secretary as the financial secretary of the University. This matter has been fully considered by some members of this committee and it is their opinion that this is a perfectly feasible idea and that it has several very excellent points, both for the association and the University. The only possible objection to the plan being the question as to whether the secretary might not be restricted to some extent in his freedom of action in association work. As over against this objection to the plan there is to be placed the undoubted advantage of our secretary's being right at the center of things and the further fact that he will thus be able to do many things that would otherwise be practically impossible.

The question ought to be decided soon, and it is one of the things which our committee is to decide, whether it would be wise for us to move in this matter at the present time.

While few would question the reasonableness or right of the University's making a direct contribution to the Weekly, and so the support of the work we

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are trying to do, such a contribution might be made through the establishment and support of a University bulletin, to begin as a quarterly and to develop into a monthly magazine number of the Weekly. These special numbers to include:

Official announcements.

Reports on original investigations.

Progress of the University in all lines.

What the University is doing for the state.

Papers upon matters of interest to all University men.

Make it represent all that is best in the life and thought and progress of the university.

Use as many cuts as possible to illustrate University life and conditions.

To the Honorable Board of Regents,

The University of Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Three years ago the General Alumni Association of the University determined to engage a secretary who should devote all his time to the interests of the Association and the University.

The value and importance of well-organized alumni associations was at that time appreciated and acknowledged in substantial financial support by various universities. But our Alma Mater has not yet given evidence of any such appreciation. Surely the results of the work of our Association during the past three years have demonstrated beyond doubt that such work is, to say the least, as important here as elsewhere. No one any longer doubts that the welfare and highest efficiency of a university depends to a large degree upon the interest and activity of its alumni in the university life.

Our Association is organized for permanent work. In the not distant future it will be able to easily care for the running expenses and then be in position to undertake new branches of work including the establishment of lectureships and scholarships and the securing of endowments for various University purposes. This cannot, of course, be undertaken until the necessary running expenses are provided for. To date our expenses have been as follows:

First year	\$2,533.70
Second year	2,777.98
Third year, including \$300 due on secretary's salary for previous year	3,160.55

Our sources of income are:

Alumni Weekly	900.00
Life membership fund and annual dues	603.94
Special annual subscription	* 1,556.39
*Most of it from Alumni in Minneapolis	

During the first two years part of the secretary's salary was derived from the High School Board for services he rendered that Board. This is no longer available, and all expenses must now be met by the alumni. A large percentage of these are legitimate University expenses, and after fully considering the situation, we, on behalf of the alumni generally, request that the Board of Regents appropriate \$2,000.00 a year for the office expenses and work of the association. We feel justified in asking for this support of the work of the Association on the following grounds:

1. The Association exists for the welfare of the University and the State.

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2. The secretary annually answers hundreds of inquiries that pertain solely to University affairs.

3. It is proposed to issue at least twelve monthly "University News Letters", special bulletins of University information for the press of the State. The most infrequent cause of criticism comes from a lack of information. The News Letter will supply the want.

4. We also offer the services of our secretary for anything in the interest of the University which may suggest itself to the Board of Regents. We stand ready at all times to direct alumni energy to any end promoting the good of the University and shall esteem it a real favor if the Board of Regents will show us how we can aid in any way to promote the highest good of the University.

5. The office is fast becoming the most valuable bureau of information about the University and this feature of the work will be of increasing value with passing years.

6. The request is not exceptional. Neighboring state universities as well as others like Harvard and Columbia grant their respective alumni associations all the way from \$1,000.00 a year, toward the support of an alumni quarterly alone, to several thousand dollars, including the salary and expenses of the secretary and a special appropriation of \$1,000.00 annually for the alumni publication.

7. This contribution can be applied directly to work done in the state for University interests, such as the publication of a news letter for the state press; additional work on the Weekly; work that may be delegated to the secretary by the Board of Regents; and definite work looking toward the establishment of lectureships and scholarships in the University.

We respectfully request an opportunity to confer with the Board of Regents or any committee of the Board about this matter, if thereby we can give additional information as to our work and future plans.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota.

Soren P. Rees, Chairman,  
Fred B. Snyder,  
George H. Partridge,  
David P. Jones,  
Clarence C. Dinehart,  
Henry B. Howland,  
Henry F. Nachtrieb,  
Charles F. Keyes,  
E. Bird Johnson,

Committee

May 17, 1909

The regular May meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of Director Mercer at five o'clock, May 17, 1909.

There were present Directors Carroll, Mercer, Nachtrieb, Cady, Cooper, Blosmo, Johnson, Keyes, Erkel, Richardson, Meedy, and Rapeer.

The secretary submitted estimates covering the finances for the fifteen months ending July 31, 1910 and an estimate on the Weekly for the year ending on the same

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date, as follows:

ESTIMATES FOR FIFTEEN MONTHS  
Ending July 31st, 1910

Expenses:	
Salary of the secretary, May, June and July	\$ 450.00
Salary of stenographer, June and July	100.00
Salary of stenographer, year ending July 31, 1910	600.00
Salary of secretary, year ending July 31, 1910	3,500.00
Other expenses, 15 months	450.00

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Total expenses \$5,100.00

Income

University--15 months	\$1,750.00
Weekly, one year	1,800.00
Life membership, 15 months	900.00
Pledges	600.00
Cash	100.00

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Total \$5,150.00

Margin of safety --- \$50.00

ESTIMATES ON WEEKLY  
Year ending July 31

<u>Income</u> --subscriptions	\$2,750.00
advertising, net	800.00

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Total for the year \$3,550.00

<u>Expenses</u> --Printing:	
36 mos. @ \$30.00 each	1,080.00
Other printing	100.00
Four special numbers	400.00
Other bills, postage, etc.	300.00

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Total \$1,880.00

Net balance - \$1,670.00

The secretary submitted the following draft of a contract and a temporary agreement covering the fifteen months ending July 31, 1910.

TEMPORARY AGREEMENT

In order to have the fiscal year of our association and with the fiscal year of the University, July 31, and to provide for the compensation of the secretary to that date, it is agreed:

That the association shall pay E.B. Johnson, its secretary, one hundred fifty dollars on the first day of June and twenty-five dollars each on the first day and last day of July, 1909. The balance of Mr. Johnson's salary for the three months, May, June and July, to be received from the University at

the rate of one hundred and twenty-five dollars a month for June and July for services rendered the University as clerk of the president of the Board of Regents.

### Contract

It is hereby agreed between the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota and E.B. Johnson, that the said E.B. Johnson shall serve as secretary of the said association, devoting his full time, save as hereinafter provided, to the work of the association for a period of one year ending July 31, 1910.

In consideration of service so rendered by the said E.B. Johnson the Board of Directors of the said General Alumni Association bind themselves to pay him the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars upon terms as follows:

The said E.B. Johnson shall manage the Minnesota Alumni Weekly for the period of one year ending July 31, 1910, and shall collect all income and pay all bills and shall accept the net proceeds of the year's business as a payment of eighteen hundred dollars toward the thirty-five hundred dollars agreed upon.

It is expressly provided and agreed that the said E.B. Johnson shall be allowed to act as clerk of the president of the Board of Regents for the period of time specified, devoting such time to that work as he may be called upon to devote to it by the president of the Board of Regents, and the fifteen hundred dollars received by him as compensation for such service to the president of the Board of Regents for the period of one year ending July 31, 1910, shall apply as a payment toward the thirty-five hundred dollars agreed upon as his salary for the year.

It is agreed that the balance of said salary of thirty-five hundred dollars shall be paid in installments as follows: Twenty-five dollars on the first day of each month save October, November, December and January.

It is agreed that at some convenient date the said E.B. Johnson and the treasurer of the General Alumni Association shall exchange checks for the eighteen hundred dollars so as to get the agreed net income from the Weekly upon the books of the association.

The said E.B. Johnson shall keep careful and accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed in connection with his management of the Minnesota Alumni Weekly and shall make full and detailed accounting of the same to the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association at the end of the year, July 31, 1910.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that Marjorie Sloane be employed as stenographer ~~to~~ the secretary of the General Alumni Association for fourteen months ending July 31, 1910, at a salary of \$30.00 a month.

Resolved that the treasurer, in making his annual report to the association hereafter, shall indicate - by footnote or otherwise - the fact that the secretary is receiving a definite amount of money from the University for services rendered. This statement to show the amount so received and the total salary of the secretary when this is taken into account.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of the the University of Minnesota to express to the Honorable James T. Elwell the Board's grateful appreciation of the services he rendered to the University during the last session of the legislature.

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Resolved further, that the Secretary state that we sincerely hope Mr. Elwell will be a candidate for re-election, and that we pledge him our hearty support for re-election.

In view of the fact that there may occur at any time an unexpected vacancy in the Board of Regents, be it Resolved--

That a standing committee of five, to include the president and secretary, be appointed by the Chair and empowered to wait upon the Governor in case an unexpected vacancy in the Board of Regents should occur, and urge the appointment of a new regent from the list of candidates already approved by the Board, the committee being authorized to determine what names chosen from this list shall be so authorized. Snyder, Richardson, Cooper, were appointed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that a committee of five, including the president and secretary, be appointed by the Chair to wait upon the Board of Control and to urge the Board of Control to grant the request of the regents to allow Cass Gilbert to design and supervise the construction of at least one of the proposed new buildings to be erected upon the University campus.

Directors Moody, Carroll and Richardson were appointed members of this committee.

Bills were submitted by the secretary as follows: The Index Press \$20.70; E.B. Johnson, \$30.75; The Northwestern Clipping Bureau, \$5.04.

It was voted that these bills should be paid if audited and found by the president to be correct.

It was voted that the secretary be authorized to make the usual arrangements for the Alumni Picnic on Alumni Day, June 9th.

The following report was submitted by the secretary and was referred to the auditing committee named at the previous meeting:

REPORT  
Legislative Publicity Financial Statement

Receipts:

From Public Affairs committee of the Commercial Club	\$250.00
From the Minneapolis Real Estate Board	25.00
From E.B. Johnson	92.00

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Total receipts	\$367.00
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Accounting:

Postage	\$70.00	
Printing	157.50	
Office help mailing	22.50	= 250.00
Printing and engraving	9.57	
Clipping bureau service	15.43	25.00
Stenographer	92.00	92.00

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Total expenditures	\$367.00
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There was an informal discussion of several other matters but no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

June 11, 1909

A special meeting was called at Mr. Mercer's office. Those present were Nachtrieb, Endeman, Booth, and Johnson. No quorum was present so no business was transacted.

Those present gave it as their opinion that an alumni button should be adopted and approved the design submitted by <sup>engineering section of</sup> the senior class. The secretary was asked to see the other members of the board individually and get their opinions on the proposition and if a majority of the board approved the plans to go ahead and have some buttons made.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

October 5, 1909

The regular October meeting of the board of directors of the General Alumni Association called to meet at the office of the association, October 5, at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Carroll, Cooper, Cady, Richardson and Johnson. In view of the fact that a quorum was not present no business was transacted.

Considerable time was spent discussing many matters that would have come up for final action had a quorum been present. The meeting adjourned to the November meeting, Tuesday, November 2nd.

E. B. Johnson, Secretary

November 9, 1909

The regular November meeting and the adjourned October meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of the association, 218 Folwell Hall, November 9th at eight o'clock.

There were present Directors Blossmo, Booth, Cady, Carroll, Cooper, Erkel, Hoag, Johnson, Keyes, Moody, Nachtrieb, Snyder and Todd.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Director Carroll was made chairman for the evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to nominate officers for the ensuing year and to report at the December meeting of the board, the election of officers being postponed to that date. The chair named Directors Keyes, Booth and Moody.

The treasurer, Mr. Keyes brought up two matters in connection with the handling of the funds of the association. First, the place where funds shall be

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deposited and second, the form of investment, whether mortgage or bonds.

After some discussion it was voted to refer the matter to the finance committee to bring in a report for the December meeting of the board.

The report of the chartered accountants, Marwick, Mitchell and Co, was read and ordered placed on file. A statement of the new system of bookkeeping recommended by these accountants was made by the treasurer.

The question of placing before Governor Eberhart the names of candidates for the Board of Regents who would be acceptable to the alumni, was thoroughly discussed. It was voted unanimously, that if B.F. Nelson was eligible for reappointment when the time should come for the appointment of a successor, that the board recommend him for re-appointment.

The following names were tentatively placed on the list of candidates to be placed before the Governor: C.A. Smith, if he will agree to devote the necessary time to the work, in addition, W.D. Willard, W.H. Hoyt, Fred B. Snyder, C.L. Sommers, Kenneth Clark and Thomas B. Canfield.

The question as to whether the alumni wish to take any action regarding President Northrop's successor was thoroughly discussed and it was voted that a committee be appointed by the chair to wait upon the president of the Board of Regents and inform him that if the regents care for the cooperation of the alumni in the selection of President Northrop's successor, the alumni would like to have Senator Snyder sit with the committee of the board as the alumni representative.

It was also voted that the president and the secretary address a letter to the Board of Regents in the name of the Board of Directors as representing the alumni of the University asking that no one who is now connected or who has recently been connected with the University be elected President Northrop's successor.

It was also voted that there be included in this letter a statement to the effect that the alumni feel very strongly that the regents should not allow the question of salary to stand in the way of securing the best man available for the agricultural deanship.

The question of a testimonial to President Northrop was then taken up and after some discussion it was voted that the president and secretary, act, together with a committee to be named by the president, to prepare a testimonial along the lines suggested by the president, Professor Nachtrieb, a book containing an address to President Northrop signed by the alumni so far as it is possible to secure their signatures, provided that the necessary funds can be collected for this purpose.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

December 28, 1909

The regular December meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of Director Mercer at five o'clock, December 28th. There were present Directors Booth, Cady, Carroll, Gray, Hoag, Johnson, Keyes, Mercer and Snyder.

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recommended to Governor Eberhart was then taken up. Mr. Snyder reported concerning Mr. C.A. Smith that he agreed to give the necessary time to the work. According to a previous vote of the board the list stood as follows:

Candidates to be recommended; B.F. Nelson, if eligible, C.A. Smith, W.D. Willard, W.H. Hoyt, Fred B. Snyder, C.L. Semmers, Kenneth Clark, Thomas H. Canfield.

The secretary stated that in consultation with President Nachtrieb they had decided to submit the names of two additional people to the Board, those of E.C. Stringer and C.J. Rockwood.

After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hoag that we recommend to Governor Eberhart before all other candidates the names of Fred B. Snyder and C.J. Rockwood. This motion was lost.

It was then voted that the list be approved as follows: B. F. Nelson and C.A. Smith to succeed themselves, then the following alumni in the order given. Fred B. Snyder, C.J. Rockwood, W.D. Willard, W. H. Hoyt, and C.L. Semmers.

This omits the names of Messrs. Clark, Canfield and Stringer.

The proposition of the secretary concerning the proposed publication of "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota", was taken up and briefly considered and referred to the following committee to consider and report at the next meeting, the president and secretary and Directors Carroll, Snyder and Gray.

The secretary then brought up the question of what action should be taken by the alumni in regard to the power dam project between the twin cities. It was voted that the secretary take whatever action be thought to be necessary to help in securing a delay of the final settlement of the matter until the next meeting of the state legislature.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

January 25, 1910

A special meeting of the board was held at the office of Director Keyes, February 25, at 5 o'clock. There were present Directors Keyes, Carroll, Moody, Hartzell, Mercer, Cady, Nachtrieb, Ceoper and Johnson.

The committee appointed to wait upon Governor Eberhart made a full report which was discussed and it was then voted that the committee again wait upon the Governor and add the name of Albert R. Moon to the list previously submitted, provided that Mr. Moon express himself as opposed to any division of the University and as ready to do his best to prevent any such division.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

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Last Friday evening, at Donaldson's tea rooms the alumni of the University held their seventh annual banquet and the attendance was not only fifty per cent larger than ever before attended an alumni banquet, but broke the city record which stood previously at the 470 mark. Over 480 persons sat down at the beginning of

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the dinner and before the evening was over the attendance had gone beyond the 500 mark. It would have been hard to have imagined a more successful occasion. The dinner itself and the service furnished by Donaldson's was the best and there was not a single awkward pause in the service. The music furnished by the Enterpean quintette was excellent and the decorations of American flags and University pennants loaned by the Northwestern School Supply company and the H.W. Wilson company were beautiful. The alumni in attendance represented all classes and departments, in fact it was the most representative crowd of Minnesota alumni ever brought together.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

When the last annual meeting was held in this place, one year ago, the legislature was in session and the question of how the University was to fare, was then unsettled. How the University fared at the hands of the last legislature is a matter of history for many months past, and we shall not cumber this report with a detailed statement of the various appropriations made by the legislature for the University. It will be remembered that the alumni decided to lay special emphasis upon the request of the Board of Regents for a half-mill tax in lieu of a definite annual appropriation for general expenses. A great deal of work was done along this line and the campaign was not neglected for one minute. For various reasons the bill providing for the half-mill tax was not pressed for passage early in the session, when it would have been sure to have passed both houses of the legislature and been signed by the governor. The bill was allowed to stay in committee until the session was pretty well along. It was then brought out and the House passed it with a good margin to spare. The bill then went to the Senate, but, the next morning, it was recalled by the House to be held up until the question of a basis of valuation for taxation purposes had been settled by the legislature. The Senate and the House could not get together on this question and the half-mill tax bill was held up until so late in the session that it was seen that it would probably fail if pressed again to vote. Those who had charge of the matter in the House finally consented to a dropping of the half-mill tax bill provided the bill providing for three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purchase of more land for the campus was passed. This bill was brought to a vote of the afternoon of the last day of the session in the House and was passed by a very narrow margin. It went to the Senate and passed that body with a liberal margin to spare. The one thing for which the alumni had worked the hardest had failed to become a law.

It will be remembered that at the last annual meeting a committee, consisting of Messrs. Soren P. Rees, Fred B. Snyder, David P. Jones, Henry B. Hovland, George Partridge, Clarence C. Dinshart and the president, treasurer and the secretary of the association, was appointed to take up and consider the problem of the future support of the work of our association. This committee met soon after the annual meeting and voted after a full consideration of all the facts brought before the committee, to ask the Board of Regents for an annual appropriation of eighteen hundred dollars. A subcommittee was appointed to wait upon the Board of Regents, and the matter was fully presented to the Board. After due consideration it was voted that the president of the board be allowed to have a clerk at the salary of fifteen hundred dollars a year, the president having previously announced to the board that if such action was taken he should appoint the secretary of the General Alumni Association. This was done and the secretary is now the clerk of the president of the Board of Regents and a portion of his salary is provided in this way. It is hoped that this arrangement may be continued until the association shall be in position to assume all of the expenses of maintaining the work. The president of the board has in mind plans that will call for a considerable portion of the secretary's time from now on, and this work will be along lines in which the secretary might very profitably employed.

Soon after the last annual meeting, the auditing committee appointed at that

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time, employed Marwick, Mitchell & Company, expert accountants, to go over the books of the association and to audit the same. This was done and the report of the accountants is on file. This report showed the books to be in a satisfactory state. Marwick, Mitchell & Company proposed to the association to get up a new set of books and to audit the books of the association from the beginning down to July 31, 1909 for fifty dollars. This money was provided by Minneapolis alumni, mainly among the members of the board of directors of the General Alumni Association, the books were purchased, put into shape, audited and brought down to July 31, 1909. Marwick Mitchell & Company have agreed to audit them annually hereafter and the books will be kept in the office of the secretary where they may be seen by anyone interested, at any time.

Since the last annual meeting the life membership has grown to fifteen hundred dollars. The total number of fully paid life members is now 1068; partially paid life members is now 104. The price of the Weekly has been advanced to \$1.75 a year in order to meet the increased cost of printing and also to insure the Weekly paying its editorial expenses.

Several hundred copies of the first number of the Alumni Weekly of the current year were bound in a substantial manner and placed in the libraries of the high schools of Minnesota and some of the more prominent high schools of the west.

The board of directors also approved the publication of a volume entitled "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota" under the editorial direction of the secretary. Work has progressed sufficiently far to assure the issuing of a creditable volume and a probable income in cash to the association.

The board of directors has recommended to the Governor the following list of names of candidates for appointment to the Board of Regents: B. F. Nelson, C. A. Smith, C. J. Rockwood, Fred B. Snyder, W. H. Hoyt, W. D. Willard, A. L. Moore, and C. L. Sommers.

Dr. Oscar K. Richardson, '90, Hon. '93, for the past three years vice-president of our association died December 10th. The board of directors adopted resolutions expressing appreciation of Dr. Richardson's services and forwarded a copy of the resolutions to Mrs. Richardson.

The death of Sidney M. Owen, who has been for many years a regent of the University, is also a great loss to the University and the State. Resolutions will be presented here this evening expressing the sentiments of the alumni in regard to Mr. Owen.

As a member of the board of governors of the Minnesota Union the secretary has had a part in planning and working to secure a building for the men of the University. There is no one thing so much needed at the University today-the women have Shevlin Hall and any woman will certify to the large part that building has played in making the life of the women at the University of the greatest pleasure and highest profit. A similar building for the men would fill as large a place in the lives of three times as many men.

The electrical engineering section of the class of 1909 procured a design for an alumni button intending in the first place to use it only in their own class. They brought the matter to the attention of our board of directors and it was voted to adopt this design as an alumni pin of the University. A cut of the design was published in a number of the Weekly last fall and the pins are on sale for

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Dr. Oscar K. Richardson, '90, Hon. '93, for the past three years vice-president of our association died December 10th. The board of directors adopted resolutions expressing appreciation of Dr. Richardson's services and forwarded a copy of the resolutions to Mrs. Richardson.

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As a member of the board of governors of the Minnesota Union the secretary has had a part in planning and working to secure a building for the men of the University. There is no one thing so much needed at the University today—the women have Shevlin Hall and any woman will certify to the large part that building has played in making the life of the women at the University of the greatest pleasure and highest profit. A similar building for the men would fill as large a place in the lives of three times as many men.

The electrical engineering section of the class of 1909 procured a design for an alumni button intending in the first place to use it only in their own class. They brought the matter to the attention of our board of directors and it was voted to adopt this design as an alumni pin of the University. A cut of the design was published in a number of the Weekly last fall and the pins are on sale for

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principles, utter lack of selfishness, fearlessness in public life, and his zeal in the interests of the people, made him a factor in Minnesota civic life of the greatest importance. He was a reformer from principle and his courage never failed him, even when other people abandoned the cause of progress. The University has in his death lost a valued counsellor. As a friend he was beloved by every one who knew him intimately. The alumni desire to express their sympathy with his bereaved wife and family.

The following letter to Mrs. Pillsbury was ordered sent to her by the secretary.

To Mrs. Mahala Pillsbury:

The alumni of the University of Minnesota in annual meeting assembled on Charter Day, February 18, 1910, gratefully recalling the the services of the "Father of the University" and the sympathetic help you gave him, send you greeting and a hearty God bless you!

The following resolutions concerning the appointment of regents of the University were passed by a unanimous vote and ordered sent to Governor Eberhart.

The General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota, having no other interest in the appointment of Regents than the welfare of the University, deprecates all efforts to have men appointed on the Board of Regents for political, religious or any other reason than those of fitness and willingness to render the best service to the state; and realizing that Governor Eberhart is confronted with the responsibility and opportunity of appointing to the Board of Regents one member for the unexpired term of six years beginning March second, 1910, we most earnestly urge Governor Eberhart to make the appointments with an eye single to the highest interests of our Alma Mater.

We believe: First - That other things being equal an alumnus of the University is more likely to render devoted service on the Board of Regents than one who is not an alumnus.

Second - That there should be at least several alumni on the Board of Regents, and accordingly we urge Governor Eberhart to appoint at least one of the alumni named on the list submitted to him by our board of directors.

Resolved, That the secretary present to Governor Eberhart the above as the unanimous expression of the alumni in annual meeting assembled on Charter Day, February 18, 1910.

At the close of the business meeting President Nachtrieb in behalf of the association presented Mrs. Northrop with a beautiful bouquet of pink roses.

Reverend John Powell, '93, of Duluth, toastmaster of the evening, was then introduced and took charge of the meeting. Mr. Powell said that he didn't understand why it was the committee on arrangements should ask a minister who was notably lacking in "terminal facilities" to take charge of a meeting of this sort but he promised to be brief and simply serve as a telephone operator to make the connections and let the others do the talking. He proved to be an ideal toastmaster and though he said but little, everything he said went right to the mark and helped along the program and to make the whole occasion a delightful one.

Miss Clara Chapline Thomas '00, (Quentin of the Minneapolis Tribune) was then introduced to speak upon "A woman's point of view." Miss Thomas made an exceedingly clever speech and before she finished she got down to hard sense and gave some mighty good advice. In her introduction she said she felt a good deal like the mother who was about to spank her small boy and said it hurt her worse than him. She explained the fact that she had been called upon to take part on such a brilliant program to provide a necessary off-set and she was sure at least that

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it was Mr. Johnson who turned her loose." She spoke for a few minutes upon the question of woman suffrage declaring herself opposed to the same and yet before she got through she gave some pretty straight intimations that some day women would have the suffrage unless the men conducted things in a way to make it unnecessary. She excused the men for not accomplishing more on the ground of the small boy who was sent out in the garden by his mother to weed and said, "Mother don't you think I'm a pretty small boy to pull up this weed when the world hangs on the other end?"

She stated that history showed that women took up the duties which men shirked and that they would not take them up until it was evident that the men intended to continue to shirk their duty. She got a humorous fling at Governor Eberhart on his purported statement concerning woman suffrage and told as illustrating another woman's point of view, the story of a young bridegroom and his bride who were crossing the ocean. The bridegroom was inclined to pose and standing on the deck dramatically quoted, "Roll on, thou dark blue ocean, roll." The bride watched the ocean for a moment and then clasping her hands, cried ecstatically, "Edward, it's doing it!"

In closing she said that in the past men had been able to quiet woman's demand for suffrage by saying, "What do you know about this thing, that thing or the other," which constituted the question of the day, but that now the question had become one that was in a woman's sphere, housecleaning applied to national affairs, when a man put up such a question a woman could answer that she knew all about housecleaning and was able to do her share.

Governor Eberhart made one of his characteristically humorous speeches, trying to avoid a disclosure of too many of the "state secrets" which he was supposed to disclose in the course of his toast. The Governor told a number of humorous incidents to illustrate some point he desired to enforce and then got down to hard facts by saying that he was glad to be known as he had been quoted to be, as good a friend as the University ever had in the governor's chair ever since the day of Governor Pillsbury. He promised the alumni that no question of religion or politics should come into the appointment of the four members soon to be appointed and he also said that he felt certain that "the alumni would feel satisfied with the appointments." While he did not absolutely commit himself to names it was the understanding of all those present that his statement amounted to practically a promise to name one of the two alumni suggested from St. Paul to the board. In closing his speech he took up the matter of future development of the University and the part it should play in the education of the state, that it should be even more practical than it had been in the past and that the people of the state were behind it and would see that it was properly supported.

Mr. William DeWitt Mitchell, Law '96, spoke upon "The alumni and the university" and traced the idea of alumni associations which he said was native to the United States and told what such an association could do to help the University. He said that in a state University the possibilities of the alumni to exert a potent influence upon legislation affecting the University was very great. In a broad and right sense he said the University was and should be in politics. The influence of the alumni he felt, should be exercised upon the creation of a proper public opinion which could be brought about through the numerous influential alumni combined and acting as a unit. He made a suggestion that he believed it would be wise if the organization could be organized upon a plan so that it would be possible to more truly represent all the alumni of the University.

Dean Albert F. Woods of the department of agriculture, was then introduced and made a decided hit in his speech upon the relation of the agricultural department of the University to the rest of the school and its relation to the

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life of the people of the state. This was Dean Woods' first appearance at a large University gathering and it is to be hoped that the alumni made as good an impression upon him as he did upon the alumni. Dean Woods stated that the purpose of the agricultural department was to make country life attractive and farming profitable and to reduce the cost of farm products. He told of a banquet that had been given to the state editors a few days ago at the department of agriculture, which had been pronounced by the editors to be exceedingly good but which had cost exactly seven cents a plate. He told how students were provided for in the school of agriculture, given board, room and all the necessities for the comforts of life at the price of forty cents a day. He told what a tremendous interest he had found everywhere in Minnesota in the agricultural department and in the University. He said of the agricultural colleges in the country, twenty-seven are independent of any connection with any other institution. Of this twenty-seven eight are considered of the first rank. Twenty-one agricultural colleges are associated with state Universities and twelve of these are in the first rank. A few of the best men in the government service come from three agricultural colleges not connected with a state University, but the great bulk of the men who are playing the largest part in the national agricultural life today were furnished by eleven agricultural institutions which are connected with state universities. The reason is easy to find. Agricultural education to be successful must have a broad foundation to be furnished by other departments. In order to have the benefit of the inspiration the agricultural department must be associated with men who are studying the laws of nature not for the sake of the dollars which may be produced but for the sake of truth. It is the duty of agriculturalists to take these laws discovered by the scientists, and apply them to the problems of agriculture. He made an emphatic declaration for the unity of the University and a strong plea for a closer relation of the agricultural department to the rest of the University. He said that in order to get the proper sort of results the University must have men and a larger number of men who are leaders in their line and who can inspire the students to the highest endeavor. Second, the University must have better laboratory facilities.

At the close of Dean Woods' speech, Mr. Powell in introducing President Northrop, said that the alumni had promised not to make this a funeral occasion and that it had been exceedingly hard not to say a great many things that were in the hearts of the alumni concerning President Northrop but that respecting President Northrop's expressed wishes they had endeavored to refrain from making such reference as far as possible. He then introduced President Northrop who spoke as follows:

Mr Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Alumni Association:

I came here tonight because your secretary insisted that I should come. He said that he had told various parties that I was to be here and that some had decided to come on that account and so I am here tonight under very trying circumstances. I am going to retire from office of course in the very near future. I don't know just when that will be. I am not going out in precisely the way that Mr. Casey did who said that he would not do any more work for Mrs. Doland on account of a remark she had made. When asked what it was, he said, "Casey, said he, you are discharged." I am not going out that way. I am not discharged. I have not even resigned for the second time. The board of regents asked me to take back my first resignation and they never got it back again and they won't get it until they have found a man that is the proper man to become president of the University of Minnesota.

I am delighted to hear Dean Woods speak as he did, he is a man after my own heart. I am glad that we have secured so good a man for the deanship of the department of agriculture and take occasion to say that I am glad we have secured

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so good a man for the engineering department as Dean Shenehon. They are great acquisitions to the University, filling their place admirably and will do much to build up their departments. The institution as it seems to me, is now a most inviting place for a young, vigorous, and able man to come and take charge of and do much for the future, with its loyal alumni, generous legislature, and all the state interested in the work. The spirit of unity and loyalty which breathed in every word that Dean Woods has spoken is delightful. The days have gone by for anyone who loves the state to try and divide the institution and weaken it. We recognize in the college of agriculture one of the most valuable departments of the University. The work of this department is as valuable to the state of Minnesota as any work done in the University and looked at in some ways, much more valuable. We desire to have the benefit of the reputation of that college and desire to have that college benefit by the reputation of the whole University.

I received the other day from an alumnus a rather interesting letter. It was a personal letter addressed to me and opened a considerable field for thought. The substance of the letter was to this effect. "What ails your University of Minnesota? Why is it that you haven't men in public life like the University of Wisconsin, which has had a man in the United States senate continuously for the past twenty years? You have nothing to show in public life. Why don't some of your alumni run for the United States senate and try to get the place of Senator Nelson and Clapp and really represent the state." I throw out this suggestion for what it is worth. I do not recall any among our alumni who are likely to seek Senator Nelson's or Senator Clapp's place. I am not trying to push you into anything of that kind but the thought is worth considering. I wrote back to the alumnus soothing him somewhat. He said Wisconsin had been doing this for twenty years; the University of Wisconsin is twenty-one years older than the University of Minnesota and so we have twenty-one years to do what Wisconsin has done and that time will see graduates of the University in public places of importance. I hope it may be so. If the University cannot produce men of sufficiently ability to represent Minnesota and other western states in the house of representatives in Washington or in the senate, we ought to know the reason; whether it is because men of that brand do not come here or because we do not train them right and give them capacity to fill such places. I do not believe a man sets out in early boyhood on a course of life marked out that has as its chief aim to be a politician, an officeholder and so-called statesman. I do not believe in the high calling of men of brains and character to represent us in the national congress and I want the men who graduate from this University, the men who have graduated from it who are large enough to fill those places, to lift up their heads and let the people see them and send them as representatives.

Of course Minnesota was invaded before we got the University started by a lot of men with political antecedents and some consequence from Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana. Those three states have been the nurturing place for politicians ever since the beginning and the fertility, I might say fecundity, of those states is apparent in the fact that while Minnesota has been flooded with men from those states ready to accept any office in the gift of the people or have some created for them if there was not enough to go round, the number of these native born politicians remaining at home in those three states has not seriously abated.

Over in Wisconsin there are only two parties, the LaFollette and the anti-LaFollette, no republican, no democratic, no anything except LaFollette and anti-LaFollette. Those who know LaFollette are not necessarily for LaFollette and those who are LaFollette men do not necessarily know LaFollette. I am not saying anything in favor of LaFollette or against him, I am not taking part in that controversy. I do not think that the question is one which is engaging the whole attention of the country at this time. It is an interesting question in Wisconsin where they do not think of anything else day or night.

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Well now, we have been having a good time together for a good many years and we shall have collectively here a good time for many years to come. There is something very delightful in the relation of the students to their classes, it is different than the relation to the home, church or party or anything else. It is the old college. We have put into it so many hours of our lives and those hours come back to some of us filled with memories of sweetness and pleasure and some with sorrows and trials and possibly even failures. At times it all comes back to you with a sweetness that overpowers you.

Somehow, somewhere, some heart has come close to yours and you have felt a love that one does not often feel in life and that love has helped you to do things for love and duty. (Turning to the toastmaster, he continued) The atmosphere of the college, which is as the atmosphere of heaven, if you ever get there, and I think you will get there if you keep on preaching as you have preached in the past and perhaps will take Mr. Nelson with you who will be glad to go in your company because he will think it safer.

I do not wish to divulge the secrets of the governor but will say that there is no doubt that Mr. Nelson will be re-appointed a regent. Mr. Nelson has been a most efficient and able regent.

We are not suffering in the need of funds. I see several men looking at me now who want money. One wants some for the new hospital. Another wants three or four new professors, and from the college of agriculture comes the demand for men and I am sure they will get everything they want. I see Dean Westbrook of the medical department, new for the first time this evening. He wants a great many things to make the medical college what it should be and to make the new hospital of the greatest use. It will take time but they will get it. The University is rather greedy, the more money it gets, the more it wants.

I suppose you are wondering who will be the next president, I do not know who it will be but I think I could name four men, one of whom it will probably be, and if it isn't one of them, then I don't know what will happen. We made our best choice when we chose President Hill of Missouri. He was my man, I wanted him and have every reason to believe we would have had him if we could have kept still and got his consent before Missouri had a chance to persuade him to stay. We have made one wise choice and trust we will be able to make another but if we do not make a wise choice we will not make a foolish one. Now I suppose this is my last appearance in this annual assembly under these circumstances, I certainly hope it is and I hope upon no other occasion in my life will I be set up before the alumni as an object of antiquity that has been kept going for twenty-six years.

In closing President Northrop said, I should like to take each one of you here this evening by the hand and greet you in person but as that will not be possible, I want to say that I give to each of you my love and heartfelt greeting and this to each and every one present, without exception.

February 15, 1910

Recent despatches from Washington, D.C., state that the Chief of Staff of the Army has recommended that the one hundred army officers on the active list who are now on College duty be relieved from such duty at the end of the present school year and that retired officers be detailed in their stead. The reason given is that there is a great shortage of officers with the regular regiments because over seven hundred officers are on detached service on such duties as College duty; recruiting duty; instructors at West Point and other service schools; aides to General officers; general staff officer; officers on duty with Philippine Commission and at Panama Canal; Military Attaches, etc.

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Last year a bill to provide for 612 additional officers to remedy such a condition of affairs passed the Senate but failed in the House. This same bill has again been introduced in both the Senate and the House but its passage being in doubt it is evidently the intention of the War Department to return to their regiments as many as possible of the officers who are now on detached service. Since such a step would necessitate the detail of an officer of the retired list as Military Instructor at the University of Minnesota -

Be it therefore resolved by the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota:

That it is for the best interests of the University of Minnesota to have an officer of the active list of the regular army on duty in connection with its Military Department.

That to insure this end it favors the passage of what is known as "the 612 additional officers bill" now before Congress.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each Senator and Representative in Congress from the State of Minnesota.

April 5, 1910

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office of Director Mercer. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Cady, Blossom, Keyes, Booth, Mercer, Moody, Johnson, Erkel, Cooper, Emmons--eleven members in all.

The secretary reported progress on the "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota" and the Minnesota Tribute to President Northrop.

The secretary then stated to the Board the facts stated to him by Governor Eberhart bearing upon the appointment of a successor to the late Thomas Wilson. The substance being that an alumnus living in St. Paul would be named to the board and that the alumnus named by the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association would be the one named.

After some discussion of the two candidates, Charles L. Sommers and Albert R. Moore, it was voted to name Sommers as the choice of the alumni and upon motion of one of the minority the vote to this effect was made unanimous.

The letter, prepared by the secretary, was read and approved and ordered sent to the Governor.

The letter, prepared by the secretary, addressed to Mr. Alber Moore, explaining the action of the Board was not approved and secretary was directed to see Mr. Moore in person and explain the situation to him.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary.

May 9, 1910

The regular May meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held in 219 Folwell Hall. There were present Directors Cady, Keyes, Johnson, Carroll, Mercer, Nachtrieb, Hoag, Rees, and Booth.

The secretary submitted a letter addressed to the Board of Regents by Dean James and another from the Board of Directors, relating to the making of

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of Dr. David L. Kiehle Professor Emeritus of Education. The letter was amended to read as follows and sent to the Board of Regents:

To the Honorable Board of Regents:

For twenty-one years Dr. David L. Kiehle was connected with the University, twelve years as Regent and nine years as Professor of Pedagogy. During those years he rendered notable services to the State and the University. It was largely his initiative that solved the question of agricultural education and brought about the establishment of the school of agriculture and likewise it was his initiative that brought about the establishment of the department of pedagogy and the summer schools which are held annually at the University. These are simply some of his more noteworthy achievements, the twenty-one years of service which he gave the state were marked by faithful and efficient performance of the duties of the positions which he filled with credit to himself and the state.

We feel that it would be a graceful and fitting recognition of his services if the Board of Regents should make Dr. Kiehle at this time, Professor Emeritus of Education. We are sure that such action would be recognized by the alumni and the school men of the state generally, as a simple act of justice to one who has deserved well of Minnesota, moreover, this action would help to cheer the remaining days of one who has rendered a conspicuous service to the State and the cause of education.

We trust that the Board may see its way clear to give such recognition to this faithful servant of the state. We can see no possible objection to such action and these are many reasons why it would be both a graceful and gracious act on the part of the University.

The secretary was instructed to redraft the letter of Dean James and ask him to change it in accordance with the suggestions made by the members of the board.

The secretary reported upon the legislative situation in the 39th district, showing a very satisfactory state of affairs and Messrs. Carrell, Snyder and Johnson were appointed a legislative committee to consider what stand the alumni should take in regard to the legislative matters for the session of 1911.

The matter of a program for Alumni Day was taken up and it was understood by the board that the program of former years be followed and the secretary make the necessary arrangements.

It was voted that the wives of the members of the Board of Regents be invited to the picnic on Alumni Day as the guests of the alumni.

It was voted to present a volume of "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota" to President Northrop, as a testimonial from the alumni.

It was voted to renew the contract with the secretary upon the terms of the current year.

It was voted that the secretary be authorized to employ Miss Sloane as stenographer at a salary of sixty dollars a month for the coming year.

It was voted that the next vacancy on the Board of Regents naturally coming to Minneapolis, that Fred B. Snyder be recommended for the place.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

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AMOUNT DUE ON ADVERTISING TO DATE?

Cash due		
From the Wade Company	6 3/4 mos at 7.00	\$47.25
Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co.	6 3/4 at 3.75 25.30 Paid	15.30
Thurston Teachers Agency	2 mos.	3.00
School Education Co.	1 mo.	1.50
W.D. Washburn Jr.	1 mo.	4.00
P.D. Godfrey	1 mo.	1.00
Hamlin Medical College	1 mo.	7.00
Noyes Bros. and Cutler	6 mo.	8.10
Total dash due on "Ads." to date--		\$ 87.15

DUE ON TRADE ADS.

From Jewett Typewriter Co.	\$ 45.00	
" M and St. Louis Ry.	23.00	
" Remington Typewriter Co.	25.00	
" O'Halloran Book Co.	5.25	
" Leighton Bros.	Bal. 2.25	
" A.J. Dahl	Bal. 8.00	
Total		108.50
Less 15 per cent		16.25
		92.25

AMOUNT DUE ON SUBSCRIPTIONS:

270 Year Subscriptions at \$1.25	337.50	
Less 20 percent	67.50	270.00

CASH ON HAND APRIL 1, 1903

5.28

TOTAL ASSETS

406.08

BILLS PAYABLE:

On note to St. Anthony Falls Bank	\$30.00	
Due Colwell for printing No. 27	15.30	
Total		45.30
Jewett Typewriter Trade Ad.		
To Mc Laughlin	45.00	
Approximat cost of 9 more numbers at	135.00	
15.00		
Total		225.30

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Prospective balance 180.78

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1906-1907

<u>Receipts:</u>	
Subscriptions	\$1,468.50
Advertisements and sales	1,057.75

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Total receipts	\$2,526.25
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<u>Expenses:</u>	
Printing	\$1,475.00
Postage	160.00
Engraving and office help	55.00
Discounts, commissions, trade "ads", etc	110.00

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Total expenses	\$1,800.00
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Balance to good	\$ 726.25
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1907-1908

<u>Receipts:</u>	
Subscriptions	\$1,756.25
Advertising, net	480.00

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Total receipts	2,236.25
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<u>Expenses:</u>	
Printing	\$1,129.23
Others, postage, etc.	209.00
Petty	36.77

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Total expenses	\$1,375.00
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Balance to good	861.25
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1908-1909

<u>Receipts:</u>	
Subscriptions	\$1,795.00
Advertising - regular	741.50
Advertising - directory number	201.00
Advertising - commencement number	1,517.50
University	868.13

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Total receipts	\$5,123.13
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<u>Expenses:</u>	
Printing, engraving and postage	\$3,025.87
Commissions	808.75

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Total expenses	\$3,834.62
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STATISTICS

Constitution was adopted January 30, 1904

Representatives on the Board of Directors

Academic

- Henry F. Nachtrieb, '82
- Fred B. Snyder, '81
- Frank M. Anderson, '94 (?)

Engineers

- Wm. E. Grinsbau, '02 (Attended April 21, 1904)
- Edward P. Burch
- Wm. A. Hoof
- Wm. I Gray succeeded Burch in April, 1908

Agriculture

- Berry T. Hoyt, '96
- Wm H. Tomhave, '02 - never attended
- John A. Hummel
- Andrew Bass
- Dr. A. Gaumnitz succeeded Bass, March, 1905
- Le Roy Gady '07
- Thomas P. Cooper, '08, succeeded Hummel and Gaumnitz in April, 1909

Law

- Hugh V. Mercer
- Frank Arnold
- Walter M. Carroll succeeded Arnold, January, 1907

Medicine and Surgery

- Soren P. Rees
- Louis B. Wilson
- Frank C. Todd succeeded Wilson, June, 1909

Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery

- Oscar K. Richardson, '90
- Albert E. Booth, '49

Dentistry

- Thomas B. Hartzell
- Jay N. Pike
- Frank E. Moody succeeded Pike in May, 1906

Pharmacy

- Gustav Bachman, 00
- Arther Erkel, 02
- Oscar Blesmo succeeded Bachman, June, 1908

Education

- Conrad G. Selvig
- Chas. P. Stanly
- Louis W. Rapeer, succeeded Stanly in 1908
- E.C. Higbie, succeeded Rapeer in 1909

OFFICERS

- Henry F. Nachtrieb, President
- Louis B. Wilson, vice-president to November 1907
- Oscar K. Richardson, vice-president from November 1907
- Charles F. Keyes, Secretary-Treasurer
- E.B. Johnson, Secretary, April 1906

October 14, 1910

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association met at the office of the association, 219 Folwell Hall, at eight o'clock, October 14. There were present Directors Higbie, Johnson, Cooper, Nachtrieb, Mercer, Hoag, Blossom, Cady, Keyes, Rees and Snyder, eleven in all.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The secretary reported that the letter to the Board of Regents concerning making Dr. Kiehle professor emeritus of education had received favorable action by the board and that Dr. Kiehle had been made professor emeritus of education.

The secretary also reported that he had agreed to the contract voted by the association at that time but that no formal contract had yet been drawn.

He also reported that the testimonial volume ordered prepared for President Northrop had been prepared and presented and that the picnic had been cared for according to the instructions of the board.

The secretary then made a report on the summer's work, stating that his efforts had been directed along four lines, first, closing up "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota"; second, the issuing of the alumni directory; third, in assisting in Senator Elwell's campaign and fourth, on a report on the question of salaries under the direction of the Board of Regents.

The secretary submitted the printed reports which had been prepared for the regents.

The secretary read the following letter from Dr. Herbert V. Jones, of the alumni association of the college of medicine and surgery.

He reported that he had assured Dr. Jones that the request would undoubtedly be granted by the board when it met and that resting upon this assurance, that association had appointed Dr. Frank C. Todd editor of the department and that already one issue had been published.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the advisory committee of the Alumni Association of the College of Medicine and Surgery held on July 18, 1910, a resolution was passed requesting that the Alumni Association of the College of Medicine and Surgery be allowed a department in the Alumni Weekly for one issue the first each month, and the privilege of naming an editor to supply what material the Association wished to put in this department. Kindly let me know at as early a date as possible if this is agreeable to the management of the Weekly, or what body will have to pass on it and when.

Very Sincerely,

Herbert V. Jones, Secretary

The directors voted to approve the action of the secretary and instructed him to inform Dr. Jones that the proposition met the hearty approval of the board.

It was also voted that in case any other alumni association should ask for a similar privilege, the secretary be authorized to inform them that the board approved such an arrangement.

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The secretary then read the following letter to Dr. Folwell. The letter was accompanied by a copy of "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota."

Dear Dr. Folwell:

The General Alumni Association through its Board of Directors, presents to you this copy of "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota," as a slight token of their sincere appreciation of your work for the University and the State and their affection for you as a friend.

The story which the book contains is, in itself, a strong commendation of your work for the state and the University. Only as we take time to consider all that has gone into the making of the University do we appreciate, to some extent, what Minnesota owes to you. We want you to know that the alumni appreciate now, and will appreciate in increasing degree in the years that are to come, the beneficent impulse which you have given the educational institutions of Minnesota.

With sincere wishes for your continued health and prosperity, we subscribe ourselves.

The General Alumni Association

The members individually expressed themselves as satisfied with this action on the part of the secretary, no formal vote being taken.

It was voted that a committee consisting of President Nachtrieb and two other members to be named by him, should make arrangements to celebrate Dr. Folwell's next birthday.

The secretary then submitted the following report upon the final outcome of the publication of "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota."

Bill for Forty Years of the University of Minnesota

Machine Composition		\$ 500.83
Hand Composition		495.25
Press work		430.05
Binding		871.35
Stock		439.48
Extra expense, small history		135.34
Total bill, exclusive of directory		\$2,872.30
Allowances:		
Overtime	\$ 115.42	
Bessessen book	10.00	
One hundred copies, watered edges, books damaged	50.00	
Three defective books and one stolen	20.00	
Total	\$ 195.42	195.42
Balance		\$2,676.88
Association's share of directory number		375.52
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Total due Index Press		\$3,052.40

Other expenses connected with issuing the volume:

Interest on money borrowed to pay bills	\$	7.50
Express and postage		33.66
Paper for wrapping packages		3.50
Office help on directory		57.76
Pictures purchased for book		29.50



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RECEIPTS

Special fall issue	\$1195.00	
Commissions and loans not repaid	553.75	
Net	<u>641.25</u>	\$ 641.25
Regular advertising	\$1448.50	
Commissions	442.59	
Net	<u>\$1005.91</u>	\$1,005.91
Subscriptions - net		\$2,999.05
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Total receipts		\$4,646.21

Expenses - general	\$ 408.65	
" printing	2037.78	
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Total expenses	\$2446.43	\$2,446.43

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Net proceeds \$2,199.78

I believe that pushing the Weekly promises larger returns for the effort made than in any other direction.

Special issues for the year, as planned, include--  
 Legislative campaign number  
 Publications number  
 Commencement number  
 A 1910 number

And, monthly medical numbers.

Would it not be possible for a committee, possibly made up largely outside of the membership of the board of directors, to issue a letter to the alumni asking for better support of the Weekly?

The secretary also submitted the following resolutions for the information of the board, the same to go to the legislative committee to be reported upon at the next meeting of the board.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association respectfully offers to the Board of Regents, the support of the alumni for anything the Regents may ask of the legislature at its coming session.

The Board of Directors ask the earnest attention of the Regents to the following:

1. The necessity of again asking for a half-mill, or a larger state tax, for general support.
2. Either the repeal of the present law giving the State Board of Control, charge over construction of University buildings, or, at least a modification of the present law allowing the University to employ its own architect.

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3. The adoption of a schedule of salaries substantially along the lines of the report already before the Board of Regents.
4. A request for a sum sufficient to secure the land to the east of the campus as far as Harvard Street.

The committee on investments reported that they had recently made an investment of twenty-five hundred dollars and that there are about thirteen hundred dollars left in the treasury for another investment.

The secretary reported that the present endowment fund at the present time reached approximately twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

The nominating committee consisting of Dr. S.P. Rees, chairman, and Directors Leroy Cady and W.I. Gray, Mr. Gray being absent, made a report recommending the re-election of President Nachtrieb, Treasurer Keyes and Secretary Johnson and the election of Dr. Frank C. Todd as vice-president. A verbal statement by the chairman accompanied the report and on motion it was voted that the secretary cast the ballot of the board for the persons named. This was done and they were formally declared elected. The chairman of the committee gave notice that he expected to introduce a little later, a proposed amendment to the constitution of the association allowing the choosing of a president for the association from outside the membership of the board.

On motion it was voted that the thanks of the board of directors be tendered the officers for the past year for the faithful performance of their duties.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

Immediately after the adjournment of the board of directors of the General Alumni Association, the board of directors of the Minnesota alumni association was called to order and it was voted that the secretary cast the ballot of the board of directors of the Minnesota alumni association for Henry F. Nachtrieb, president; Frank C. Todd, vice-president; Charles F. Keyes, treasurer; and E.B. Johnson, secretary.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

November 29, 1910

The November meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of Director Fred B. Snyder at five o'clock.

There wer present Directors Snyder, Carroll, Cooper, Cady, Moody, Keyes, Gray, Nachtrieb, Rees and Johnson.

The following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

The board of directors of the General Alumni Association respectfully submits for the consideration of the Board of Regents, the proposition to name two of the streets on the new campus after Messrs. Rockwood and Elwell. Mr. Rockwood deserves this recognition for having originated the movement to secure a greater campus and for having kept the movement alive until it became generally recognized as deserving of the hearty support of all friends of the University.

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Mr. Elwell, as senator, was chiefly responsible for the securing the passage of the act providing funds for the purchase of the additional land that has been added to the campus. We would suggest that the street extending south from the Academic Hall be named Rockwood and street running parallel with Washington street next south of that street be named Elwell.

The following resolution was referred to Mr. Keyes for examination and report concerning its legality, Mr. Keyes to report at a later meeting.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association submit an amendment to article III, section I, of the constitution of the association, to be voted upon at the annual meeting to be held on the 17th of next February, providing that the President and vice-president of the association may be elected from the membership of the association and not be confined to the membership of the Board, as at present.

The section as amended will read -  
Article III - Officers

Section I. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Board of Directors who shall elect from the members of the association a President, Vice-president, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall by virtue of such election become ex-officio members of the Board of Directors, if not already members of said Board.

At this point Mr. Joseph Chapman of the State Bankers Association was introduced and talked for a half an hour upon what the bankers had been doing for agricultural education in Minnesota and the program they had in mind for the coming session of the legislature. At the close of Mr. Chapman's talk a number of questions were asked and a number of points brought up by his talk were discussed.

The following resolution was presented and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association respectfully offers to the Board of Regents, the cooperation and support of the alumni to the end that what is needed for the proper care and development of the University may be secured from the legislature at its coming session.

The Board of Directors ask the earnest attention of the Board of Regents to the following:

1. The necessity of again asking for a half-mill, or a larger state tax, for general support.
2. Either the repeal of the present law giving the State Board of Control, charge over construction of University buildings, or, at least a modification of the present law allowing the University to employ its own architect.
3. The adoption of a schedule of salaries substantially along the line of the report already before the Board of Regents.
4. The demand made by the State Bankers Association for a larger expenditure of money by the State for practical education and use of money in the Department of Agriculture at the University and for the state at large.

It was voted to hold the annual meeting on Thursday evening, February 16.

The meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

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January 3, 1911

The regular January meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of the Association, 219 Folwell Hall, at eight o'clock. There were present Directors Hoag, Johnson, Nachtrieb, Cooper, Todd, Carroll, Blossom, Gray, Rees and Snyder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The amendment to the constitution submitted to the previous meeting which was referred to Director Keyes for investigation as to its legality, was taken up and on a favorable report from Director Keyes was approved to be submitted to the annual meeting.

The committee on the Folwell Tribute made a report and submitted two drafts of the address to Dr. Folwell. The board voted to approve the draft in the form as changed by Professor Hutchinson, with the understanding that the committee might make a few minor changes verbally suggested by the committee.

Mr. L. A. Page of the athletic committee was present and made a report upon the activities of that committee and answered numerous questions asked him by members of the Board. No definite action was taken by the Board.

The discussion of the details of the annual meeting followed and it was voted to make the price \$1.50 a plate for the banquet. The program was settled by naming President Elect Vincent, President Northrop, Mr. Rockwood and Miss Gratia Countryman, speakers: the music to be furnished by a male quartette and the president and secretary were instructed to see that printed copies of Minnesota's songs were at the tables and that some one was prepared to lead in the singing. They were also instructed to prepare a short statement showing what the Association has done and what its plans are for the future, to be placed by each plate.

It was voted to authorize the secretary to purchase a new typewriter machine at an expense not to exceed \$67.50.

The following bill prepared by Director Snyder was approved and voted introduced to both houses of the legislature.

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE "UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. The "University of Minnesota" shall at, or about, the time it makes its report to the Governor in December of each year next before the meeting of the Legislature, file with the State Board of Control plans and specifications for all necessary buildings and improvements for which appropriations are or will be asked. Such plans and specifications shall not be changed or altered by the State Board of Control without the consent of the "University of Minnesota". The State Board of Control shall let all contracts for the construction of buildings and improvements and supervise their construction, but the "University of Minnesota" shall have the exclusive power to plan and to locate all buildings and improvements and to employ the architect therefor.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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It was voted that a committee of the Board be named to call upon the State Board of Control and use the influence of the alumni to secure the carrying out of the terms of the following resolution of the Board of Regents.

Whereas, the board made a contract with Cass Gilber, dated June 9, 1909, which contains a provision as follows:

"The board of regents commits itself faithfully to use its good offices to secure for the said Gilbert the commission to design one or more of the new buildings immediately to be erected, in order that he may properly establish this type of architecture," and whereas, promptly thereafter this board by a committee in good faith did comply with said provision, but the board of control could not then employ said Gilbert; And, whereas, said Gilbert now desires formal action in compliance with said provision of said agreement, now therefore be it resolved that this board now use its good offices to secure for said Gilbert the commission to design one or more of the new buildings immediately to be erected, in order that he may properly establish the type of architecture.

The chairman announced Messrs Todd, Carroll and Mercer as such committee.

The chairman also named Mr. Rockwood as a member of the legislative committee in place of Dr. O.K. Richardson, deceased.

The secretary presented the correspondence between the association and President Elect Vincent and also a statement concerning the request of the Board of Regents for appropriations from the present legislature and a statement concerning the Northrop Tribute proposition.

Meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

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Last Thursday evening the alumni, to the number of 511, sat down at the tables in Donaldson's Tea Rooms, completely filling the large room. The rooms were beautifully decorated and everyone was in holiday mood and more real University enthusiasm was shown in that meeting than has ever been shown in any other meeting of the alumni in the history of the University. A group of men who have graduated since 1900 got together and led in some concerted cheering which added to the enthusiasm of the occasion. The music was furnished by the faculty quartet, composed of Professors Zelner, Grant, Mowry and French, with Professor Scott as pianist, and an orchestra furnished music while the crowd was gathering and during the early part of the dinner. The rooms were crowded to their utmost capacity and at the close of the dinner a part of the tables were removed and two hundred additional alumni were admitted and camp chairs were brought in. So that when the business meeting began there were seven hundred alumni of the University gathered in the room to take part in the proceedings.

The formal business was transacted in short order. The minutes of the previous meeting, having been printed in the Weekly were declared, approved, there being no objections raised. The report of the Board of Directors was printed in the Weekly of February 13th.

#### THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The past year has been steady progress in the work of the Association. While the growth in life memberships has not been what we should have liked to have seen, some progress has been made as the following figures will indicate. When we met in this place a year ago our life membership list was 1172. 55 members have been added during the year making a total number enrolled as life members at the

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present of 1227.

The increase in the subscription price of the Weekly did not result the first year, as had been expected, in any very marked decrease in the number of subscribers. The new schedule seems to have had considerable effect, however, during the year closing tonight. About 150 subscribers discontinued their subscription to the Weekly. Special effort, however, has been made to increase the number of new subscribers and about 250 have been added to the list making a net gain for the year of approximately 100 new subscribers. A campaign to secure subscribers from the present senior class of the University has been begun and something like 60 new subscribers have already been secured. This undoubtedly will be doubled before commencement day, making the progress of the Weekly for this year fairly satisfactory.

In connection with the Weekly attention should be called to one new feature. At the request of the Alumni Association of the College of Medicine and Surgery, that association was given the privilege of editing a department in the first number of the Weekly of each month. The first number was published in October and one has been published each month since. This has already resulted in arousing greater interest along the medical alumni in the Weekly and has undoubtedly resulted in arousing the interest of more medical alumni in the University.

Two or three features of the year's work deserve special mention. It was thought best to do something to mark the close of the administration of President Northrop. It was decided that it would be well to issue a history of the University, bringing the same down to the close of President Northrop's administration. It was felt that we were sufficiently near the original sources of the history to be able to determine with a fair degree of accuracy the facts and to have the benefit of word-of-mouth information from those who participated in the events which helped to make the University what it is today. This history was compiled and issued as a subscription book and all expenses have been met. About 300 copies of a reprint of a part of this volume, the history part alone, are on hand and will bring into the association ultimately about \$1,000 net over all expenses. A copy of this history, specially bound and containing an engrossed hand illuminated address to President Northrop was prepared and presented to him on alumni day of 1910. The first six months of last year were largely devoted by the secretary to the preparation and issuing of this volume.

Another matter that has engaged the attention of the secretary of the association, who is the alumni representative on the Board of Governors of the Minnesota Union, has been the movement to secure the erection of a men's building upon the campus as a Minnesota tribute to President Northrop to be known as the Cyrus Northrop building. After many consultations with various parties and following the best advice obtainable, the movement was launched shortly after the meeting of a year ago. The secretary has devoted a great deal of time to promoting this movement which now promises an early and successful outcome.

The secretary is also clerk of the president of the board of regents and under the direction of the salary committee of the board he has made a very thorough study of the question of proper salaries for University professors at Minnesota. This study extended over material from many sources. The report was submitted to the board of regents some months ago and was again referred back for further information and in its final form is now in the hands of the salary committee of the board. This report has been submitted to a considerable number of leading educators of the country and has been pronounced an exceedingly valuable and able presentation of the subject.

Senator Elwell who rendered such notable service to the University during his term of office in the state senate, at the earnest solicitation of friends

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of the university, consented to become a candidate for re-election. It was discovered quite early that there was another candidate in the field who was making a very vigorous effort to secure the nomination to this position and it was felt to be necessary that the secretary should devote time to doing what he could to secure the re-nomination and re-election of Senator Elwell to the senate. For something like five months the secretary spent a great deal of time and effort in making sure of the re-nomination and re-election of Mr. Elwell. When the primaries were held it was found that Mr. Elwell had something like 500 votes to spare. His election was assured and when the election was held it was found that he had practically two votes to one of his opponent. Mr. Elwell is beginning his second term in the senate, and those who have kept in touch with affairs before expect to see, as a result, the needs of the University receive fair and full consideration and generous treatment.

Mr. Kunze, a graduate of the class of 1897 and at one time an instructor in chemistry in the University, was elected to the house from the University district. in the house, although not a University man, is a warm friend and supporter of the University and an able legislative worker. Taken as a whole the University the University district has never been more ably represented in the legislature.

In addition to these major things which have engaged the attention of your board of directors, a vast number of smaller matters of lesser importance have been handled through the secretary and innumerable requests for information about the University and letters relating to University matters have been answered and the secretary has at all times held himself in readiness to make himself useful in any way possible in promoting the interests of the University.

The year's work has been most satisfactory to the members of the board and we trust to the alumni generally. Our Association has given good excuse for its existence up to the present time and we believe that there is an even greater service for it to render in the future than it has rendered in the past.

One thing in particular is worth noting in this report and that is the fact that our Association has come through the present year meeting all its expenses and has not been obliged to call on any one for special contributions. This is the first year in the history of the organization that this has been accomplished. If the copies of the history still on hand in the Association are disposed of during the coming year we shall probably be able to report a year hence a similar state of affairs. But one thing is certain, the alumni should for their own sakes and for the sake of the University, become more generally subscribers to the Weekly and life members of the General Alumni Association. There can be no doubt whatever that the effectiveness of the work of the Association would be greatly enhanced if more alumni would take an interest in the work by becoming subscribers to the Weekly. Each new subscriber to the Weekly adds a definite and appreciable amount to the sum available for the work of the Association. We trust that the alumni generally will feel their personal responsibility for this work and will support it at least to the extent of becoming subscribers to the Weekly for two reasons. First, because each new subscriber to the Weekly means another center of intelligent interest in the University and second, because each subscriber to the Weekly adds an appreciable amount to the available support of the work of the Association.

Another matter than has engaged the attention of our board is the celebration of the seventy eighth birthday of Dr. William Watts Folwell, first president of the University. As most of alumni know, letters were sent out to all graduates of the college of science, literature and the arts up to and including the class of 1907 and all graduates of the college of engineering up to and including the class of 1900. These letters told the alumni of the plan that had been formulated for fittingly celebrating the occasion of the seventy-eighth birthday of Dr. Folwell and asking such alumni as felt in their hearts to

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respond, to write a personal letter to Dr. Folwell expressing their approval of the sentiments of the address formulated by the board of directors and their approval of the sentiments of the address formulated by the board of directors and also their own appreciation of the services of Dr. Folwell. 2700 letters were sent out and 500 replies have been received, doubtless a considerable number more will be received. Many of these letters represent a number of people and a number of them represent associations with a membership of several hundred, so that all together at least 1200 individuals are specially represented in the tribute to Dr. Folwell and the address itself of course was presented to him in the name of our association.

As Dr. Folwell was to be in Washington on his birthday, February 14, arrangements were made with the Association at Washington to present the address and the letters. This arrangement was carried out and the address was presented last Tuesday by the Association at Washington, D.C..

The expense of these letters and the preparation of the address and the bound volume approximated \$175. The income from contributions made by those sending in letters, was about \$280, leaving a balance of \$105. It seemed wise to our board of directors to undertake to secure and place in Folwell Hall a tablet reciting the fact that the building was named in honor of William Watts Folwell, first president of the University and also some of the more notable services of Dr. Folwell to the University. This tablet will cost about \$300. The additional expense, about \$200 will be made up by volunteer contributions from the alumni. Any alumnus who would like to have a part in this is requested to send his contribution to the secretary of the Association.

The report of the treasurer of the association which had been audited by Marwick, Mitchell & Co., chartered accountants, was accepted and adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
Marwick, Mitchell and Co.

February 10, 1911

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

For the year ended July 31, 1910

Income:

Interest on Investments:

Amount received	\$ 672.80
Less due to prior period	<u>343.03</u>
	<u>329.77</u>

Due or Accrued to July 31, 1910 and unpaid	284.08
Commissions, etc.	<u>12.00</u>
	<u>625.85</u>

Subscriptions to Guarantee Fund:

Amount received to date	120.00
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Annual dues:

Amount received	119.00
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Forty Years Account:

Amount received	250.00
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Alumni Weekly:

Subscriptions received	<u>2050.00</u>
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\$3164.85

Expenditure:

Clerical Help	698.95
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Secretary's salary	2000.00
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Stationery	27.80
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Audit fee	\$ 50.00
Press Clipping Bureau	73.87
Miscellaneous	39.65
Postage	<u>72.50</u>
	2962.77
Balance carried to General Statement	<u>202.08</u>
	\$3164.85

GENERAL STATEMENT  
As at July 31, 1910

Assets

Life Membership Fund:	
Investments	\$7,850.00
Balance with St. Anthony Falls Bank	<u>3,860.99</u>
	11,710.99
Interest Account:	
Amount due or accrued unpaid at this date	284.08
Bank Account:	
Balance with Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.	235.81
Furniture	<u>24.30</u>
	\$12,255.18

Liabilities

Life Membership Fund:	
Amount received to July 31, 1910	11,710.99
Income account:	
As per last General Statement July, 1909	342.11
Added per Income Account for year ended July 31, 1910	<u>202.08</u>
	\$12,255.18

By order of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association the following statement is made.

In addition to the salary specified in the foregoing report the secretary of the Association draws a salary of \$1,500 from the University for services as clerk of the president of the Board of Regents.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT

General Alumni Association:	
Receipts - Aug. 1 to Feb. 13	\$1,621.36
Payments - Aug. 1 to Feb. 13	<u>1,510.24</u>
Balance in bank	\$111.12

C.F. Keyes, Treasurer

The amendment to the constitution providing that the board of directors might select the president or vice-president of the Association from outside the membership of the board itself, such officers to become ex-officio members of the board, was adopted without a dissenting vote.

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I have been given the delightful privilege of expressing your welcome to two other guests who have not yet been mentioned, Mrs. Northrop and Mrs. Vincent. I wish that I might have a silver tongue or a voice of music that I might be a fitting instrument to express the love, the respect, and the warm welcome which I know is in the hearts of all you toward these two women who are nearest to University life. How much they may be the power behind the throne or the divinity that shapes his ends, neither of these notable men will probably ever tell us, but that they are in his confidence we may take for granted and that they share his responsibilities, their responsibilities, we know.

So I speak for this assembled body of alumni and say to you, Mrs. Northrop and Mrs. Vincent, that there is no one in this room more warmly welcomed than yourselves and no one whose presence is such a gracious honor to us.

I read that quotation, "Warriors and statesmen have their meed of praise, and what they do, or suffer, men record," that is all true. "But the long sacrifice of woman's days passes without a thought, without a word." Now I wonder if that is true. It might have been true once, but we have learned to "speak for ourselves John." If we have any sacrifices you will hear all about them. A body of us went yesterday to see Governor Eberhart and made a brief but most delightful call upon the legislature.

Of course, all men and women have their long sacrificing days at time, days that go unrecorded and labors that go unrewarded, and I want to say here and now that we would like to record our appreciation of the helpfulness, the friendliness and hospitality to the student body which these two women have always given. The one we know through experience and the other we know of through swift winged rumour.

Mrs. Northrop allow me to present to you as a token of the loyalty of this alumni body this beautiful bouquet of roses. For twenty-seven years you have been Mrs. President and now you are going to be Mrs. President Emeritus, a distinction without a difference to us. We hope that you may keep us long in your friendship and you may be with us as a guest on many such reunions.

And Mrs. Vincent let me assure you that there is no geography among American men and women, that you will find the student body of Minnesota just like the student body of Chicago. We hope that you will not even feel transplanted when you come into our midst. I believe that you will soon feel at home with us and we have plenty of room and place in our hearts not only for President Northrop and his wife but for you and the splendid man who takes his responsibilities. We welcome your coming.

#### PRESIDENT NORTHROP'S ADDRESS

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is astonishing what infelicity men can display when they get up a program. "The thought of our past years in me doth breed perpetual benediction". It doesn't any such thing. "Perpetual benediction" comes at the end of the service and if I were breeding perpetual benediction you would get out as soon as you could. "The thought of our past years" in me doesn't breed at all. I am not thinking of the past at this time at all. This night is to celebrate the coming of this young vigorous man to take up the work which I am only too glad to lay down. More than two years ago, fearing that my superfluity might appear at any moment, I sent to the regents of the University my resignation to take effect at next commencement. The regents have been very deliberate and searched the country to find the proper man. We have considered more or less definitely some half dozen men. We never offered the place to any of them but simply sound-ed them. One man didn't want to come because he was dean and was also pursuing

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Then, as an aside, President Northrop spoke for a moment, in a semi-humorous vein, in appreciation of the services of the secretary of the General Alumni Association, saying in substance, that he deserved well of the alumni and that he had worked with ability and fidelity for the best things for the University.

Returning to his topic, he continued--

I was some time ago speaking about Dean Vincent, and think I said as much as the dean can bear with comfort. I am going to stand by this man like a brother, father or grandfather any way you put it, if he wants my help, but I am not going to offer unless he wants it; I am not going to meddle; I am going to sleep and let him work. I believe in him and you will believe in him. He comes under most delightful conditions, hosts of friends of his own, all of my friends feeling that he is all right, I tell you he is just the man for the place. He will do things I didn't do, things I didn't think of doing, doubtless will do better, and you, as I have said, you will stand by him. There is such a thing as standing by a man and chilling him. You'd better not do that. If you can't love him there is something wrong about your construction. You all will, and in three or four years from now, if God doesn't speed me too fast, I may sit in some distant corner of the gallery of the Armory and see a great tide of love, as great as I ever received, flow around him. I shall not be jealous or envious for I shall know that he has deserved it all.

My dear friends, this is the last time I shall meet you in a meeting of this kind. I have gone two years under a suspended resignation and am glad to lay down the duties. Ladies and gentlemen, your future president, George Edgar Vincent.

At the close of President Northrop's words of introduction Dr. Vincent arose and received the hearty applause of the assembled crowd which rose to its feet and cheered and cheered to show how warmly they were prepared to welcome the new president. Dr. Vincent started his address by greeting various officials and dignitaries who graced the occasion with "Commencement day" Latin. He kept it up until President Northrop reminded him that this was not a commencement occasion, then he turned the general trend of his speech and expressed his surprise that under the leadership of such a classical student as President Northrop that not more had been made of the classics in Minnesota. And in telling of the importance of the classics he told the story of a man who said that Latin was particularly adapted to expressing any idea, saying that the two words meum and tuum comprised practically every idea that humanity needed to express and that if there was any idea not included in these words, suum would supply the deficiency. The crowd was "wise" and thoroughly appreciated Dr. Vincent's Latin. He then told us that he had simply been testing us on our knowledge of Latin and that he was delighted to find that there were so many in the crowd who appreciated the force of his Latin story, saying that he had given it at times when it had not brought out a single smile. He continued in a semi humorous vein, stating that he was glad to know what effective workers the alumni were and how important a part they played in the conduct of the affairs of the institution, saying that the regents had misled him when they had called him to the presidency of the institution, intimating that they themselves were the final source of authority. He paid his respects to the modesty of the association in its statement of what it had accomplished during the seven years of its existence and then came down to the substance of his message to the alumni.

The first point he wanted them to understand was that on the first of April there would be a different regime inaugurated at the University. "I cannot follow President Northrop. No one will imagine for a moment that I can fill his place. The new regime is to be one of co-operation, to perpetuate all that

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is best in the institution and to bring about all that is best for the institution; to perpetuate the spirit of President Northrop which so thoroughly permeates the institution at the present time. We must conserve what has been achieved. President Northrop is a unique personality. No one else could be successful along the lines he has followed."

Second, that alumni while they have done much for the institution, must do still more in the days that are to come. In the first place they must exemplify in their lives the very best things for which the institution stands. It is their daily life in the community that counts and helps for the uplift of humanity. The alumni must educate public opinion and said he, "I am delighted to know that they stand for what they do as stated on the front cover of the special legislative issue of the Minnesota Alumni Weekly." Dr. Vincent quoted the statement practically in full, giving the same his hearty approval.

Third, the alumni must come to appreciate their responsibility for the student life of the institution today. The student problem is the greatest problem before the University and the daily and social life of the student body is of vital importance to the welfare of the institution. The alumni can do much to lift up and help to make this life what it should be. The alumni may exert, most beneficently, their influence upon the men and women who are seeking an education at the University. The alumni should sustain a definite and positive relation to the students. Those who are members of societies should keep in touch with the active members of the society in the University and as the older brother and sisters counsel the men and women in the University and give them the benefit of their experience and training. There is much for the alumni to do in this regard to help the University. The University is a place not only where the intellect is educated, but where character is formed and where high ideals are held and lived up to. To bring this about means a continuous struggle and the alumni to render the highest service to the University, must stand by loyally and help in this work.

The key word of the years to come is to be cooperation. I have no plans to announce, no theories of education to be promulgated at this time. We shall meet the problems as they come, and in conference and cooperation, shall solve as best as they may be solved, each in the light of the time as it comes up and in harmony with what we believe to be for the highest good of the state. We shall all work together, I trust, for the common cause. I thank you for myself and in behalf of Mrs. Vincent for the warm welcome you have given us and the confidence you have shown in us. We understand these words of welcome and appreciate your kindness and we pledge ourselves to do all that is in our power to further the progress of the institution along the lines suggested."

In closing Dr. Vincent quoted a little poem of Watson's in which the plea was for "a large and liberal discontent."

When he had finished his address the crowd showed its appreciation of the man and his message by prolonged and tremendous applause. As predicted in the Weekly, when Dr. Vincent was here before, he has captured the alumni just as he captured the faculty and students on his previous visit. They are all enthusiastic supporters and are prepared to give him the love and devotion which will mean so much in helping to make his administration the success which all friends of the University hope it will be, and believe that it will be.

Owing to the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Vincent were obliged to leave immediately after the close of the speeches to catch their train there was no opportunity for the alumni to meet them personally but those who had an opportunity to meet Mrs. Vincent in the afternoon were very much delighted with her and are prepared to welcome her as they have Dr. Vincent.

March 7, 1911

The regular March meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held March 7 at the office of the Association, 219 Folwell Hall. Present were Directors Carroll, Booth, Johnson, Cooper, Cady, Nachtrieb, Keyes and Hammond.

The minutes of the previous meeting were, on motion, omitted.

The secretary submitted the following financial statement.

Total resources to July 31, 1911, estimated--

Cash on hand	\$ 32.42	\$ 414.42
Interest	232.00	
40 years collections	100.00	
E. B. J. Weekly contribution	<u>50.00</u>	

Liabilities to July 31, 1911 - estimated

Stenographer's salary	\$300.00	\$710.91
Secretary's salary	125.00	
Bill now due--see list	185.91	
Miscellaneous, estimated	<u>100.00</u>	

Total to be raised to cover period \$296.49

List of bills due

Campaign letters		
6000 one form 2-pages		
2000 second form 2-pages		57.60
Colwell printing bills for same	34.40	\$92.00
Legislative printing, miscellaneous		13.70
Other printing, miscellaneous		17.25
Case for half tone cuts		12.60
Press clippings		41.36
Postage		9.00

Total due now \$185.91

Legislative expenses

Two years ago we spend \$367 for legislative campaign. Of this sum \$250 were contributed by the public affairs committee of the commercial club and \$25 by the real estate board and \$92 by the secretary, this later item was afterward refunded by the Association.

This year the amount already spent on this work is \$125.70, as indicated by the above list and the Weekly issued a special number and mailed it to all alumni living outside the twin cities and in the State of Minnesota, saving the association about \$200.

There may be a few small bills yet to be met on this year's campaign but the total will not be large.

ESTIMATES 1911-12, year ending July 31, 1912

Secretary's salary		\$3,500.00
By the University	\$1,500.00	
*By the Weekly	2,000.00	

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Other expenses		
Stenographer	\$	780.00
Postage		100.00
Press clippings		100.00
Stationery and office supplies		<u>120.00</u>
Total estimated expenses		\$1,100.00

Resources-same period		
Interest		625.00
Annual dues		150.00
40 years account		150.00
*The Weekly		100.00
		1,025.00

\*These two items depend upon the showing made by Weekly this year

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the secretary send a letter to Governor Eberhart, giving a list of men who would be acceptable to the alumni, for appointment to the Board of Regents, in case an unexpected vacancy should occur at any time. This list to contain the following names - all having been previously endorsed by the Board of Directors. W. H. Hoyt, Duluth; W. D. Willard, Mankato; Fred B. Snyder, Minneapolis.

The committee on the Folwell birthday celebration made a report stating the facts as printed in the Weekly of February 20. The committee also stated that they had secured permission from the Regents to place a tablet in Folwell Hall and submitted a tentative design with wording for the same. The plans were approved and the secretary was authorized to collect the necessary funds to carry out this plan, it being understood that this would call for about two hundred dollars in addition to what was in hand.

It was voted that at the same time a tablet be placed upon the flag pole donated to the University by Messrs. Schwager and Nettleton.

The secretary made a report on the finances of the annual meeting which was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The secretary submitted a design for a seal for the association but no action was taken.

The legislative situation was thoroughly discussed by members of the Board and after a full consideration of the whole proposition the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the president and secretary be authorized to write a letter to Senator Elwell, to be used by him at his discretion with the finance committee of the senate, expressing the sympathy of the alumni with any movement calculated to bring about greater efficiency in the transaction of the business of the University and in order that the records may be so kept as to merit the confidence of the people of the state.

A number of other matters were discussed informally which didn't call for official action.

The meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

September 10, 1911

The September meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the rooms of the Commercial Club at 12:30 p.m., September 10, 1911. The business meeting was held during and following the luncheon.

There were present directors Gilman, Rees, Snyder, Johnson, Nachtrieb, Cooper, Gaumnitz, Erkel, Carroll, Moody, and Keyes.

President Nachtrieb appointed Messrs Snyder, Rees and Moody a committee on nominations. He also appointed Messrs Keyes and Carroll an auditing committee to audit the accounts of the secretary for "Forty Years of the University of Minnesota" and the Folwell Birthday celebration account.

The secretary made the following report on the Alumni Weekly:

THE ALUMNI WEEKLY FOR 1910-11.

Subscriptions (1883 paid)		\$3,381.15
Advertising, net		1,481.48
Special issue	\$528.25	
Regular	953.23	
Total income		\$4,862.63
Expenses		
Postage	250.00	
Exchange	35.00	
Personal expenses	100.00	
Engraving	70.94	
Printing, Miscellaneous	98.29	
Commissions on subscriptions	25.75	
Miscellaneous expenses	22.10	602.08
Index Press, printing bills		2,154.11
Total expenses for the year		\$2,756.19

The net income from the special legislative issue was \$286.13, leaving the net income from the regular issues of the year \$1,820.31.

The coming year we shall not have \$200 of political advertising that we had last year and while we shall have a substantial increase in our subscription list, we shall have some heavy expenses connected with securing such additional subscriptions.

I estimate the income for the coming year at not less than \$2,000.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that the proposition of the secretary, Mr. Johnson, be accepted and the Association's contract with him for the current year be according to the terms of that proposition. Mr. Johnson agrees to take the Weekly at \$2,000 instead of \$1,800 as during the past year and agrees also to give up the \$200 salary paid him directly by the Association during the past year.

Resolved, that Miss Sloane, stenographer, be employed for the current year at a salary of \$65 per month, an increase of \$5 per month over past year.

The following resolutions were offered and were made the special business for the next regular meeting of the association.

The board has decided to submit the following matters to a vote of the qualified electors of the Association and to be bound in their action by the result of such vote.

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1) A request to the Governor of the State to name FOUR of the next SIX regular appointments to the Board from the lists of alumni submitted to him in accordance with the plan outlined in the following paragraph and also to ask the Governor of the State to make appointments to fill vacancies in the Board of Regents, caused by death or resignation, by the appointment of alumni chosen from list submitted by this association, until at least one third of the members of the Board are alumni.

2) The Board will submit a list of candidates for appointment to the Board of Regents to the alumni for their approval. These names to be voted upon by the alumni who will number the candidates in the order of their preference. It is also agreed that any FIFTY qualified electors may place the name of any alumnus whose name is not on the list submitted by the Board, in nomination, and such names shall be submitted together with the list named by the Board for a vote of the qualified electors. The names on these lists shall be arranged in alphabetical order.

President Nachtrieb made an announcement to the directors of the plans that had been made for the inauguration of President Vincent to be held the 17, 18, and 19th of October, telling particularly of the part which the alumni would have in the torchlight procession to be held on the evening of the 17th.

It was voted to invite the various alumni associations of the Twin Cities to participate with the Minnesota alumni in this celebration. The president and secretary were authorized to send out the proper invitations.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

November 7, 1911

The regular November meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of the Association, 219 Folwell Hall. There were present Directors Emmons, Cooper, Mercer, Keyes, Carroll, Kingston, Johnson, Gilman, Blossom, Moody, Hartzell and Nachtrieb.

In the absence of the president Mr. Mercer was elected chairman pro tem.

The secretary submitted the following report on the finances of the Torchlight procession:

RECEIPTS	\$2,899.11
ACCOUNTING	
Deposited	\$2,771.96
Collectable	128.00
	<u>2,899.96</u>

BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE \$2,660.63

Leaving a balance of \$11.33, and when the \$128 is paid in, \$239.33.

The following resolution was submitted by the secretary and adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association recommend to the General Alumni Association that the balance left in the treasury after paying all bills connected with the Torchlight Procession be applied, first, to wipe out the slight deficit on the Folwell Tablet account and the balance to be turned into the treasury of the Association to be applied to current expenses.

The secretary was instructed to publish a full statement of the finances of the Torchlight procession in the Weekly as soon as the account is complete.

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The secretary was instructed to draw up a statement to be printed in an early number of the Weekly expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Board of Directors to the chairmen of the various class committees and those who worked so loyally to arouse interest in the Torchlight procession and to collect the necessary funds to meet the expenses of the same.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, By the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota, that the Minnesota Loan and Trust Co., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, be and the same is hereby designated as the depository of the General Alumni Association; and that all check vouchers against the account of said Association shall be signed by the treasurer thereof after the same have been duly approved and countersigned by the president or vice-president and the secretary of said Association. The check-voucher used by the said association to be substantially in accordance with the form hereto attached.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Board believes it inexpedient for the Weekly to publish political or personal paid sketches.

It was voted that the president and two members of the Board to be appointed by himself constitute a committee to confer with the President of the University or other members of the Board of Regents, in regard to the salary which the secretary is now receiving from the University with a view to having this money paid into the treasury of the association direct, for the keeping of alumni records of the University.

Some discussion was indulged in concerning the matter brought up at the previous meeting by the secretary concerning plans to secure a greater active direct participation of the alumni in the affairs of the Association than heretofore. No action was taken.

The committee on nominations through Mr. Carroll, reported, recommending that Professor Henry F. Nachtrieb be re-elected as president, that Mr. Horace Lowry be elected vice-president, that Mr. Charles F. Keyes, be re-elected treasurer and that Mr. E.B. Johnson be re-elected secretary.

On motion it was voted that the secretary cast the ballot of the Board for the officers above nominated. This was done and the officers were declared duly elected.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association then resolved itself into a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Alumni Association. A motion was made and duly seconded that the secretary cast the ballot of the Board for Professor Henry F. Nachtrieb, president, Mr. Horace Lowry, vice president, Mr. Charles F. Keyes, treasurer, and E. B. Johnson, secretary. This was done and the above named gentlemen were declared duly elected.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

December 5, 1911

The regular December meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the rooms of the University Club. Members of the Board dined together and the business meeting followed. There were present Directors Rees, Kingston, Mercer, Blossmo, Keyes, Nachtrieb and Johnson.

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It was voted to elect C. J. Rockwood to membership on the University Council vice D. P. Jones, resigned.

The secretary made the following report concerning the finances for the balance of the present year.

## Expenses known to be coming:

Stenographer	\$ 520.00
Miscellaneous, postage, ptg, etc.	150.00
Note and interest	335.00
Inaugural dinner	110.00
Total to be provided	<u>\$1115.00</u>

## How provided:

Annual dues, probable	75.00
Sales of 40 Years	25.00
Torchlight procession	200.00 balance
Interest	433.00
Weekly, additional contribution	100.00
Balance in bank	56.60
To be raised by contributions	250.00
	<u>\$1139.60</u>

After some discussion it was voted that in regard to the item "note and interest" the matter be referred to the president and secretary to consult with President Vincent and find out whether the University could not pay for the copies of the history if the association would carry the same along for another year.

In regard to the item of \$110 for the Inaugural Dinner, the Board voted to assume the obligation.

In view of the possibility of the University paying the bill for the history, the question of the amount of money to be raised by contributions was laid over to a later meeting.

The question of the finances of the association for the future was taken up and was thoroughly discussed. Director Rees made a report on two interviews with President Vincent concerning the matter and submitted suggestions substantially as follows:

That the Association start in a systematic campaign for "A Life Membership for Every Alumnus".

The plan of the campaign suggested by Director Rees included the appointing of a committee to be made up of life members, the size of the committee to be in proportion to the size of the class, so as to reach every member of the class and secure from every member the payment of ten dollars for a life membership.

In case any alumnus felt that he could not afford to take out a life membership and where the committee was satisfied that such claim was true, it was suggested that the membership be made up by other members of the class and advanced to the association, to be repaid by the individual member as he can, in small sums from time to time.

The fourth suggestion was, that after 1912 or 1913 the life membership fee be increased to twenty-five dollars. This feature did not meet with the approval of the members of the Board.

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It was reported also that President Vincent has agreed to assist, by letter and by personal appeal when visiting alumni, in pushing the life membership campaign and securing life members.

In regard to what privileges shall be given to life members that other alumni do not enjoy, it was suggested that an advisory council might be established that would meet at once a year and that representation in this Council might be based upon paid-up life memberships in local alumni associations.

The conclusion of the whole discussion resolved itself practically into the following:

1. A campaign for life memberships through committees of classes.
2. Through local associations by committees of paid-up life members.
3. Through the voluntary services of President Vincent when he visits alumni associations in various parts of the country.

The question of the final formation of plans was referred to Director Rees, Keyes and Johnson.

The secretary made a statement to the board concerning information that had come to him relating to the discontinuance of the work in physical training for women in the University. The members of the board were unanimous in their expression of opinion that this ought not be done. The secretary was instructed to see President Vincent and to find out from him just what it is proposed to do and to express to him the feelings of the members of the board in view of the facts that are in their possession at the present time.

The following statement was submitted by the secretary to secure the opinion of members of the board to guide him in his comments upon the athletic situation in editing the Weekly. The statement was amended and approved as it appears below:

"In view of the interest of the alumni generally in the questions that have recently been raised concerning matters having to do with the administration of athletics, it seems desirable for this board, representing as it does the alumni of every college of the University, to put itself on record concerning some of the more important questions that have been raised.

"We heartily approve the move to amend the rules of the Conference so that a majority may rule.

"We heartily approve the stand taken in regard to the question of eligibility. This question should be solely one of scholarship and one year's residence.

"We hope that athletic relations with Wisconsin may continue, as they have for so many years, on a basis of friendly rivalry.

"The members of the board would welcome the return of Michigan to the conference and hope that steps will be taken to secure her return to the conference at the earliest possible moment.

"We do not approve of the proposition to re-establish the training table.

"We believe that there are many questions, connected with the problem of athletics, that should receive the careful consideration of the conference, such as the tendency to extravagance, and the need of cultivating higher ideals of sportsmanship in intercollegiate athletics, and many others, only less important and far-reaching in their scope.

"We believe that the control of athletics, at the University, should be so changed, that while the control shall remain in the faculty, the alumni and students shall have a voice in the final decision of all questions."

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No formal vote was taken on the foregoing but the individual members of the board expressed their approval of the general statement.

The question of the Annual Meeting was taken up and it was voted to hold the same on the evening of February 16 provided that is not the night of the Symphony Concert and in case it is, to hold the meeting on Monday, the 19th. The place for holding the meeting was fixed as Donaldsons and the price of the plates fixed at \$1.50 each.

Some informal discussion was indulged in concerning the character which the meeting was to take but no decision was reached.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

January 16, 1912

The regular January meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held in room 301 Folwell Hall. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Carroll, Gray, Kingston, Gilman, Johnson, Booth, Blossmo, Lowry and Emmons.

Four of the five members of the alumni athletic committee were also present, Messrs Page, Belden, Wilson and Yale.

The meeting having been announced as an open meeting and the alumni invited to attend to express themselves in regard to various questions connected with the athletic situation at the University, the following named gentlemen were present, Messrs Schrader, Furber, Belden, Cox, Wilson, Robinson, Page, Webster, Foster, Keefe, Rogers, Klepper, Chase, Lind, Larson, Yale, Paige, Smiley, Broderick, Miller, Meyers, Clarke, Thompson, and Diamond.

The meeting was called to order by President Nachtrieb who called upon Mr. Page, chairman of the athletic committee, for a report from the committee. Mr Page stated what the attitude of the committee had been, they had favored remaining in the conference, the passage of the amendment to the White resolution, the scholarship basis of eligibility and games with both Michigan and Wisconsin.

Following Mr. Page's statement questions were asked and remarks made by Messrs Lowry, Belden, Chase, Larson, Roger, Robinson, Webster, Meyers, Furber, Klepper, Yale, Paige, and Lind.

Mr. Webster submitted a series of resolutions which were taken up item by item, the first two items being adopted as follows:

Resolved, that we, alumni of the University of Minnesota called together by the directors of the General Alumni Association for the express purpose of discussing the present athletic situation, declare it to be our best judgment that Minnesota's representative to the conference should use every possible effort to secure--

First, the adoption of the amendment to the so-called White resolution, and,  
Second, the adoption of an eligibility rule based solely upon scholarship and one year's residence.

The rest of the resolution was indefinitely postponed although practically everyone present expressed an opinion favoring the matter contained in these resolutions, but it was thought wise not to complicate matters by forcing an

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issue which may not be raised.

A great variety of opinion was expressed and yet through it all there was almost absolute unanimity in regard to the action taken there being but two dissenting votes on one point and that was the approval of the action of the alumni committee in standing for a Wisconsin game. The radical wing of the alumni was represented as well as the conservative but even the most radical were satisfied with the action taken.

After having adopted these resolutions the gentlemen present further reinforced their stand by voting that the alumni do not approve of any compromise whatever on the eligibility proposition and that they stand unequivocally for the scholarship basis alone. It was perfectly evident that the alumni present were practically a unit for staying in the conference if the amendment to the White resolution is adopted and it was just as evident that they did not approve of staying in the conference if this resolution fails of adoption. The alumni feel this is the vital point of the whole conference question at the present time.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

#### THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

The ninth annual meeting of the General Alumni Association was held last Monday, February 2, 1912, at Donaldson's tea rooms at six o'clock. Nearly five hundred alumni were present. There were present as guests of the association Madame Bertin who has been connected with the French department of the University since 1893, Senator and Mrs. Elwell and Governor Eberhart, President and Mrs. Northrop who were unable to attend.

At the business meeting which was held during the dinner hour, the chairman stated that as the minutes of the previous meeting held last February had been printed in full in the Weekly, unless there was some call for reading of the same, the reading would be dispensed with. The report of the board of directors for the year just closed was printed in the Weekly and submitted without reading. The report of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co. chartered accountants, was submitted in printed form with the statement that the original report could be seen at the office of the secretary by anyone interested. The committee on athletics for the coming year was appointed as follows: Washington Yale, Alfred Pillsbury, Chester Wilson, George Belden and L. A. Page, Chelsea J. Rockwood, '79 was reelected alumni representative to the University Council. There being no new business to be transacted the business meeting was closed.

President Nachtrieb made an announcement concerning the guest of honor, Madam Bertin, saying, "Madam Bertin, who has given of the best years of her life to the University and who has decided to withdraw at the end of this year, is the guest of honor this evening and it is only because I have promised not to call upon her that I refrain from asking her to address you but I am sure if you would insist upon it she would give that delightful French bow and smile."

The topic for the toasts was "Athletics", the key-note being, "the things that are more excellent."

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In lieu of the personal statement of the secretary called for by the Board of Directors in the past the Board submits the following for the year just closed.

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The Association year began with the legislature in session and the budget of the Regents' larger and more disquieting than any previous budget. The legislature adjourned without having provided for some admittedly pressing needs of the University. This was not because of an unfriendly attitude. The general spirit in the legislature had been sympathetic and favorable but limited resources simply made it impossible for the legislature to grant everything the Regents asked for and at the same time be fair to the other state institutions. No alumnus giving due weight to other demands can find cause for criticising the attitude of the last legislature toward the University. Our secretary was frequently called on for information which was always given promptly and was appreciated by the recipients. The five hundred alumni testimonials collected by our secretary in honor of Dr. William Watts Folwell, first president of the University, were presented to him on the evening of his seventy-eighth birthday at Washington D.C., by the local alumni association. These were personal letters of appreciation afterward bound together in a beautiful leather cover stamped with a specially designed cover plate.

The bronze tablet placed in Folwell Hall in honor Dr. Folwell was unveiled at noon on alumni day in the presence of the Board of Regents and many alumni. Dr. and Mrs. Folwell graced the occasion with their presence. President Vincent in a few choice and appreciative words accepted the gift on behalf of the Regents.

To those who were privileged to participate, the torchlight celebration conducted by the alumni on the eve of President Vincent's inauguration stands out as the most inspiring and encouraging event of the year. The spirit displayed by the thousands of undergraduates representing all departments of the University and nearly a thousand alumni, many of them eminent citizens of the state, representing every class from 1875 down to the last, not only gratified those who had worked in faith but also amazed and enthused the thousands upon thousands of spectators that filled the grandstand and all the bleachers. It was not merely a royal welcome to the man we are proud to acknowledge chief. It was much more. The following extracts from an appreciative editorial of the St. Paul Dispatch expresses this better than anything else that has been said about it: "Nothing could be more gratifying to any Board of Directors or any university president than the complimentary comments of our guests and the wide-spread interest and enthusiasm displayed in connection with this event of inauguration week. We have every reason to believe it was both gratifying to Mr. Vincent and a good thing for the University.

In this connection the president and secretary of the Board desire to acknowledge their obligations to Judge Mahoney, Messrs. J. E. Miner, James Gray, Percy Jones, Peter Neilson, Byron Timberlake, Dow Smith and all the class chairmen whose wise counsel and enthusiasm at the preliminary meetings were most encouraging. We can not let this opportunity go by without again assuring the Yale and Wisconsin alumni that their active and enthusiastic participation in the procession was very gratifying to us and was fully appreciated by all Minnesotans.

The most important work undertaken by your Board of Directors is that of increasing the endowment fund to a sum that will yield an income sufficient for the routine work of the secretary's office. The plan of the campaign has been presented to the alumni so recently and so fully that a detailed presentation is uncalled for at this time. But an endowment fund sufficient for what has become the daily work of the Association is a matter of such vital importance to the Association now that your Board feels impelled to urge every alumnus and former student that can do so to become a permanent supporter.

Just as soon as the fund is sufficient for the necessary routine work, plans for alumni fellowships, scholarships, etc. can be taken up. But at present we should cut away from all outside help.

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We can do nothing that would be more gratifying to President Vincent or that would so clearly show an appreciation of our permanent relations to service for the state, our loyalty to and faith in the University, than placing the Association on an independent and adequate financial basis during this, the first year of Mr. Vincent's presidency. President Vincent has cast his lot with us and has burdened his heart with everything that touches our Alma Mater. Let us cheer him by immediately making our endowment fund what it should be and what a united effort can easily make it.

Finally we would urge every alumnus to subscribe for the Alumni Weekly and induce others interested in our University life to subscribe. Competent eastern university men have voluntarily said that our Weekly meets the demand for Alma Mater news better and more completely than any other publication of its class. It is of inestimable value in keeping alive an interest in the University. During the past year the net increase of subscribers amounted to 250 and the net income to \$2,106.44.

Our efficient and untiring secretary is still editor and manager. He has made an unparalleled record with the Weekly. The special inaugural edition is one we can be proud of. If the subscription list were doubled special magazine numbers could be issued every year.

In conclusion your Board of Directors unanimously commends the energy, loyalty and efficiency of the secretary of our Association, Mr. E.B. Johnson.

March 12, 1912

The regular March meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of Director Mercer, at five o'clock. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Mercer, Johnson, Gray, Lowry, Carroll, Gilman, Rees, Keyes, Kingston, Director Gaumnitz sending word that he was absent on account of illness.

The secretary submitted a statement outlining the principles that had governed him in the editing of the Weekly up to the present time. The Board voted to approve the policies of the editor and ordered the statement placed on file as a substantially satisfactory statement of the policy to be pursued in the future.

It was voted that a committee including the president, the secretary and one other member to be named by the president, be created with power to pass on all articles concerning whose admission to the columns of the Weekly the editor felt any doubt. Dr. Rees was appointed the third member of this committee.

The secretary reported that President Vincent had assured him that in all probability the Association would be given an office in the Library Building the coming year.

He also made a preliminary statement concerning the issuing of an Alumni Directory the coming fall.

The secretary also brought to the question of whether the Board would submit to the General Alumni Association an amendment to the constitution providing for representation of a women's alumnae organization if such an organization should be established. It was brought out that according to the constitution as it exists at present women have exactly the same rights as

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men in the Association and that it would be unwise, in the judgment of the Board, to make such a radical departure as the proposed one. The president was instructed to communicate with the women who had raised the question and express to them the willingness of the Board to confer with representatives of such an organization at any time concerning any matter they desired to bring up.

The question of the life membership campaign was brought up and after a short statement by the secretary several suggestions were made concerning the pushing of the campaign. Dr. Rees reported that the medical class of 1897 would guarantee a life membership from every member of the class, who was not already a life member, within the year, and suggested that the secretary make an effort to push the life memberships through class organizations by trying to get several members in each class interested in the work of getting all members of their class to become life members.

Professor Nachtrieb submitted a resolution concerning the attitude of the Weekly in regard to the question of athletics. The hour being late, it was decided to leave the matter to the president and secretary to frame a statement to be sent out to the members of the Board with a request that they express themselves individually in writing on the points raised.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

April 16, 1912

The regular April meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office of Director Mercer at 5 o'clock. There were present Directors Blossmo, Gaumnitz, Keyes, Gilman, Moody, Johnson, and Mercer.

Dr. Frank E. Moody was elected chairman of the meeting.

The secretary presented the following report:

Estimates for current year ending July 31, 1912

Liabilities

Stenographer's salary	\$260.00	
Money advanced to pay bills, 40 Years acct.	337.00	
Money advanced to pay petty bills	73.57	
Assumed on inaugural banquet acct.	104.45	
Miscellaneous, yet to be incurred	50.00	
Total liabilities	<u>\$825.02</u>	\$825.02

Assets

Interest and annual dues, regular	\$325.02	
Contribution of the Weekly	100.00	
	<u>\$425.02</u>	\$425.02

Balance to be secured from other sources \$400.00

Estimates for the year ending July 31, 1913

INCOME

University contribution	\$1,500.00	
The Weekly	2,100.00	
Interest	720.00	
Annual dues	130.00	
Annual meeting	50.00	
Sales of publications	50.00	
Total income in sight	<u>4,700.00</u>	\$4,700.00

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EXPENSES:

Secretary	\$3,500.00	
Stenographer	840.00	
Press clippings	100.00	
Postage	80.00	
Printing regular	80.00	
Furniture and miscellaneous	100.00	
Total estimated regular	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00

Deficit--\$150 plus whatever the legislative campaign may cost, probably not to exceed \$100.00, or, \$250 at the outside.

It was voted that this report be referred to a committee of three to be named by the President, this committee to take such action as may be necessary to clear up this year's finances and to bring in a recommendation concerning the second part of the report--estimates for the coming year. The committee consisted of Carroll, Lowry, and Rees.

The president was also authorized to appoint a committee of one to audit the report of the secretary on the finances of the annual meeting.

A communication from the secretary of the law alumni association was presented--the propositions included in that report included

- I. The publication of all matters of special interest to the law alumni in such Alumni Weekly, in a special department set aside for the same, and under the charge of an editor selected by the Law Alumni Association.
- II. A combination offer of \$2.00 for the payment of the annual dues to the Law Alumni Association and for a year's subscription to the Alumni Weekly, \$1.60 of which would go to the Alumni Weekly and \$.40 to the Law Alumni Association.
- III. All expenses in connection with the above matters to be born by the Alumni Weekly.

This matter was referred to the secretary with power to act, it being expressed as the sentiment of members present that care should be taken not to establish any unfortunate precedents.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

July 17, 1912

The regular July meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office of Fred B. Snyder. Present were Directors Snyder, Johnson, Nachtrieb, Countryman, Hummel and W.C. Smiley holding the proxy of Kay Todd.

Professor Nachtrieb reported for his committee that the committee had requested the Board of Regents give \$1500 for the support of the work of the Association in keeping up the records of the alumni instead of paying a like amount to the secretary for services as clerk of the president of the Board of Regents, as heretofore. The Association offering the services of its secretary for any service which the Board of Regents might desire of him.

The Board of Regents voted the \$1500 as requested, the same to be paid out in the regular way on vouchers properly approved by the officers of the Association.

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The finance committee was not represented and the secretary made report that \$175 of the \$400 needed had been subscribed and paid in.

The secretary submitted the following report on the finances of the Minnesota Alumni Weekly for the year ending July 31, 1912:

Income

Subscriptions	\$3,882.50
Advertising	<u>2,678.70</u>
Gross income	\$6,561.20

Expenses

Advertising commissions	\$728.74
Printing the Weekly	2,714.35
Other Printing	118.00
Engraving	148.82
Postage stamps	204.75
Postage, 2nd class	101.00
Travel and personal expenses	120.00
Commissions on subscriptions	17.75
Office help	17.50
Photographs and lantern slides	41.75
Petty items, office expenses	<u>19.55</u>
Total expenses of Weekly	4,232.21

\$4,232.21

Net income for the year

\$2,328.99

\$100 of this goes to the Association and the balance to the secretary to apply on his salary. The secretary gets, this year, \$228.99 more than he bid for the Weekly. The net income from the special inaugural number was about \$350, which indicates that if it had not been for the special occasion of the inauguration of President Vincent the Weekly would have run behind the estimated income of \$21.01.

I have never yet been able to make a directory number completely pay for itself, though I hope to do so this year, on this account I do not feel that I can risk anything more than is indicated in the proposition submitted, viz:

The University to pay \$460 bills on the directory account and I will take the Weekly as \$2,700 towards my salary for the coming year.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

This report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The secretary was authorized to spend \$100 for office furniture, as follows: Case, according to bid, \$30; combination case, \$50; table, \$20.

The following resolutions were adopted:

- I. Resolved, that the \$1500 which the University appropriated for the expenses of the Association, in keeping up alumni records, be appropriated as follows:
- \$840 for salary of Miss Sloane, stenographer, to be paid by the University on bills approved by the secretary.
  - \$200 to be used in paying bills of the Association for keeping up alumni records, when properly approved by the president and secretary.

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c) That \$460 be paid on bills connected with the issue of the Alumni Directory, as approved by the secretary.

II. Resolved, that the salary of the secretary be made \$3,500 to be provided as follows:

- a) Paid by the Association, directly, \$800--\$300 each July 1st and August 1st and \$200 September 1st.
- b) \$2,700 to be provided by the Weekly, the secretary agreeing to take the Weekly as that amount toward his salary, subject to the following conditions-
  - 1) In case the Weekly shows a greater net income than \$2,700, the excess above \$2,700 shall be divided equally between the Association and the secretary.
  - 2) In case the Weekly shows less than \$2,700 net income the Association shall pay toward the expense of issuing the Directory number, any sum up to \$200, necessary to make up such deficit.

Resolved: That the regulation, under which members of classes out of college less than three years may have the Weekly for \$1.00 a year, be modified so as to provide this privilege only in case such persons accept the offer, for the three years and before the opening of the school year following their graduation.

Resolved: That the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to Dean Downey, thanking him in behalf of the Association for courtesies extended to the Association during the past five years and for his help in securing our new quarters.

Resolved: That the secretary be instructed to write a letter to President Vincent thanking him for securing the Association its present office in the Library building.

Resolved: That the president and secretary be authorized to enter into an arrangement with Frank S. Lyon, or other persons, to solicit life memberships upon the basis of paying the solicitor \$1.00 for each membership secured. This sum not to come out of the life membership fund itself but to be advanced, and repaid out of the income from the life membership.

The meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

October 15, 1912

The regular October meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of the Association, 202 Library Building. There were present Directors Hartzell, Nachtrieb, Johnson, Selvig, Higbie, Snyder, Gaummitz, Keyes, and Gray.

Mr. Snyder, for the committee on nominations, reported in favor of the re-election of the old officers and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the directors for the same officers for another year. This was done and the officers were declared duly elected.

The following printed statement was submitted by the secretary for the consideration of the members of the board.

I. Would it be wise for the University to propose legislation necessary to allow the investment of the permanent University fund in state improvements, particularly bonds issued to build roads and bridges, and for school and drainage

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purposes, at the rate of interest now being received for such funds.

This would prove a real boon, especially to the northern counties of the state without impairing, in any degree, the safety of the investment.

Moreover, such a recommendation would prove, as nothing else would, the interest of the University in the welfare of the state. We can see no good reason why Minnesota funds should be used in other states when they are needed here at home.

II. Do the Alumni believe that an effort should be made, at this time, to place the general support fund of the University upon an adequate basis, if necessary, the University should limit its request for buildings so that the securing of adequate support will be assured.

III. In this connection, should we respectfully urge that a statement be included in the next report, showing on one page, all of the expenditures of the University, for any purpose whatever, for each year, properly summarized, so that anyone who can read will understand the same and understand that the statement is complete.

IV. Do the alumni want to put themselves on record as advising the regents that it would be wise for the Board to secure, at this time, an option on certain lands adjoining the University farm at St. Anthony Park, needed for the use of that department, and ask the legislature to make a tax levy for the purpose of purchasing the same:

There can be no question that more land will be needed soon and that it will cost less than half as much to purchase now as a few years hence.

V. Are we prepared to take the ground that we're unalterably opposed to the proposition to allow the normal schools to grant a bachelor's degree.

VI. Do we approve the following proposition, that we earnestly urge that the law, granting the Regents almost unlimited power to secure a satisfactory settlement of the problem created by the presence of the Northern Pacific tracks, be invoked to settle the matter before the next session of the legislature.

In this connection it is to be remembered that-

1. That the road secured its right of way through the campus against the most strenuous objections of the University and by a legal decision that no court in the state today would think of upholding, and
2. That the road paid but \$20,000 (?) for this right of way and has had the use of the same for more than twenty years against the now unquestioned superior right of the state.

Would not either of the following propositions be fair:

- a) To require the road to move its tracks entirely, accepting for its land a price not exceeding the average price paid for the land adjacent on the South, or
- b) To deed to the University all of the land not needed for the two tracks, that now occupy its right of way, in consideration of the state's covering these two tracks in a manner to make a continuous campus over the same. The State to do this after the tracks have been lowered in accordance with a general plan of lowering tracks that has been adopted in the city.

Section I was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Snyder, Keyes and Gray, to consider and report.

Section II was approved, the statement to be recast so as to be in the form of an endorsement of the position taken by President Vincent.

Section III and IV were approved.

Section V was laid on the table for discussion later.

Section VI was approved in a general way and it was voted that the alumni urge immediate action by the regents and the complete removal of the tracks from the campus.

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The president and secretary were appointed a committee to draft this statement to be submitted to the committee to which section I was referred, before being sent to the regents.

The secretary reported concerning the directory number and the Weekly, showing that five hundred new subscriptions had been received for the year.

It was decided to have a General Alumni banquet in St. Paul on the evening of December 6th, during the Minnesota Educational Association meeting. Directors Selvig and Johnson with Dean James and Miss Bridget Hayes, were appointed a committee on arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

December 10, 1912

The regular December meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of Director Mercer, at five o'clock. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Keyes, Countryman, Gray, Moody, Johnson, Mercer, Hummel, Gaumnitz and Snyder.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The secretary was instructed to enter in the minutes of October a record of a meeting of the Minnesota Alumni Association at which the same officers were elected for the ensuing year as for the General Alumni Association.

The secretary reported on the Alumni Directory to the effect that the directory had paid for itself. He was not able to give exact figures at the time of the meeting.

The secretary also reported on the banquet held in St. Paul, showing an attendance of seventy-four and a net loss on the banquet of \$2.40.

The Board then took up the question of the annual meeting and after some discussion it was voted to appoint a committee of three who should report at some later meeting of the board, upon plans for the annual meeting. Directors Mercer, Countryman and Johnson were appointed such a committee.

The secretary reported on a letter which he had received from Mr. C.E. Purdy inquiring whether the association was incorporated and whether it had power to receive bequests of money to be used for educational purposes.

The letter of Elmer E. Adams, '84, concerning the advertisement of an alumnus who was a candidate for chief justice of the Supreme court, was read and the secretary was instructed to tell Mr. Adams that the board did not deem it wise to take any further notice of the matter.

The secretary was instructed to secure a plan of the new campus, showing streets, and to submit the same at the next meeting of the board, for consideration in suggesting names for the streets.

The secretary reported briefly upon the legislative situation, showing that the outlook was unusually favorable.

The president, Professor Nachtrieb, reported upon the proposition of the Washington alumni to present the University with ten acres of land on Cypress

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Island for a marine biological station. After some little discussion of the matter, it was voted that the secretary draft a resolution of appreciation of the action of the Washington alumni, also stating why we believe it would be impossible for the University to accept the offer in its present form.

The secretary reported that Regent Hovland expected to place his resignation on the following day and that according to the previous action of the board, the Governor had been told that Mr. W. H. Hoyt, of Duluth, was the man the alumni wanted in the place of Mr. Hovland. Also that arrangements have been made for a committee of the alumni to meet the Governor and confer with him upon this matter.

It was also stated by the secretary that Regent Smith expected to place his resignation in the hands of the Governor in the near future and that the Governor had, some time ago, expressed his intention of appointing Mr. Snyder to the vacancy if Mr. Smith should resign.

The question of the recommendation of the appointment of some alumnus or other person to the Board of Regents as a special representative of the agricultural interests of the state, was referred to a committee consisting of Directors Gaumnitz, Hummel and the president and secretary of the association to consider and report to the board at a later meeting.

The secretary made a statement concerning the question of the finances of the association and after some little discussion it was voted that a committee of five should be named by the president of the association, from outside the membership of the board, to consider the whole question of provision for the future support of the work of the association, and to report back to the board.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

January 7, 1913.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of Director Snyder at five o'clock. There were present Directors Snyder, Gray, Hummell, Keyes, Lowry and Johnson.

The committee on the annual meeting made a report to the effect that the meeting was to take the form of a Valentine party for the three presidents and their wives and a celebration of Dr. Folwell's eightieth birthday; the meeting to be held at Donaldson's at six o'clock, February 14; no formal speeches were provided but responses from the presidents would be expected; the price of tickets, 1.50; and that probably Dr. Folwell might not be able to attend the meeting.

Some of the details of the plan were discussed and the members of the board expressed themselves desirous of having some one to lead in the singing of college songs, or possibly several groups in different parts of the room to look after the music.

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The secretary presented a copy of the resolution adopted in 1910 regarding the naming of streets on the new campus. The resolution was revived and the secretary was instructed to place the same again before the regents in the following form:

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association respectfully submits, for the consideration of the Board of Regents. The following proposi-

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tions, which have all been approved by our board.

1. That the driveway beginning at 14th Avenue and ending at Northrop field upon which the Library building, Pillsbury Hall and five other buildings face, be named Pillsbury Curve.

2. That two of the streets on the new campus be named for Messrs. Rockwood and Elwell. Mr. Rockwood deserves this recognition for having originated the movement to secure a greater campus and for having kept the movement alive until it became generally recognized as deserving of the hearty support of all the friends of the University.

3. That the law building be named Pattee Hall in honor of the late Dean William S. Pattee.

We believe that the services of Dean Pattee, under whose direction the law school was established, and who devoted so many years of his life to making it a success, deserves this recognition.

Dean Pattee's name is held in grateful remembrance not only by the great body of law students and alumni, but by all who were privileged to come into personal contact with him and to know him intimately.

The question of celebration for Alumni Day was brought up and the secretary was instructed to present at the next meeting suggestions concerning the celebration of the same. After some discussion concerning the life membership fund and means of augmenting the same, the meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

February 4, 1913

The regular February meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of Director Snyder, at five o'clock.

There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Gilman, Gay, Kingston, Keyes, Moody, Hummel, Rees, Snyder, Johnson and Hartzell.

The secretary submitted a draft of the annual report of the Board to the Association. With a few slight amendments, it was approved and adopted and ordered printed in the Weekly.

The secretary then submitted a plan to abolish the monthly meeting of the Board and to hold three or four evening meetings of the Board at which time could be taken to consider and discuss various matters of business to be settled by the Board. The plan also included the creation of an executive committee to pass upon matters of minor importance submitted to them by the secretary.

After some discussion, it was voted that the Board create and establish an executive committee consisting of the president, secretary, and three members to be named by the president, to act upon all routine matters between the regular meetings of the Board. That this committee be given power to act on matters coming up for decision between board meetings and also be authorized to call not less than three regular full meetings of the board during the year. This action was taken by a unanimous vote.

The secretary reported that a meeting of secretaries of alumni associations had been called to Columbus, Ohio, February 21st and 22nd, and that after consulting with the president and treasurer, he had notified the one who called the meeting,

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that our Association would be represented. Later after consulting with the president, it had been decided best to arrange for the secretary to meet with the alumni of Chicago, Washington and New York. As it was necessary to take action in this matter at once, the secretary had gone ahead and made the necessary arrangements, the matter being submitted to the Board for their judgment. The secretary stated that he was prepared, in case the Board did not approve of this action, to make the trip and pay his own expenses.

The Board unanimously agreed to the arrangements which had been made and voted to authorize the secretary to make the trip as the representative of the Association, at an expense of not to exceed one hundred dollars.

After some further discussion on other matters in which no action was taken however, the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the newly created executive committee.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

### THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The tenth annual meeting of the General Alumni Association was held at Donaldson's tea rooms last Friday evening. The usual date of the meeting is February 18th. This date was chosen instead because St. Valentine's day suggested the form of the meeting which shaped itself as a Valentine's party for the three presidents and their wives. An unfortunate combination of illness and illness in the family, kept away from the meeting all of those for whom it was planned except President Vincent who "happened" to be passing through town.

Four hundred fifty sat down to the tables for dinner. At the close of the dinner President Nachtrieb brought up the matters of business and reported that the minutes of the previous meeting had been printed in the Weekly in full and there being no objection the minutes were declared approved. He also reported that the report of the board of directors for the year just ending had been printed in the Weekly and that the auditor's certificate would be printed in an early number of the Weekly. The committee on athletics was re-appointed. No one expressed any desire to bring up any business and the business meeting adjourned.

The chairman announced that President and Mrs. Northrop were kept away on account of illness; that Dr. and Mrs. Folwell were kept away for the same reason and that Mrs. Vincent had been called away by the serious illness of her father. He expressed the regret of President Northrop at his inability to attend the meeting, and further announced that the committee on arrangements had sent flowers to President and Mrs. Northrop and authorized Mrs. Mary Mills West, of Washington D.C., to send eighty Killarney roses to Dr. and Mrs. Folwell and that they had been received the evening before Dr. Folwell's birthday.

The president then introduced James Gray, '86, in a humorous speech which gave Mr. Gray an opportunity to get it back at the chairman later. When Mr. Gray got to his feet, he said that although he had not been a particularly brilliant success in politics, he yet knew how to get on the right side of the donkey. It chanced that Mr. Gray was seated at President Nachtrieb's right hand and the audience saw the point of the remark and cheered wildly.

Mr. Gray then introduced Dean Vance of the law school, who spoke upon the experiences of a tenderfoot. After a humorous introduction in which Dean Vance won the good will of his audience, he drew a contrast between eastern and western institutions along two lines.

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He said in substance that eastern institutions were organized upon military lines, the subordinate not being supposed to do any thinking. His thinking is done for him and he has simply to obey orders and carry out policies introduced by his superior officers. In the west he had found a decided difference in this respect. At Minnesota any one connected with the organization was free to make suggestions and no matter how wild such suggestions might be, they were always given consideration. This spirit of tolerance and willingness to consider the opinion of everyone connected with the institution, was to him delightful.

Dean Vance then pointed out a difference between eastern and western institutions in which the west did not lead. He then set forth the feelings of the students and alumni of eastern institutions toward Alma Mater and contrasted them with the spirit which he had found prevalent in Minnesota and other western institutions. In the west the student seems to feel that he is paying his tuition and is getting what he pays for in the way of training and that he owes the institution nothing that he has not paid for. In the east the whole spirit is different. The alumnus looks upon his Alma Mater as a real mother and the alumnus don't love her because she has done certain things for her, but simply because she is his Alma Mater and means to him all that is understood by the term.

This criticism was made in the friendliest sort of spirit and Dean Vance expressed his belief that the future of education in America would lie chiefly in state universities and that the alumni and students would come in time, to have the same reverence and regard, and be ready to make the same sacrifices for Alma Mater that are characteristic of Yale and Harvard today. He then pointed out what he believed to be the chief function of a University--to instill into the student body a spirit that shall control and lift their lives out of the commonplace and shall cause them to feel their responsibility to society for service which they alone can render.

Following Dean Vance, Professor Charles Washburn Nichols of the department of rhetoric, was introduced and read the poem, "Captains Three," and read a poem to Mr. Lowry.

A letter was read from Dr. Folwell followed by drinking a toast to Dr. Folwell and the address of Professor Webster of East High School on Dr. Folwell.

June 9, 1913

The regular June meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the office of the Association, 202 Library Building at eight o'clock. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Haynes, Gerrish, Countryman, Rees, Keyes, Mercer, Gray, Hartzell and Johnson.

The secretary presented estimates for the finances for the balance of the current year as follows:

While it is too early as yet to give definite figures for the current year, the following will be found close estimates.

Weekly, paid	\$3700.00
Collectable before August 1st	300.00
Advertising, net	2100.00
University	460.00
	<u>\$6560.00</u>
Expenses--total	3700.00
	<u>\$2860.00</u>
E.B. Johnson salary account	2700.00

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Net profit	\$ 160.00
Association's half	80.00

Association

Income--Weekly	\$ 80.00
Valentine, interest	190.00
Jebb.	55.00
Postage	30.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
University	80.00
	<u>\$ 460.00</u>

Expenses estimated	550.00
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Net shortage	\$ 90.00
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It will be seen that there will be a net shortage of \$90 and we have not yet paid the University the \$104 and some odd cents which we agreed the Association should pay. This ought to have been done long ago but the Secretary has not felt that he could personally advance the money and the only way it could be done was for him to do so.

He also presented an estimate for the Weekly for the ensuing year which was approved and the secretary was instructed to go ahead with the year's work on the basis of the estimate submitted

ALUMNI WEEKLY ESTIMATES

Income:

Subscriptions	\$4200.00
Advertising, net	- 2100.00
Total	<u>\$6300.00</u>

Expenses:

Printing, regular editions	\$2240.00
Special issue	1000.00
Postage	210.00
Personals and travel	150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Engraving and printing	200.00
	<u>\$3900.00</u>
	Balance \$2400.00

He also submitted an estimate for the Association for the year 1912-1913 which was approved.

Income:

Interest and annual dues	\$ 975.00
Alumni Weekly, net	2400.00
University contribution	1500.00
Miscellaneous	75.00
Total	<u>\$4950.00</u>

Expenses:

Secretary, salary	\$3600.00
Stenographer	900.00
Postage	100.00

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Press Clippings	60.00
Furniture, printing, and miscellaneous	140.00
Travel	150.00
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$4950.00

The secretary submitted the following propositions:

It is my judgment that we ought to take out of the Weekly each year at least \$500 less than we have been taking the past few years. That is, we ought to use \$500 more each year to better the Weekly. I should use this to give the Weekly a high grade cover and use more half tones than we have been using the past year. I believe it would be worth while to use a better grade of paper in the Weekly itself.

However, even though this may be impossible, I am convinced that we should at once make a beginning. I find that by using a low priced grade of cover and omitting the special monthly issues, we can furnish the Weekly with a cover each week and give our subscribers in the course of the year exactly the same amount of reading matter that they get at the present time. The extra cost for the year would be in the neighborhood of \$150. A better grade of cover paper would bring this additional cost up another \$100. I am convinced that our subscribers generally would favor the proposed change. While the cover paper which it is proposed to use is not an expensive paper, it presents a respectable appearance. I recommend that the Board approve this proposed change.

This proposition was approved with the understanding that only one color of cover paper should be used.

The secretary submitted the following recommendation concerning Alumni Day for 1914. The recommendation was approved and adopted--

I recommend that a committee to have charge of Alumni Day for 1914 be appointed on the following plan:

The committee to be made up of one representative from each of the five-year classes and one representative from the senior class, with the understanding that the President and Secretary are ex-officio members of the committee, the representative of the 10th class, that of 1904, to be chairman of the committee.

I have gone over the class lists very thoroughly and recommend the appointment of the following named persons: E. J. Kimball, '74; C. J. Rockwood, '79; Bessie L. Soovell, '84; Frank S. Abernethy, '89; C. H. Chalmer, '94; S. H. Baxter, '99; John F. Sinclair, '09; a representative of the senior class; the president and secretary of the Association; E. B. Pierce, '04, chairman.

This committee will be gotten together early in the fall and will have the complete charge of the plans for the Alumni Day of next year. I believe the experiment is one worth trying.

The secretary presented the following resolution which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association desires to express the appreciation of the members of the Association for the services of Senator James T. Elwell and Representative Willis I Norton, both of the University district, for their faithful and efficient services in the legislature.

While many others worked faithfully and earnestly in the interests of the University, notably Senator Frank Clague and Representatives Andrew Davis, Frank Palmer, and many others, we feel that the services of Messrs Elwell and Norton

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deserve special mention by the organized alumni, and we offer our hearty thanks to them.

The president announced the executive committee as follows: Soren P. Rees, chairman, Messrs Keyes and Hummel.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

June 24, 1913

The executive committee of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association met at the office of the chairman of the committee, Dr. Rees, 1036 Andrus Building. There were present Directors Rees, chairman, Keyes, Hummel and Johnson.

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, that the President of the General Alumni Association, be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint a committee of five alumni to assist the Attorney General of the state of Minnesota in enforcing the state law requiring the Northern Pacific railway company to cover its tracks through the University campus.

The committee approved the nomination of Messrs Rockwood, Mercer and Thompson as members of this committee from Minneapolis, and suggested Messrs Wickersham and Hiram D. Frankel from St. Paul, with the suggestion that in case of either of these latter named gentlemen not being able to serve, Harold C. Kerr be named.

After a little discussion concerning the question of the life memberships in the General Alumni Association, the committee adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

The executive committee held a meeting at the office of Director Rees, at twelve o'clock. There were present Directors Rees, Keyes, and Johnson.

The secretary submitted a proposition for the securing of additional life members and the better endowment of the work of the Association, suggesting that fifty men be asked to contribute one hundred dollars each, making a fund of \$5,000, this contribution being conditioned upon one thousand alumni taking out life memberships and paying for the same on or before some date to be fixed.

After some discussion, the chairman of the committee, Dr. Rees, suggested that it would be easier to get ten men to give five hundred dollars each than fifty to give one hundred each, and it was decided that Dr. Rees and Mr. Keyes ask Mr. Fred B. Snyder to undertake to put the plan through.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

December 8, 1913

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association for the college year 1913-14 was held at the office of the Association, 202 Library Building. There were present Directors Gray, Hummel, Johnson, Gerrish, Keyes, Haynes, Moody, Mercer and Nachtrieb.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the first meeting of the executive committee were read. Mr. Keyes, a member of the executive committee, made a report for that committee telling of the plan to secure a contribution of five thousand dollars from a few alumni, conditioned upon securing one thousand more life members at ten dollars each. After some discussion of the proposition, the whole matter was referred back to the executive committee with instructions to push matters along the line they had already started.

The secretary made a report on the finances of the Association, showing that the Association was running behind somewhat each year and that the finances ought to be put on a more permanent basis.

The secretary reported that there was the possibility that the commission appointed by Governor Eberhart might report in favor of a single state Board of Control for all educational institutions of the state, and that the alumni must be in position to fight this proposition if its enactment should become at all probable.

The question of the establishment of a woman's alumne association was taken up and discussed for a few minutes. The members of the Board felt that no action was necessary, no one seeing any objection to the formation of such an association provided it did not attempt to occupy the field properly belonging to the General Alumni Association and did not concern itself with strictly University matters.

The secretary reported that the plans for Alumni Day were coming along and that the committee was actively engaged in making preparations for that event.

On recommendation of the secretary it was voted to substitute the name of Benjamin B. Walling for that of John F. Sinclair on the Alumni Day Committee.

The following report from the committee on the removal of the Northern Pacific tracks was submitted and it was voted to receive it and place it on file.

My dear Mr. Johnson;

I can only report progress for the committee which was appointed upon the subject of covering the Northern Pacific tracks. There was a meeting October 1st at St. Paul between representatives of the University and representatives of the Northern Pacific. It was agreed that engineers representing both parties should work out plans and submit a report. The engineers have been at work, but their report has not come in. The company was apparently not only willing, but anxious, to negotiate rather than to stand merely in a defensive attitude and wait for legal proceedings.

Very truly yours,

D. J. Rockwood, Chairman

On recommendation of the secretary it was voted that the price of the Weekly to seniors remain at the same rate as at present, one dollar, but that this reduced price apply only during their first year out of college.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

It is the sense of this board that the alumni of the University should celebrate, in some fitting manner, the 80th birthday of President Northrop,

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September 30, 1914.

Resolved that the secretary gather letters from the alumni and have them bound as was done a few years ago in the case of Dr. Folwell.

Resolved further, that a committee of three be named by the president to make plans for a celebration to be held at the University, or some suitable place to be determined, on that day.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the board of directors of the General Alumni Association recommend to the University athletic board of control, that "M"s be granted to football men and other athletes, who left the University prior to the time when such emblems were awarded, upon the same terms that now govern the granting of this honor. And, further, that these insignia be conferred upon those entitled to receive them, at the annual banquet to be held on the 18th of February.

John F. Sinclair, '06, Law '09, was elected alumni representative on the Board of Governors of the Minnesota union.

Professor Nachtrieb brought to the attention of the Board the fact that some members of the board were not members of the Association and that some members of the board have attended once in several years. After some discussion it was voted to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary to investigate further and to report at the next meeting of the board. It appeared from the report of the secretary that eight members of the present board were not members of the association and that three members were neither members of the board nor subscribers to the Weekly.

The last business of the meeting was the election of officers and on motion of Mr. Gray, duly made and seconded, it was voted that the secretary cast the ballot of the directors for the present officers to succeed themselves for another year. This being done, the officers were declared duly elected.

The meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

January 26, 1914

A regularly called meeting of the board of directors was held at the office of Director Mercer, There were present Directors Booth, Gerrish, Hummel, Johnson, Keyes, Mercer, Nachtrieb, Rees and Stacy.

It was voted to recommend to the annual meeting of the Association, the passage of the following resolution:

After January 1, 1915, the life membership shall be twenty dollars to anyone who has been out of college five years or more. Seniors may become life members by paying ten dollars before graduation, or, in regular installments to which they pledge themselves before graduation. Any time during the first five years following their graduation, alumni may become life members by the payment of fifteen dollars.

It was voted to recommend the passage of an amendment to the constitution as follows:

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Any person entitled to membership in this Association who contributes one hundred dollars toward the support of this Association, shall be given a certificate of sustaining membership which shall entitle him to all the privileges which are attached to regular membership in the association.

It was voted to approve the action of the president, chairman of the executive committee and secretary in accepting, for the secretary, the invitation of the Yale Association of Class Secretaries to attend a meeting to be held in New York City, Friday, February 13. The necessary expenses of the secretary to attend that meeting were voted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we recommend to the Athletic Board of Control that "M's" be granted to the men who were regularly members of the teams from 1886 to 1889, and who established the Rugby game at Minnesota, despite the fact that these men never played in a game that at the present time would entitle them to the "M".

The report of the board to the alumni was submitted by President Nachtrieb and after considerable discussion and recommendations from various members of the board, was referred back to the president and secretary to put in final shape for publication.

The recommendations in connection with this report were, that the report should include a specific list of things done by the association; methods of work of the association; the relation of the association to the Weekly; the relation of the association to the University; in short, explaining what the association is and how it does its work.

It was suggested that printed copies of the report be distributed at the evening of the Annual meeting and that the president give the report verbally. It was suggested that the president also make some statement concerning the fact that Mr. Snyder has left the board of directors of this association and become a regent, and that Governor Lind has dropped off the board of regents.

The board voted to oppose the appointment of Mr. Rice whose term expires in March 1915, and the president and secretary were instructed to see Governor Eberhart and inform him of this attitude of the alumni and to urge him not to re-appoint Mr. Rice if he ever should have the opportunity to do so.

The board discussed very informally and briefly the question of a list of candidates for appointment to the board of regents to be placed before the Governor. It was decided that the time was too short to give the matter proper consideration and so action was postponed. In connection with this, a communication was received from Director Higbie of Morris, recommending that Senator E. J. Jones be considered in connection with such a list.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

February 18, 1914

The 11th Annual Meeting, closing the tenth year of service of the General Alumni Association, was held at Donaldson's tea rooms from 6 to 9:30 o'clock. There were present four hundred and twenty-six at the banquet and a number came later.

For the first time the alumni were favored by having present all three of the men who have honored the office of president of the University. Mrs. Folwell

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and Mrs. Vincent were also present. Mrs. Northrop was kept away by a cold, which made it unsafe for her to be out.

The whole affair passed off pleasantly and many pronounced it the most successful annual meeting ever held.

One of the features of the evening's program was the granting of the athletic "M" to one hundred eighteen men, whose names are given elsewhere in this issue.

Near the close of the banquet the business meeting was opened by President Nachtrieb, who announced that the minutes of the last previous meeting having been printed in the Weekly in full, they would be considered approved unless objection was made. No objection being made, they were declared approved. The Treasurer's report, printed in the previous issue of the Weekly, was presented and accepted. One correction should be noted in the report as printed. The third line from the bottom of the first column on page 7, should read: "Printing, \$332.05", instead of \$322.05, as printed. It was announced that the report of the chartered accountants would be published later in the Weekly.

President Nachtrieb made a statement concerning the difficulties of securing men capable and willing to devote time to the work of the athletic committee and announced that no change would be made for the present and that the naming of the committee would be left to the board of directors.

The president then presented the report of the Board of Directors and read the same, which was printed in full in the preceding issue of the Weekly.

The chairman of the executive committee, Dr. S. P. Rees, made the following report upon the need for an adequate endowment:

To the alumnus who has no sentiment for the University as his Alma Mater and for the alumnus who simply looks to her for a diploma in return for work done in her class rooms, it is useless and even difficult to explain the need for such an organization as this alumni association. The state which has created the University will undoubtedly continue to support her. To a board of regents is given the honorable privilege of providing for her wants. Their president and the various faculties are paid for conducting her affairs in the best possible manner. Why then, should alumni give of their time and energy and money to an institution so liberally provided for by a rich state? The question is sometimes asked.

But just as a successful home is more than the means for food and shelter, so the ideal University must be more than a good tutor. She must reach and develop every phase of the student's life. She must exert a strong human influence. To do this, she needs and calls back to her aid, all her sons and daughters.

Our Association has already accomplished much during its ten years' existence.

1. It has brought about effective concerted action of the Alumni in behalf of the University.
2. It has won the confidence and support of the people of the State by standing for full and free publicity in all matters affecting the University.
3. It was the dominant factor in the campaign that secured the release of the University from the board of control supervision.
4. It initiated the movement for the greater campus and helped to secure the necessary appropriations.
5. It initiated the movement and was the chief factor in securing appropriations for putting salaries of the faculty on an approximately fair basis.
6. It successfully fought the proposition to raise the Northern Pacific tracks; the raising of which would have done incalculable harm to the University.
7. It has lately won recognition among the leading educators of the country as one of the most effective alumni organizations.

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Who doubts that the future will bring equally important and urgent opportunities?

It is seen from the list just given that the General Alumni Association concerns itself especially with matters pertaining to the University as a whole.. Its board of directors, composed of two representatives from each school, is, however, to keep in close touch with every department, and is always ready and willing to help any school if it can be of any service. I have been a member of the board since its organization. I have known it once by thought word or deed to discriminate against any department. It is most anxious to help that department of the University that needs help the most. It is most willing to help that department of the University that seemingly needs help the least, but which is striving to become still more of a credit to our Alma Mater. This policy rightly includes all and leaves out none.

But past accomplishments should serve merely as a center around which as an organization we can rally and bring to the University new enthusiasm, fresh energy and sustaining affection.

And why?

Because our favorite professor may be waiting to have us come and tell him that for us at least, his work in the past has been well worth while. The president may desire our assurance that his high ideals and splendid plans for the University will have our support to a man. The board of regents should be told by us that in this state, rich in iron and timber, fields and factories, they manage the most important possession of the state. And the state of Minnesota herself is entitled to know from our attitude and work, that her investment for us was worth its full cost. We bring back, therefore, our support to the University in order that she may be able and willing to continue to exert over us the good influence that was begun during the four short years we lived on her campus. It is for the active and loyal alumni to extend this influence from the University to the most distant graduate. For this we need organized good will and effort.

And so we feel justified in asking for more men and more money for our Association.

The number of living Alumni total 10,00.

The number of life members are only 1,744.

The life membership fund (of which only the interest is used for current expenses), is \$15,000.

We need at least the income from a sum four times the present invested capital. And we need the active support of the remaining 8,00 alumni who have hitherto lived apart from the University and our work.

The board of directors have undertaken at this time to reach at least 1,000 of those alumni. The plan is as follows:

"Fifty men are being asked to contribute \$100 each toward the creation of a fund of \$5,000, for the better endowment of the work of the General Alumni Association, the total contribution of \$5,000 being further conditioned upon 1,000 additional alumni taking out their memberships at \$10 each before the 10th day of June, 1914."

The guarantee fund of \$5,000 has been largely subscribed already, and we are assured that another two weeks of effort will complete this sum.

The board now asks you who are present (as well as those who are absent) to utilize this opportunity for greatly increasing our list of life members. Will

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you do it? If each of you could enjoy the privilege of soliciting \$100 from various alumni and thus thoroughly appreciate the difference between a live one and a "deader," every one of you to a man and woman would not cease until these 8,000 alumni had been converted into that many organized, loyal and active alumni.

At the close of the report of the chairman of the executive committee, President Northrop was introduced and spoke. He made a motion that the Association immediately affiliate with the American Peace Society. This motion was seconded and carried by a unanimous rising vote.

At the close of the meeting the three presidents passed to the main entrance of the room and the alumni as they passed out had an opportunity such as never before, so far as is know, has come to the alumni of any institution—an opportunity to shake hands with the three men who have presided over the University during the whole period of its existence as a University.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

April 16, 1914

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the University club Thursday, April 16th, at six o'clock. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Countryman, Stacy, Higbie, Selvig, Moody, Mercer, Keyes, Rees, Booth, Gray and Johnson.

The secretary submitted the following statement for the consideration of the Board—  
To President Vincent:

The alumni have observed with unqualified approval the emphasis you have placed upon men as the essential feature of a real university, and the fact that you have taken a stand against all building, not absolutely imperative, until better provision has been made for securing high grade men and keeping them in spite of all outside calls.

We recognize the reasonableness of your policy of bringing new men and paying the whatever is necessary to secure them whenever there has been a suitable opening.

We heartily approve, also, the meeting of competition when men, we want to keep, are called away, by paying them higher salaries.

In this way you have been able to establish standard of salaries that would not have been possible under any other plan.

May we add, without fear of being misunderstood, that we believe, that now the new standard of salaries has been established, that there are many men on the faculty, who are the peers of any that have been brought here, at higher salaries, whose salaries should be, at once, advanced to the new grade that has been so successfully established.

May we suggest, also, that, in our judgment, it would be wise to let members of the faculty know that you have such a plan in mind; and that they are not to be overlooked or put in the position of being compared unfavorably with the men who have come into the faculty more recently.

We feel sure that you will see that this is done, and our purpose in sending you this communication is to assure that the alumni heartily approve what you have

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done and will stand by you in any effort to secure sufficient funds to bring up not only the standard of salaries, but the whole institution to the highest possible level of efficiency.

We still feel, as we expressed ourselves several years ago, that a schedule of salaries should be established for the University, not as a hard and fast rule to be followed under all circumstances, but as a standard, so that members of the faculty may know what they will be advanced, if they make good, without any effort on their part further than to make good.

It is not our present purpose to give this action any publicity, but you are free to use it, if you see fit, in any way you chose.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to consider and recast this statement and submit it to the President, the recasting to be done in accordance with the general trend of opinion expressed by the members of the Board at the meeting. The four and last two paragraphs were approved. The other three paragraphs were to be thoroughly overhauled so as to express some of the same ideas in an entirely different way. The President appointed as this committee, Directors Countryman, Rees and Mercer.

The Secretary submitted the following statement to the Board for its action: To President Vincent:

We are particularly anxious not to be misunderstood in this matter. We do not intend to reflect in any way upon anyone--the matter was, indeed, first called to our attention by an outsider, who chanced to see President Emeritus Northrop wandering about the campus one day.

He suggested, and we heartily approve the suggestion, that both Dr. Folwell and Dr. Northrop should be provided a well-furnished office in the Library Building, or one office for the two. This would make them feel that there was one spot on the campus which is entirely their own and which they could come to at any time without feeling that they were interfering with anyone. It would give them a place where they could meet their University friends, and would identify both with the University in a way that would be gratifying to them and delightful to their friends.

The further suggestion was made, which we likewise heartily approve, that both men be invited to give a course of lecture, open to students and the public.

It has been suggested that Dr. Northrop might lecture upon international peace and possibly give some lectures upon Shakespeare, and that Dr. Folwell might lecture upon the history of Minnesota, or the school system of this state.

In the very nature of the case we shall not have these men with us for many years. We feel that if we can make their last years brighter, by making them feel that they are not officially forgotten, we shall be doing a deed really worth while, and at the same time we shall be doing the students of today a real service, by giving them an opportunity to enjoy the inspiration which these men bring to all who come in contact with them.

The first two paragraphs were approved and the last three were modified.

The President announced that Chester Wilson had resigned from the Athletic committee and said that if the Board had no objection he should appoint George B. Webster to this position. No objection being raised, the appointment was announced.

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The chairman of the Executive committee made a statement concerning the life membership campaign showing thirty-eight \$100 pledges in hand and the probability that a sufficient additional number were in sight to assure the raising of \$5,000, indeed he expressed himself positively in regard to the matter that the money would be raised.

The secretary then made a statement concerning a proposed campaign to secure the remaining number of life memberships needed to secure the \$5,000 gift. The plan was approved by the Board and the Secretary was authorized to go ahead and carry it out.

The secretary made a statement to the Board saying that he felt that the time had come when the Association should assume the full financial responsibility for carrying on the work of the Association; that he felt that his salary from now on should not be made dependent upon from the income from the Weekly but that whatever sum might be agreed upon should be guaranteed by the Association.

Various members of the Board expressed themselves as believing that this was a proper step for the Association to take and the whole matter was referred to the Executive committee with power to act.

The question of membership on our own Board was taken up and after some discussion the Secretary was instructed to draw up an amendment to the Constitution and submit it to a later meeting of the Board, this amendment to provide that any member of the Board absent three consecutive times without reason which appeared sufficient to the Board, be dropped from the Board and that the President of the Association be authorized to appoint a successor to fill out the unexpired term.

The question of recommendations to the Governor concerning future appointments to the Board of Regents was then taken up and was very carefully considered. After talking over various names, it was voted that the Executive committee consider the names submitted and any other names that might be submitted by the members of the Board, and report to a subsequent meeting of the Board.

It was voted that Directors Countryman and Stacy present the names of two women preferably graduates of the University of Minnesota, who would be acceptable to the alumni for appointment to the Board of Regents should the Governor decide to appoint a woman.

The names submitted by various members of the Board at this meeting were: William H. Hoyt, Duluth; W.D. Willard, Mankato; W.I. Gray, Minneapolis; J.H. Devenney, Morris; James Valentine, Breckenridge; E.J. Jones, Morris; P.M. Ringdahl, Crookston; Andrew Stevens, Crookston; A.A. Miller, Crookston; N.J. Holmberg, Reville, Albert Pfaender, New Ulm; Hugh E. Leach, Alexandria; Theodore Christianson, Dawson.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the executive committee.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

June 15, 1914

A meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the University Club. There were present Directors Rees, chairman, Gray, Keyes, Hummel and Johnson.

The committee considered carefully the life membership campaign and instructed the secretary to continue the same along lines outlined by him, namely, to try to

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secure definite pledges from life members to make up the balance of three hundred life memberships needed to secure the five thousand dollars.

The committee also discussed the matter previously referred to it by the Board--recommendations to be made the Governor for appointment to the Board of Regents.

The committee voted to recommend the following names to the Board, to be placed by the Board before the Governor for appointment when a vacancy should occur: William H. Hoyt, Duluth; W.I. Gray, Minneapolis; Gratia A. Countryman, Minneapolis; W.D. Willard, Mankato; N. J. Holmberg, Renville; Theodore Christianson, Dawson; Hugh E. Leach, Alexandria; P.M. Ringdahl, Crookston, Albert Pfaender, New Ulm.

The committee consisting of Miss Countryman and Mrs. Stacy, recommended the names of two women for appointment to the Board, namesly, Professor Maria L. Sanford and Mrs. Sarah Pillsbury Gale, '88. Mrs. Stacy made a minority report recommending Miss Countryman as first and Miss Sanford as second choice. The executive committee felt that it would be wiser under the circumstances to submit the name of but one woman and voted, unanimously, to submit the name of Gratia A. Countryman.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

October 6, 1914

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held at the rooms of the University Club at six o'clock. There were present Directors Moody, Rees, Gaumnitz, Gerrish, Stacy, Nachtrieb, Johnson, Keyes, Hummel, and Booth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the Executive meeting held last summer were read and approved as amended, to include the following phrase--"Mrs. Stacy made a minority report recommending Miss Countryman as first and Miss Sanford as second choice." The minutes of this meeting as amended were approved and adopted.

The report of the special committee of which Miss Countryman is chairman, was called for and the Secretary reported that Miss Countryman had expressed her regret at being unable to be present at the meeting and had said that the matter referred to that committee would be attended to soon.

The chairman of the Executive committee, Dr. Rees, reported that the five thousand dollar fund was practically completed, that in fact, he stood ready to guarantee its immediate completion. The Secretary reported that 951 life memberships were pledged, leaving but 49 needed to make up the full thousand.

The Secretary submitted reports concerning the finances of the Minnesota Alumni Association, the General Alumni Association, and the Minnesota Alumni Weekly, as follows--

The General Alumni Association Financial Statement for the Year ending July 31, 1913

Receipts

Interest on investments	797.11
Annual dues	81.75
Sale of Forty Years	24.00

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Balance--annual meeting, alumni day and torchlight	\$68.45	
Contribution of Weekly University, bills paid	2700.00	
Advanced by Minnesota Alumni Assn	1497.20	
Advanced by the Alumni Weekly	152.90	
	<u>70.00</u>	
Total	\$5391.42	5391.42

## Expenditures

Salary of Secretary	\$3500.00	
Salary of assistant	840.00	
Postage	322.00	
Printing	332.05	
Traveling expenses	98.00	
Office furniture	130.80	
Press Clippings	68.91	
Miscellaneous	24.35	
Deficit from previous year	<u>73.43</u>	
Total	\$5389.54	5389.54

Cash in bank - \$1.88  
 Borrowed - \$222.90  
 Net deficit - 221.02

## THE MINNESOTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Financial statement for two years ending July 31, 1913

## Collections

To July 31, 1912	\$13,512.15	
To July 31, 1913	1,661.44	
To July 31, 1914	4,035.00	
Total	<u>\$19,208.59</u>	\$19,208.59

## Accounting

Mortgages		
Ellefson	2,500.00	
Interest March and Sept.		
Michaelson	1,200.00	
Interest December		
McMillan	2,500.00	
Interest October and April		
Thyng	2,600.00	
Interest December		
Spaulding	900.00	
Interest		
Feehan	800.00	
Interest		
Fields	1,000.00	
Interest December		
Herr	1,000.00	
Interest January		
Maple	1,000.00	
Interest December		
Carlisle	2,650.00	
Interest (\$79.50) May and Nov.		
Perine	3,300.00	
Interest (\$99 Jan and July)		
Total	19,350.00	19,350.00
Borrowed to make up balance - \$141.41		

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THE GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Financial statement for the year ending July 31, 1914

Income

Cash balance in bank 7/31/13	1.88	
Interest on investments	690.96	
Annual dues	117.50	
Balances, annual meeting, alumni day	145.17	
Refund of postage advanced for annual meeting	35.00	
University, paid bills for Association	1536.00	
Contributed by Weekly as agreed	2700.00	
Weekly Advanced	65.00	
Borrowed at bank	1500.00	
Advanced by E.B. Johnson,	<u>274.04</u>	

Total

\$7065.55

\$7065.55

Expenditures

Salary of secretary		\$3600.00	
Salary of assistant		900.00	
Paid by University	\$810.85		
Refund of postage	35.00		
By Association, direct	54.15		
Deficit paid--money advanced by E.B. Johnson, three years ago		337.00	
Deficit paid, money advanced Johnson, for Weekly	70.00		
Johnson, for Weekly	65.00		
Minn. Alumni Assn.	152.90		
University, bills paid, Weekly acct.		615.15	
Linotype composition	206.57		
Paper	221.58		
Postage	180.00		
Minneapolis Directory	7.00		
Traveling expenses, three trips		144.90	
Exchange on checks		19.60	
Printin, paper, etc.		33.60	
Postage, paid by University		50.00	
Addressograph, paid by University		60.00	
Photographs		18.00	
Press clippings		17.71	
Miscellaneous		36.27	
Life membership campaign		857.31	
Postage	\$633.28		
Printing	247.90		
Letters	39.05		
Office help, mailing	33.08		
Typewriter ribbon	4.00		
Cash in bank		13.11	
E.B. Johnson, petty expenses paid		75.00	
Total		<u>\$7065.55</u>	\$7065.55

The Association owes

The bank	\$1,500.00	
E.B. Johnson	274.04	\$1,774.04

Less cash in bank

	13.11	
Net deficit	<u>\$1,760.93</u>	

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The Minnesota Alumni Weekly 1913-14 (July 31, 1914)

## Income

Subscriptions	\$3,869.61	
Advertising, net,	2,044.24	
University, bills paid by,	615.15	
Total	<u>\$6,529.00</u>	\$6,529.00

## Expenditures

Printing--Colwell's bill	3,153.52	
Other petty printing	16.87	
Linotype composition	206.57	
Paper bills, special ed	221.58	
Engraving bills	321.98	
Postage	250.00	
2nd class postage	94.00	
Exchange on checks	42.20	
Prizes	40.00	
Miscellaneous	55.35	
Total	<u>4,402.07</u>	\$4,402.07
Net		<u>\$2,126.93</u>

## Assets

Advertising, net	102.00	
Subscriptions, \$715.50 - net-	500.00	\$602.00

## Weekly debts

Colwell, printing,	\$ 96.26	
Note at bank, for printing,	303.50	399.76
Net to good		\$202.24

## Comments

The special dictionary edition cost me at net loss of about \$200.00. Failure of advertising man to continue work, and sickness of second man cost me at least \$200 more.

Under normal conditions our report would have shown--

Net, at per statement,	\$2,126.93	
Loss on advertising,	400.00	\$2,526.93

The weekly subscription list did not show normal growth, owing, in part at least, to my devoting so much time to the life membership campaign.

I feel that the Association could afford to assume the debts of the Weekly, \$399.76 and take over the assets and allow me the balance, \$200, as soon as cash is available. This would make up what I was behind a year ago.

I also feel that the Association might allow me what profit is made on the football number of this year to offset, in part at least, what I ran behind in the year just closed.

The following resolution, recommended for adoption by the Executive committee, was accepted and adopted. The Executive Committee recommends this:

Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to select a list of names of 150 life members who have not contributed to the \$5,000 fund, and place before these persons a full statement of our deficit and ask them to contribute \$10 each to wipe out this debt.

This appeal to be made just as soon as the \$5,000 fund is pledged and the 1,000 life members secured.

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The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we recommend to the Association, at its next annual meeting--

(1) The creation of a special sustaining life membership and that anyone who has contributed \$100 in the past, or who at any time in the future contributes that amount to the association, be given a card of such membership

The Secretary submitted estimates for the coming year for the Alumni Weekly and for the General Alumni Association as follows:

Estimate of Weekly for current year - 1914-15

INCOME

Subscriptions	\$4,000.00
Advertising, net	900.00
Total	\$4,900.00

Expenses

Printing 35 numbers	2,250.00
Other printing	50.00
Postage	200.00
Engraving	75.00
Exchange on checks	50.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Medal	15.00
Total	\$2,690.00

Net proceeds of Weekly \$2,210.00

Estimate Income 1914-15

INCOME

Interest and annual dues	\$1,250.00
Balances from meetings	100.00
University	1,500.00
Weekly, net	2,250.00
	<u>\$5,100.00</u>

EXPENSES

Salary of secretary	\$3,600.00
Salary of stenographer and assistant	900.00
Traveling expenses	125.00
Postage	100.00
Press clippings	50.00
Addressograph stencils and case	75.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
	<u>\$5000.00</u>

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the secretary be authorized to attend the next meeting of the Association of Alumni Secretaries, of which he is the president, to be held at Columbia University, in November, and that his necessary expenses, in a sum of not to exceed \$110.00 be allowed.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that Marjorie Sloane be continued at stenographer and assistant to the secretary for the current year at her present salary, \$75 a month.

Resolved, that E.B. Johnson be continued as secretary of the Association for another year at his present salary, \$3,600.00.

The secretary submitted the following statement with resolutions, which after full discussion were adopted.

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Weekly accounts--as of August 1st, 1914

Subscriptions--alive and believed to be good		\$715.00
Doubtful		250.00
Advertising--good and collectable		102.00
Total		<u>\$1067.00</u>

Debits

Note at bank	\$300.00	
Due Colwell and unpaid	73.00	
Total	<u>373.00</u>	373.00
Net total		<u>694.00</u>
Discount, uncollectable		294.00
Net balance to good		\$400.00

Resolved that the Association take over these accounts and instruct the secretary to make every possible effort to collect all that is due the Association and report to the Association the names of all persons with whom he is not able to get a settlement of account or a statement of a good reason why the account has not been paid.

Resolved further, that the Association assume the obligations to the bank and the Colwell Press, as indicated above, to the extent of \$373.00 and credit E.B. Johnson's account with \$200.00 to be paid Mr. Johnson as soon as the receipts from the Weekly will warrant such payment.

The Board of Directors, on recommendation of the Executive committee after a full discussion of the matter, adopted the following resolution. The Executive Committee recommend that this be adopted:

Resolved, that E.B. Johnson be allowed to retain the net proceeds of the special football number to be issued November 9th, it being understood that if these proceeds exceed the amount which he has fallen short on his salary during the past year, the balance shall be turned into the treasury of the association.

To this end it is agreed that Mr. Johnson shall keep careful account on all income and expenditures connected with this number and that he shall report the same to the Association as early as practicable after the completion of the number.

The secretary submitted the following resolution, asking that the matter be allowed to lie on the table with the understanding that a copy of the resolution be sent to all members of the Board, to allow thorough consideration before the next meeting.

Resolved, that the price of the Weekly be fixed so as to include annual dues in the Association, but that the life members be allowed the Weekly on the same terms that have obtained in the past.

Under the provision of this regulation, the price of the Weekly, including annual dues would be \$2.50. Bills sent to life members would show that they were entitled to a discount of 50% on account of their life memberships and a special cash discount of ten per cent. Others would be allowed simply a cash discount of ten per cent.

The secretary also submitted the following proposition upon which similar action was taken.

I should like to submit for the consideration of the Board, the proposition that it might be wise for the Board to choose a recording secretary who shall become, if not already a member of the Board, a member of the Board by virtue of his election.

That the title of the present secretary be made Executive Secretary, and that he be, by virtue of that office, ex-officio a member of all committees

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authorized by the Board and a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board.

The secretary submitted the following resolution upon which the same action was taken as in the two preceding cases.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors submit the following amendment to the Constitution with the recommendation that it be adopted:

Immediately following the first paragraph of Section 2 of Article III, the following paragraph shall be added: No one shall be admitted to membership on the Board of Directors who is not a life member of the Association and any member of the Board who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without an excuse acceptable to the Board, shall forfeit his membership and the office shall be filled as provided in Section 3.

The Secretary read a letter from President Vincent in reply to a communication sent to the President last spring concerning offices for Drs. Folwell and Northrop on the campus, and also concerning lectures to be given by these gentlemen at the University during the college year.

The following resolutions were adopted and the President was instructed to name the necessary committee.

Resolved, that a special committee, of five members, be appointed to confer with the secretary concerning the future development and policies of the Minnesota Alumni Weekly. This committee to report to the Board of Directors as early a date as is convenient.

Resolved, that this committee consider and report upon the advisability of organizing at this time an association of class secretaries. Appointed were John F. Hayden, chairman, Clara Thomas Aldrich, Josephine Schain, Charles Reed, and John H. Ray.

The Board discussed for some little time the question of a street car line coming on the campus and the location of certain building in process of construction. No action was taken.

On motion duly seconded and put, it was voted that the Secretary cast the ballot of the members of the Board for the present officers for the ensuing year. This was done and the officers were duly declared elected.

The meeting then adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

Immediately following the adjournment of the General Alumni Association the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Alumni Association was called to order by President Nachtrieb. There were present directors Moody, Rees, Gaumnitz, Gerrish, Stacy, Nachtrieb, Johnson, Keyes, Hummel and Booth.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Association for the present officers to serve for the ensuing year. This was done and these officers were duly declared elected.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

February 16, 1915

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association held a meeting at the University Club, at 12:30 o'clock. The meeting was called in response to the

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following communication received from the advisory committee of the medical alumni association:

Whereas, a plan is now under consideration by the Medical Faculty of the University proposing an affiliation between the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Foundation, and

Whereas, the Advisory Committee of the Medical Alumni Association of the University believe that a larger and deeper principle is involved in this proposed affiliation which may vitally affect the future of the University,

We, the Advisory Committee, request that Dr. Soren P. Rees, as representative of the Medical Alumni Association upon the Board of the General Alumni Association of the University, submit to the Board for its consideration; the principle involved, namely, "Shall the University of Minnesota affiliate itself, for teaching purposes, with any private institution."

There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Warren, Johnson, Moody, Rees, Gray, Gaumnitz, Hartzell, Keyes, Hummel, Mercer, Booth and Gerrish.

There were also present as visitors invited in by the Board, Dr. Ford, Dean of the graduate school, Dr. Litzenberg, of the administrative board of the medical school, and Drs. Louis B. Wilson and W. F. Braasch, of the Mayo Foundation.

The secretary submitted a draft of the annual report of the Board. As there were no objections made to the same, the report was declared approved and it was ordered submitted to the annual meeting to be held at Donaldsons February 18th.

The secretary reported also that after consulting with the president of the Association, he had purchased a beautiful plant and presented it to Dr. Folwell on his 82nd birthday, in behalf of the alumni, and read Dr. Folwell's letter of thanks to the Board. The Board voted to approve the action of the president and secretary in this matter.

The question of affiliation with the Mayo Foundation was next taken up. The Board voted to ask Drs. Ford and Litzenberg to state the facts concerning the proposed affiliation with the Mayo Foundation, and to ask Drs. Wilson and Braasch to say anything they might like to say after such statement had been made, and then to take up the discussion of the whole question.

Dean Ford opened the discussion by stating the advantages and terms of the proposed affiliation as he saw them.

Question was then raised as to whether the method of procedure should not be reversed, asking first for the reasons why the affiliation should not take place. On this question Dr. Rees spoke for a few moments and at the close of his talk Dean Ford continued his statement.

At the close of Dean Ford's statement, Dr. Litzenberg, representing the administrative board of the medical school, gave an official statement of the case and discussed the advantages of the affiliation as he saw them.

Following Dr. Litzenberg, Dr. Louis B Wilson was introduced as a former member of the board and as a member of the Mayo Foundation, and made a very full and frank statement of the proposition as he knew it from the inside.

At the conclusion of Dr. Wilson's talk, Dr. Braasch was invited to speak, but declined, saying that Dr. Wilson had covered fully the case as he saw it.

The guests then retired and the board took up the discussion of the proposition. Dr. Rees made a statement of the case as he had become acquainted with it as a member of the medical faculty and after some little discussion the

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following resolution was offered and properly seconded and after some further discussion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association recommend to the Board of Regents, that action upon the proposed affiliation with the Mayo Foundation be postponed for at least two months.

The President and Secretary were instructed to present a statement of the same to the Regents at their meeting to be held Thursday, February 18th.

It was then moved and seconded and unanimously adopted that the secretary get together a full and unbiased statement of the terms of the proposed affiliation with the Mayo Foundation and the arguments that have been offered for and against the same, and to submit the same to the members of the Board of Directors, and after approval by the Board to publish the same in the Alumni Weekly.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

I hereby certify that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of February 16th, to which this certificate is attached, which were dictated to me by Mr. Johnson, from his original notes, are in exactly the same condition they were when written by me Wednesday, February 17.

Marjorie Sloane

February 18, 1915

The twelfth annual meeting of the General Alumni Association was held at Donaldson's tea rooms Thursday, February 18, at six o'clock.

The attendance was a little less than three hundred.

The business meeting transacted as follows:

1) The report of the Board of Directors was received and adopted as follows: To the General Alumni Association:

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association herewith submits its report for the year just closed.

It will be remembered that at the meeting one year ago, a plan was submitted by which it was hoped to double the endowment of the association. Your Board was busy during the past year carrying out this plan and it gives them great pleasure to report to you tonight that the work has been completed and \$15,000 has been added to the endowment of the association.

Fifty men and women, whose names appear below, agreed to give one hundred dollars each, on condition that one thousand other alumni should take out their life memberships

Lewis S. Gillette	Sarah Pillsbury Gale	George K. Belden
Charles E. Thayer	E.B. Johnson	William I. Gray
Calvin G. Goodrich	Dow S. Smith	Russell H. Polwell
George H. Partridge	Wm. D. Willard	Thomas B. Hartzell
Fred B. Snyder	Martin E. Gerry	Frank W. Murphy
Edson S. Gaylord	Charles L. Greene	Alex P. Anderson
David P. Jones	Charles L. Sommers	Henry B. Hovland
Howard S. Abbott	Dr. and Mrs. C.W. Bray	Hugh V. Mercer
John W. Adams	Douglas A. Fiske	Alfred F. Pillsbury
George C. Andrews	Albert E. Moore	Charles H. Topping
Christopher Graham	Henry S. Morris	Walter N. Carroll
Bruno Bierbauer	Arthur R. Rogers	William D. Mirchess
Soren P. Rees	Albert Dickinson	Henry S. Sommers
E. H. Scofield and	Horace Lowry	Walter Mayo
F. E. Moody	Charles S. Pillsbury	John S. Pillsbury

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Edward S. Judd  
Eugene H. Day

George B. Webster  
Fred Glover

Samuel W. Cohen  
Charles L. Fillsbury

The campaign to secure one thousand life members began immediately after the last annual meeting and was completed on the 20th of January, 1915. The securing of the increase of the endowment of the association has been the chief work of the past year.

And while we rejoice with you in the successful completion of the campaign, we must caution all not to fall into a state of satisfied inactivity. Only something over one-fourth of the living alumni are life members, and the endowment fund is still far from yielding an income that will enable the association to realize its highest usefulness. We must strive to induce more of the older alumni and as many as possible of the graduating classes to become life members of the association and subscribers to the Weekly. Then as fast as the income will permit we shall establish lectureships or fellowships and in various other ways give aid to worthy and promising students. The things accomplished are worth all we gave to accomplish them, but we have barely begun to cultivate the fields of usefulness before us.

The expense of this campaign, which was considerable, could not be met out of the current expense fund of the association, which was already inadequate to support the regular work of the association, nor could it come out of the fund collected, which is in the nature of a trust fund. The association found itself at the close of the year something over fifteen hundred dollars behind in its finances. The Board of Directors is at present sending out appeals for contributions to make up this deficit and thus immediately give the association the full benefit of the income of the increased endowment.

The Board takes this occasion to express its thanks to all those who have contributed toward making the campaign a success. Each of the fifty who have contributed one hundred dollars deserves the special thanks of the association. Nearly all of those included in the list have previously contributed liberally toward the support of the work of the association, some having contributed as much as four hundred dollars for this purpose.

It is inadvisable to name individuals who took an active part in securing the thousand life members for the association. There were so many who cooperated heartily in carrying on the campaign, that an attempt to mention them would surely result in the omission of some deserving of special mention.

The Board of Directors feels that the association is to be congratulated upon the outcome of the campaign. The year has been unpropitious for such an undertaking, and the successful completion of the campaign indicates, more clearly than anything else could, that there is a Minnesota spirit which can be depended upon when Alma Mater calls.

Aside from this one bit accomplishment of the year, the year has been uneventful. The Weekly has barely held its own in number of subscribers. We hope, however, during the coming year to put more emphasis upon the Weekly and to increase materially the number of subscribers.

Some time since, the Board named a committee consisting of John F. Hayden, chairman; Charles A. Reed, Clara Thomas Aldrich, Josephine Schain, John H. Ray, to make a study of the Weekly and its problems and to recommend to the Board such changes as the committee felt should be made. This committee had a meeting and voted to report to the Board as follows:

That the Board of Directors name an advisory editorial board, of not to exceed five members, to serve for the balance of the current college year.

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It is understood, of course, that such advisory board will make a study proposed to investigate the problems involved in the publication of the Weekly and report its findings to your board after a period of actual trial of the plan.

The report was accepted and the same committee was named to make the study proposed. The committee, acting as an advisory editorial board, will study the problem carefully for the year and will report to the Board of Directors at the close of the present college year. The committee would like suggestions from any alumnus, particularly from subscribers to the Weekly. There is but one purpose in publishing the Weekly and that is to make it serve the University and the alumni, and any suggestions that will help to make the Weekly of greater use will be welcomed.

In accordance with an announcement of last spring, the Weekly issued early in November, a special football number, devoted to a history of the sport at Minnesota. The collection of material, the securing of advertising and the publishing of the number, engaged a considerable portion of the time of the time of the secretary during the summer and fall. This history of football was the first of its kind ever attempted by an alumni publication and subscribers to the Weekly generally welcomed it and gave it their hearty approval.

The Board hopes that the alumni generally will take it upon themselves to help increase the subscription list of the Weekly. If one thousand new subscribers could be secured, the Weekly could be greatly improved in many ways and made of greater use to all its subscribers. We sincerely hope that those who are here this evening may take it upon themselves to do something individually to increase the subscription list of the Weekly.

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Adopted without change.

To amend Section 4 of Article II, so as to read as follows:

"Section 4. Any person eligible to membership may become a life member of the association upon payment of the required fee as hereinafter set forth.

a) On and after January 1, 1916, the life membership fee shall be \$15, to all who have been out of college less than five years and \$20 to all who have been out of college five years or more.

b) Graduates of any college of the University may become life members upon the payment of \$10 in either of the following ways:

1. In cash within one year after graduation.
2. In installments of at least \$2 a year, beginning with the first year after graduation, provided, pledge to that effect is made before graduation.

"The money received from life memberships shall be invested as a permanent fund, the principal of which shall be kept intact, and the income thereof shall be used as determined by the board of directors."

To add a new section to Article II, as follows:

"No one shall be admitted to membership on the board of directors who is not a life member of the association, and any member of the board who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the board, without excuse acceptable to the board shall forfeit his directorship and the office shall be filled as provided in Section 3 of the article."

The following matter has been before the board of directors of the General Alumni Association. The board took no action on the ground that, at that time, it was not desirable to adopt the plan. Since that time the suggestion has been discussed with a number of alumni. It appears now desirable to submit the plan for the consideration of the alumni present at the annual meeting.

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Would it not be both proper and desirable for the board of directors to submit a list of names of alumni candidates for appointment to the Board of Regents and ask members of the association to express the order of their preference for these candidates?

The recommendations made to the Governor would then be based on such referendum vote.

It might also be provided that any fifty alumni who desired to place the name of some other candidate in nomination might do so--such names being included in the lists submitted to members of the association for an expression of preference.

It is argued in favor of this plan that such an expression of opinion would carry great weight and would more truly represent alumni opinion.

Objections have been raised to the plan on the ground that it would be humiliating to an alumnus to have his name rejected by a public vote of the alumni.

Referred to special committee to investigate and report.

The recommendation concerning athletics was then taken up. Owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding, the statement as printed and placed in the hands of those present, did not follow the latest form approved by the board. This naturally raised questions in the minds of many of the alumni and caused much confusion regarding the whole proposition. Immediately motion was made that the whole matter be postponed for one year. This was discussed for some few minutes, and when vote was taken there were about fifty votes for to thirty against postponement. Considerably less than one-third of those present expressed themselves in any way regarding this matter. This was undoubtedly due to the unfortunate circumstance above referred to.

To the General Alumni Association in Annual Meeting Assembled:

Your Board of Directors held a meeting December 1, 1914, to which the members of the athletic committee were invited. The Board approved a statement concerning physical education and athletic, recommending the same to the General Alumni Association for adoption. This was by a unanimous vote of those present, including the members of the athletic committee present.

This statement was published in the Weekly and criticism and suggestions were asked. The statement follows:

"To the President of the University of Minnesota:

"The General Alumni Association desires to place before you, for the consideration of the University authorities, the following statement relating to physical training at the University:

"We believe that the time has come for the University to assume full responsibility for the physical training of the whole student body, and that, in order to assume such responsibility, it will be necessary for the University to enlarge its department of physical education and to take over the control of athletics.

"We believe that outdoor sports should be one of the chief features of any system of physical education and that athletics should be conducted primarily for the physical betterment of the whole student body, and not, primarily, to maintain a winning team in any particular branch of sport.

"We believe, thoroughly, in intercollegiate athletic competition, but we

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believe that such competition should be made to subserve the chief end of all legitimate athletics--

1. Improvement of physical condition of participants, and
2. The maintenance of high ideals of sportsmanship, throughout the whole student body.

"We believe that the physical well being of the student body is too important a matter to allow one of its most important divisions to be delegated to individuals, not directly responsible to the University, and upon whom the pressure to turn out winning teams at any cost, is almost overwhelming.

"We realize fully what this change would involve in the way of expenditure on the part of the University. It would mean a considerable outlay for the adequate athletic fields and gymnasium, and assumption of responsibility for the maintenance of an adequate corps of instruction in the department, with, very likely, a falling off of the revenues from the sale of tickets for intercollegiate contests.

"We realize, too, that such a change will stir up unfavorable criticism in certain quarters. A portion of this criticism, that of the sporting public which has no particular interest in the University, other than as a place to develop winning athletic teams, may be ignored. There will be, however, honest criticism on the part of those who will think that they see, in the proposed change, the elimination of intercollegiate sports. Such elimination is not involved in the plan proposed, indeed, such elimination is distinctly disclaimed.

"We fully believe that the change is necessary and inevitable, and we pledge ourselves to stand by and share the burden of criticism, should you see fit to proceed along lines that will result in securing the end we desire to see accomplished, viz:

"The recognition of physical training as an essential part of education and the maintenance of athletic primarily as an essential element of physical training."

Last Tuesday morning the Board received a communication from the athletic committee upon the same question. At a meeting held Tuesday noon, this report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board then took up the matter of its previous recommendation and re-affirmed its previous position by the unanimous adoption of the following statement. This statement was framed for the purpose of making one or two points in the original communication somewhat clearer.

- 1) We believe the time has come for the University authorities to recognize more fully, physical training as an essential element in college education.
- 2) We believe that athletic sports should be one of the chief features of any system of physical education and that athletics should be conducted, primarily, for the physical betterment of the whole student body.
- 3) We believe thoroughly in intercollegiate athletic competition, but such competition should be made to subserve the chief end of all legitimate athletics--  
First-Improvement of the physical condition of the participants;  
Second-The maintenance of high ideals of sportsmanship.
- 4) We believe that the University should exercise such control as will insure the proper coordination of athletics as a vital element in the whole plan of physical education.
- 5) We realize fully what this change would involve in the way of increased expenditure on the part of the University. It would mean considerable outlay for adequate athletic fields and gymnasium, and the assumption of responsibility for the maintenance of an adequate corps of instruction.

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At this point President Nachtrieb announced the appointment of the athletic committee for the coming year as follows: John M. Harrison, Truman E. Rickard, L.A. Page, Jr., Isaac N. Tate and George B. Webster, chairman.

The question presented some time since in regard to a referendum on the Board of Regents was likewise postponed and was ordered referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the president, to investigate and report at the next annual meeting.

March 10, 1915

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association met at the University Club on the evening of March 10, 1915 at six o'clock. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Rees, Moody, Booth, Hammond, Gray, Gerrish, Boss, Gilfillan, Hartzell, Johnson, and Mercer. As the guests were Dr. Charles L. Greene, Dr. Jennings C. Litzenberg, and Mr. Louis L. Collins of the Journal and Thomas J. Malone of the Tribune.

The special business for which the Board had been called together was a report of the Secretary who submitted material upon the Mayo Foundation which he had previously been instructed to secure.

The secretary read the statement which had been previously published in the Weekly, giving a statement of the Mayo proposition as it was at the time when the faculty took action; in addition, a statement of the case as formulated by the Administrative Board of the medical faculty which is now before the Regents; also a communication from Professor Jackson of the medical faculty, and a communication from the Dean, favoring the proposed affiliation. In addition the secretary read a brief statement of the points which he had heard advanced as arguments in favor of the proposed affiliation.

At the close of the secretary's statement, Dr. Greene, representing the opposition to the affiliation, presented a statement covering the arguments which had led those who oppose the affiliation, was read. Following the reading of the statement from Dr. Head, Dr. Litzenberg was heard in favor of the proposed affiliation. Dr. Litzenberg made a statement in reply to some of the points that had been made by some of the previous speakers and in the papers presented by the secretary, and then made a very complete statement concerning the proposed affiliation and modifications of the previous statements that had been conceded as a result of the stand taken by the opposition.

At the close of Dr. Litzenberg's talk, Director Gilfillan made a speech in which he opposed the proposed affiliation. He was followed by Director Hartzell who spoke very strongly in favor of the proposed affiliation. Director Mercer followed Dr. Hartzell and made a motion that the meeting adjourn for one week, and, that a committee of three, in addition to the president and secretary, be instructed to take the material submitted at this meeting, to cut out the obsolete material and boil down the remainder, and publish a statement in an early issue of the Weekly, the same to be taken up at a meeting to be called by the secretary one or two weeks hence as it may be found advisable.

The president later appointed Charles F. Keyes, chairman of this committee and Messrs. Hugh V. Mercer and W.I. Gray, the other members.

Before taking up the Mayo proposition, the following resolution, submitted by the secretary, was approved--

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association request, the agricultural representatives on this board, to submit, to the alumni

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of that department, the proposition to name some building of that department, "Gregg Hall", in honor of O.C. Gregg, founder of the Minnesota system of farmers' institutes, and for so many years foremost among the leaders in the agricultural development of the state.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

March 23, 1915

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association was held in the directors' room of the University Club, Tuesday evening, March 23, at 6:30 o'clock. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Rees, Hartzell, Moody, Keyes, Booth, Frankel, Peterson, Hammond, Gray, Mercer, Johnson, Countryman and Gaumnitz.

Immediately after the meeting was called to order, Director Mercer moved that the Board drop the consideration of the whole Mayo Foundation matter. This was seconded by Director Hartzell and considerable discussion was had upon the question.

The secretary submitted a resolution bearing upon the question of the Mayo Foundation proposal and the general principles involved in that proposal and after some further discussion a vote was taken and the motion to drop the matter was lost with but two dissenting votes.

To the Honorable Board of Regents:

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association submits the following statement concerning the general principles involved in the Mayo Foundation proposal and the application of these principles to that proposal.

#### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In our judgment, there are just two kinds of gifts the University is justified in accepting--

- 1) Money, material or service, given unconditionally;
- 2) Money, material or service, given for a specific purpose and calculated to promote a legitimate University interest.

The University's control of all gifts should be real not formal.

We are opposed to any plan that would take the major portion of graduate work, in any line, away from the campus.

#### Applied to the Mayo Foundation Proposal

- 1) The principles of permanent affiliation should be clearly formulated and made a matter of record before action is had upon the plans for temporary affiliation.
- 2) The endowment of the Foundation should be placed, actually, in the hands of the Regents, to be administered by them for the "prosecution of medical research and the encouragement of graduate study."
- 3) As it stands now, the proposition involves no gift to the University-- unless, possibly a conditional gift in the remote future.

President Nachtrieb then called Director Gaumnitz to the chair and proceeded to make the following statement:

The question submitted to this Board by the Medical Alumni Association as stated by Dr. Head is as follows:--"Is it wise for the State University to delegate

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its teaching function to private institutions?"

To this question, taking it as it stands, we would emphatically say No.

However, in the light of the arguments that have been placed before the Board, both in favor of and against the proposed affiliation of the University with the Mayo Foundation, we believe this question does not fairly cover the points of the proposed affiliation under consideration. We accordingly present the following statement with the proposed affiliation of the University with the Mayo Foundation in mind.

In 1901 the legislature passed the following act:

Section 1. The board of regents of the University of Minnesota as a body corporate under the name of University of Minnesota, is hereby expressly authorized, and empowered to accept, in trust or otherwise, any gift, grant, bequest or devise of property, real, personal, or mixed, for educational purposes and to hold, manage, and invest and dispose of the same and the proceeds thereof, any law of the State of Minnesota to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

In 1905 the legislature passed the following act:

Section 1. The University of Minnesota may accept in trust or otherwise any gift, grant, bequest or devise for educational purposes, and may hold, manage, invest and dispose of the same and the proceeds and income thereof, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such gift, grant, bequest or devise, and of the acceptance thereof; and any person or persons contributing not less than fifty thousand dollars to the University may endow a professorship therein, the name and object of which shall be determined by the board of regents.

Section 2. If the purposes of such gift, grant, devise or bequest are not otherwise limited by the donor the University of Minnesota may use the same and the proceeds and income thereof for any of the purposes of the University, and may, among other things, construct buildings and acquire land. In case it is desired to use the same for the acquisition of land the power of eminent domain may be exercised either in accordance with sections 4085 to 1091, inclusive, General Statutes 1894, or Chapter 41 of the Revised Laws 1905.

Section 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Approved April 15, 1905.

Unquestionably, the Regents are free to accept any gift, conditional or unconditional, which in their judgment it would be wise to accept for any University purposes.

Unconditional gifts, that is gifts which are offered to the Regents with no other restrictions than that they shall be used for University purposes, if acceptable at all, we would expect the Regents to accept without hesitation.

But conditional gifts, that is gifts tendered with conditions restricting the Regents in their administration of them, we would expect the Regents to consider very carefully as to whether they will serve University purposes without endangering other fully recognized University purposes.

In view of the presentations of the proposed affiliation of the University with the Mayo Foundation before us, we believe that it would be

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- a) Very unwise to accept any kind of a gift, grant, devise or bequest, tendered with a condition depriving the Regents of absolute control of the gift.
- b) Very unwise to accept any kind of a gift, grant devise or bequest which would even tend to remove the major part of the graduate work (or undergraduate work) of any department or college from the University campus. By University campus we mean the University grounds in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Director Mercer moved that this statement be accepted and adopted as the sentiment of the Board. This was seconded and after considerable discussion the same was adopted with but one dissenting vote.

Later in the evening, Director Keyes brought up a question concerning the proposed temporary affiliation with the Mayo Foundation which he felt had been overlooked in the action taken as stated above, and it was voted unanimously to add the following paragraph to that statement as paragraph "c".

- c) We believe that the principles of any proposed permanent affiliation with any institution should be clearly formulated and made a matter of record before any temporary affiliation is entered upon.

It was understood that this statement, as amended is to be published in the Weekly and placed, officially, before the Board of Regents.

The secretary made a statement concerning the legislative situation and presented some material which he proposed to publish in the Weekly and asked for the advice of members of the Board in regard to the same. While taking no formal action, the Board expressed itself emphatically as favoring the proposition but suggested that it go out as an official statement from the Board.

It was suggested that the material be placed in the hands of every member of the legislature over the signature of the Association by its president and secretary.

After some further discussion the Board named the following committee of alumni to take charge of the legislative situation in the Minneapolis districts--W.I. Gray, chairman, Thomas H. Salmon, Walter N. Carroll, Byron H. Timberlake Charles R. Fowler.

A committee from St. Paul was named as follows--C.W. Farnham, chairman, Albert R. Moore, Henry S. Sommers and J.A. Hummel.

Both committees were authorized to add additional names if found desirable.

It was voted on motion of Director Frankel that the executive committee consider the question of a joint meeting in connection with the Board of Regents should be guests of the Board of Directors and to make arrangements for the same if found possible.

The secretary brought up the question of finances of the Association and after a little discussion the matter was referred to the executive committee to take such action as seemed wise.

The secretary submitted the following resolution which he asked to allowed to lay upon the table until the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved, that we recommend to the General Alumni Association that section 2 of the constitution be amended by the substitution of the following paragraphs

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for items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of that section.

The object of this Association shall be--

1) To promote the welfare of the University by uniting the alumni and former students in its service. To make the knowledge and good will of the alumni effective for the good of the University and the state, in such ways as public spirited citizens can make their influence felt,

2) To cultivate a fraternal spirit among the alumni of all departments of the University and to keep them in touch with each other and with the University, for the sake of the mutual pleasure and profit which the cultivation of such a spirit will foster and advance.

The secretary also read the following resolution which he said he would call up at some future meeting.

Resolved, That this board earnestly recommend to the Board of Regents the adoption of a schedule of salaries similar to that before them in 1910.

It is understood, of course, that only the general principles outlined in that schedule would be applicable at the present time.

We believe that the adoption of such a schedule, at the present time, would be particularly desirable.

The secretary submitted the following resolution which was laid upon the table with the understanding that the secretary might make such use of the matter, with individual members of the Board, as he thought wise.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association request the Board of Regents to revive a regulation of the Board adopted August 3, 1872, and so far as we are aware, never rescinded, providing for open meetings of the Board.

The resolution referred to is as follows: "Resolved, That all meetings of this board are public, and open to all citizens, but that the Board may sit with closed doors when so ordered by vote."

Furthermore, we earnestly request the Board to issue, within twenty-four hours after each meeting, a full transcript of the records of that meeting, including all supplements to the minutes and that the same be placed at the disposal of the newspapers.

We believe that such methods of publicity would disarm much of the criticism which has been so much in evidence during the past few months.

It was voted that under the constitutional amendment recently adopted, the terms of the two representatives on the Board of Directors from the School of Chemistry be terminated and that the president of that Association be asked to see that new representatives to the Board are named.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

May 4, 1915

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association met at the Minnesota Union at 6:30 o'clock. After dining together the Board adjourned to the office of

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the Association, 202 Library Building, University, for the transaction of business. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Keyes, Gray, Gaumnitz, Moody, Booth, Haynes, Hartzell, Johnson, (Frankel, by letter), Rees, and Mercer.

Director Hartzell presented the following resolution which was discussed for some considerable time and when put to vote was rejected with but two dissenting votes.

"Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association pledge their undivided support to the Board of Regents in whatever action they may deem wise to take in the matter of the Mayo Foundation no matter what that decision may be."

President Nachtrieb presented a communication which he had prepared for the Weekly but which he said in view of the developments of the evening it might not be desirable to submit to the Weekly.

In the discussion which preceded the action upon the Hartzell resolution, the members of the Board, without exception, expressed themselves as desirous of working in the greatest harmony with the University authorities, but felt that to take such action at this time would be misunderstood and would weaken the position which the alumni have taken. The discussion covered practically every phase of the Mayo question which has been before the alumni at any time.

On motion of Director Rees and seconded by Director Moody, it was voted that Messrs. Nachtrieb, Johnson and Keyes be appointed a committee to draft a statement to be submitted to the members of the Board and on their approval to be published in the Weekly, to set forth briefly and accurately the stand which the alumni association and the Weekly have taken throughout the whole Mayo Foundation controversy.

The secretary then submitted a plan to call a meeting of the alumni, representative of the various portions of the state, to consider the situation revealed during the recent session of the legislature and to plan means for counteracting and removing the causes of criticism which at present exist. After some considerable discussion this matter was allowed to go over to another meeting.

While no vote was taken it was understood that if it was possible to have the statement prepared in time, there should be a meeting called for Saturday noon.

The meeting adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

May 8, 1915

Pursuant to agreement made on adjournment of meeting of May 4th, the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association met at the University Club at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8th. There were present Directors Gray, Booth, Keyes, Rees, Nachtrieb, Johnson, Moody and Erkel.

The report which had been printed and sent to all members of the Board was placed before the Board, together with modifications recommended by the committee in view of criticisms made by members of the Board. Several changes were made in this modified report on suggestion of members present at this meeting. It was then voted to adopt the report as modified in the following form:

Because of certain criticisms of the stand which the General Alumni Association has taken in the University-Mayo Foundation proposition, the Board has

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carefully reviewed its acts and the statements published in the Weekly, and finds-

1st-In re the Mayo Foundation, the Board has only laid down certain general principles by which it believes the Association will stand.

2nd-In re the Guilford bill, the Board has taken no action, in fact, did not hold a meeting between the time of its introduction and the close of the legislative session.

The statements made regarding the Guilford bill apply also to the Holmberg-Sageng bill which afterward passed the Senate.

3rd-The secretary of the Association appeared before the University Committee of the House, at a public hearing held April 12th, at the written request of the chairman of that committee, Mr. Elmer E. Adams, and the stenographic report of what the secretary said shows that he did not, either directly or indirectly, take sides, in fact, did not say anything about the bill, but simply told how the Board came to take action and then read the official action of the Board, which was reported in full in the Weekly of March 29th.

In response to questions calling for an expression of personal opinion, which were asked him at that time, the secretary made answer, which, of course, represented his own views, upon the following points:

- 1st-In response to a question by the chairman, that he did not think that Board would care to change its action, even in the light of later information, because the action taken dealt only with general principles.
- 2nd-That he did not think that the proposed law, the Guilford bill, would interfere with any University activity as now existing.
- 3rd-That similar bills had been passed in previous years.

The Weekly has at no time advocated the passage of the Guilford bill and in discussing the same has confined itself solely to a discussion of general principles involved.

The Weekly has, of course, been edited by the secretary, but he has repeatedly consulted with members of the board and others before making statements. While it is probable that no two members of the Board, in his position, would have handled the matter in exactly the same way, the Board desires to express itself as believing that the matter has been handled with discretion and fairness to both sides.

There has not been in any action taken by this Board nor in any item published in the Weekly, any intention to in any way criticise the Board of Regents nor to favor circumscribing the powers of that Board to administer the affairs of the University within the limits prescribed by the laws of the state.

We positively believe that in the administration of the affairs of the University, the regents should be allowed the largest possible latitude, and not be hampered by legislative interference with administrative details.

We should deprecate any tendency on the part of the legislature to act unnecessarily in such matters, even though we freely recognize the right of the people of the state to speak, through the legislature, upon any matter connected with the University.

If the alumni are to serve the University to the best of their ability and do what all interested citizens of the state have a right to expect of them, they must maintain their independence and the right to express their views upon general University matters. It is, therefore, inevitable that the alumni should, at times, differ with the regents upon some matters. But we desire that it be clearly understood that we stand ready at all times to do anything in our power to assist the

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Board of Regents in promoting the welfare of the University and State.

Finally, we want to make it perfectly clear, that, when we express our views upon any matter connected with the University, we are not attempting to dictate what the regents should do, but are merely giving the regents the benefit of our viewpoint.

We believe that an unprejudiced examination of the original records will satisfy anyone that these statements are correct.

The vote for the adoption of the report was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

E.B. Johnson, Secretary

June 4, 1915

The Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association met at the University Club at 6:30 o'clock. There were present Directors Nachtrieb, Gilfillan, Rees, Gaumnitz, Gray, Johnson, and later Dr. Hartzell. Nearly half of the members of the Board were out of town and three others presented satisfactory excuses for not being present.

It was voted to accept the offer of the Polk company to publish an alumni directory without expense or financial responsibility of any sort to the Association.

The secretary read three letters from members of the faculty, two of them ordering cancellation of subscriptions to the Weekly and protesting against the attitude of the editor of the Weekly and criticising the alumni for their attitude toward the present University administration.

He also read his letters in reply, one of which had been sent out, the other merely a first draft.

It was voted that the secretary secure permission to publish these letters and if permission is secured to accompany them by an appropriate answer.

The Board discussed, for a few minutes, the meeting to be held at the University, Wednesday, June 9th, in conference with representative alumni from various parts of the State.

It was decided, without vote, to invite the alumni present to dine with the alumni who are honoring Dr. Folwell with a dinner at noon of that day,

The secretary submitted a paper, relating to the proposed agreement with the Mayo Foundation, for discussion and consideration.

The report was amended and adopted, paragraph by paragraph, and then as a whole, in the following form:

To the Honorable Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota:

Gentlemen: Impelled solely by a desire to promote the highest welfare of the University, the "Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association submits the following statements, and asks for the same, the thoughtful consideration of you honorable Board.

I.

We reaffirm our declaration of March 29 last, wherein we stated our belief as follows:

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We believe that it would be:

- a) Very unwise to accept any gift, grant, devise or bequest, tendered with a condition depriving the Regents of absolute control of the gift.
- b) Very unwise to accept any kind of a gift, grant, devise or bequest which would tend to remove the major part of graduate work (or undergraduate work) of any department from the University campus. By University campus we mean the University grounds in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

While there can be no objection to the University's accepting an endowment limited to the condition that the income be devoted to the specific purpose of graduate medical education and research, we believe that a limitation in the grant requiring that such work must for all time "be carried on" or "conducted and directed by the Regents from Rochester," or any other place remote from the "University campus", is a dangerous and undesirable condition, in view of the nature and character of the work endowed, the human element involved, and the uncertainties of the future. We are opposed to accepting the Mayo grant unless this condition can be eliminated or substantially modified to the extent of vesting in the Regents the right and power at any time to remove and transfer elsewhere the work and the expenditure of the income of the endowment, whenever in the judgment of the Regents, by reason of a deterioration or failure of clinical or laboratory material or for other good and sufficient reasons, such removal should become necessary or desirable.

The possibility of such a contingency was distinctly recognized and provided for in the original proposition from the Drs. Mayo, in substantially the way above suggested.

II.

Since it has always been the wise custom of the Board of Regents to refer all matters, involving departure from traditional procedure, to the legislature, and ask for authority to act, and-

Since there are great doubts in the minds of many, as to whether there is sufficient authority in existing laws to permit of the proposed agreement with the Mayo Foundation, and there are so many citizens of the state who question both the wisdom and the propriety of the terms of the proposed agreement:

It is our judgment, that entering into the proposed arrangement, committing the state, for all time to come, to principles which have never been passed upon by the legislature involves the danger that the legislature or the courts may overrule such action, an outcome which we fear would be unspeakably disastrous; and

Since there can be no serious consequences occasioned by a delay necessary to ask for legislative authority, which would be readily granted to any reasonable request of the Regents;

We earnestly request the Board of Regents to delay action, until they can submit plans to the legislature, and ask for specific authority to enter into the proposed arrangement on behalf of the state.

III.

We cannot help feeling that if the proposed agreement is to be adopted, the presence of Dr. William J. Mayo on the Board of Regents, involving as it may and almost surely must, a conflict of interests with himself, in his various capacities as a private individual, a member of the Mayo clinic, one of the founders, and a member of the Board of Regents, is fraught with dangerous possibilities to the future growth and welfare of our medical school.

Whether contrary to law or not, we believe that such a situation is contrary to public policy and the highest interests of the institution of which you are the guardians and trustees.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
By \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary