

## Minutes for Special Meeting of Board

January 12, 1915.


A special meeting of the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Normal School was called for Tuesday evening, January 12, 1915, at the Seelbach Hotel, at which were present Superintendent of Public Instruction, Barksdale Hamlett, Regents J. W. Potter, J. P. Haswell, W. J. Gooch, and H. K. Cole.

The Chairman stated that the meeting was called to consider the resignation of President H. H. Cherry.

President Cherry was present and stated that he had entered the race for Governor, and that he felt it his duty to resign as president of the school and desired to do so at once.

After a general discussion of the matter and the best interests of the school, the Chairman requested Dr. Cherry to remain in active charge of the school until the Board of Regents should have an opportunity to take up the matter.

After further discussion of the condition of the school and an exchange of opinions, upon motion duly seconded, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, January 19, 1915, at the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, to take action upon the resignation of Dr. Cherry.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary.

## Minutes for Special Meeting, Jan. 19, 1915.

Pursuant to adjournment, a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Normal School was held at the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, at 8:30 P. M., January 19, 1915.

Barksdale Hamlett, Superintendent of Public Instruction in the chair, and the following Regents present:--H. K. Cole, J. Whit Potter, J. P. Haswell, Jr., W. J. Gooch.

The Chairman stated that the business before the meeting was the resignation of President Cherry. Dr. Cherry presented in writing his resignation, which was received and ordered spread on the minutes of the school. The resignation was as follows:

Bowling Green, Kentucky, January 11, 1915.

To

Messrs Barksdale Hamlett, Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
H. K. Cole,  
W. J. Gooch,  
J. Whit Potter,  
John P. Haswell,  
Members of the Board of Regents,  
Western Kentucky State Normal School.

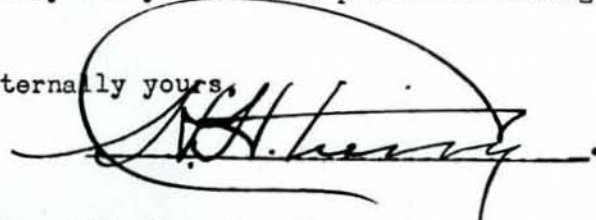
Gentlemen:

Having entered the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor, I feel that it is my duty to hand you herewith my resignation as President of the Western Kentucky State Normal School. I fully realize that I am leaving a noble position and one that offers great opportunities for service in the work of developing a greater Kentucky. My entrance into the gubernatorial race has already become to me an experience that silently reveals to me my devotion to the institution over which I have presided during its entire life; to its ideals, its Board of Regents, its able and loyal faculty, and to the noble young men and women who have entered its doors seeking more life in order that they might have more life to transmit to the children of Kentucky when they teach in the schools of the State. It is needless for me to tell you that I shall leave the institution with a keen and sad regret, but with a hidden feeling that I may be able, if elected Governor, to render a larger service to my State than I would if I should remain in my present position. I do not feel that I am deserting the ideals that I have championed for many years, but that I am only shifting my labors to other fields. No other motive could have prompted me to take this step.

I do not claim, however, that it is other than a laudable ambition for any man to desire to be Governor of a great State like Kentucky. It is a stereotyped statement for one who seeks an office to claim that his motives for entering political life are prompted by a spirit of service, but I hope you will permit me to modestly disclaim any mechanical desire or abnormal ambition to merely hold office or be a Governor. No man can successfully serve unless he feels the spiritual fire burning on the altars of his own life, and nature has ordained that no man can have this experience unless his motives are higher than the holding of an office, the drawing of a salary, and the awarding of political jobs.

I am deeply grateful to you, to the faculty, to the students, to the citizens of Bowling Green and Warren county, the people of Kentucky, and all others who have sympathetically supported me in the work I have been trying to do. I appreciate the opportunities I have had to serve my State and to work for the education of her children. Unity of effort and purpose has prevailed since the organization of the institution. There has not been even the appearance of friction. I thank you sincerely for the able counsel you have given me and I assure you that whatever I may do and whatever may be my experience in life, I shall carry in my heart the patriotic message of the Western Kentucky State Normal School.

Faternally yours,



Mr. H. K. Cole then introduced the following Preamble and Resolution, which were, upon motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted:

