the statutory period.

Upon motion duly seconded, the expenses incurred by Messrs. Cherry and Potter in putting Frisbie Hall in suitable condition was approved.

Judge Haswell moved that the expenses incurred in repairing Cabell Hall be approved.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

Minutes of Board Meeting
Feb. 25th, 1917.

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Normal School was held at Bowling Green on Thursday, February 25th at four o'clock P.M. Superintendent V. O. Gilbert in the chair; present Regents Cole and Haswell. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary presented to the Board the following preamble and resolution relative to the inspection of the old school buildings:

The growth of the Western Kentucky State Normal School has reached a point where the need, which has heretofore existed for a building or buildings for a Girls' Dormitory and dining room, has become an imperative demand. The Regents had hoped that the State's finances would improve to a point where there might be reasonable hope than an appropriation from the State could be secured at the next session of the Legislature. The delay in passing new tax laws and the annual increase in the State's debt, with no provision to provide for it, make it doubtful whether the demands and needs of the school will receive favorable consideration. With these things in view Regent Cole offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that President Cherry and the local Regent, Mr. J. Whit Potter, be, and they are hereby instructed to engage suitable assistants and to investigate the old Normal School building now leased to the Business College, and to report to the Board of Regents what changes and re-building might be needed and to adapt the buildings and grounds to the uses of the Girls' Dormitory and boarding house, and to report an estimate of the expenses of the work, and the time required for the same, to this Board at the earliest possible date.

The resolutions were adopted with the understanding that action would be taken thereunder as soon as Regent Potter could give it his attention.

Reference to the irreparable loss to the School and to the Commonwealth in the death of Regent Gooch, the following motion was introduced and unanimously carried:
Be it moved, Mr. Chairman, that a page in the records of this Board of Regents be set aside and devoted to the memory of our late associate, Mr. Gooch, and that there be entered a brief notation of his connection with and assistance in the educational development of the State, and more particularly the invaluable help given from the very first in the foundation and growth of the Western Kentucky State Normal School. And when such a record is compiled it be signed by the members of this Board not only as an official, but more particularly as a personal tribute to his memory.

It was voted to have a suitable portrait of Mr. Gooch secured and hung in the Administration Building.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary.
THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE
TO
REGENT W. J. GOOCH
WAS ORDERED INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD AT THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 1917.
The Western Kentucky State Normal School lost one of its strongest supporters and co-workers in the death of Regent T. J. Gooch, at Louisville, January 12, 1917.

Mr. Gooch was closely associated with the Normal School movement from its organization. Indeed, he was Speaker of the House during the session of the General Assembly of 1908, which made liberal appropriations to the Normal Schools of the State. He was a member of the Board of Regents from May 1912, until his death, and his conduct of that office was in perfect harmony with the splendid ideals that guided him along all other lines of activity. His wise and unselfish counsel in the administration of the Normal has been a real contribution to the advancement of education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Although born in Missouri, Mr. Gooch was of Kentucky ancestry. While he was yet at an early age the family returned to Simpson County, and there he made his home during the remainder of his life. He was educated at Stonewall College, an institution strong in its day, but not now in existence.

By the time he had reached his maturity, Mr. Gooch had become intimately connected with the political affairs of Simpson County. His influence spread rapidly, and he came to be recognized as a commanding influence in the work of building up a
great State. At the time of his death, Mr. Gooch was Secretary of the State Fair Association, under which his leadership was becoming one of the vital components of the Agricultural system of the State.

In all his dealings, political, educational or commercial, Mr. Gooch by his practice not less than his theory, manifested the cleanest and clearest conception of right and justice.

His death was a distinct loss to all of the best interests of Kentucky, and hundreds of tributes were paid to his memory, editorially, by resolutions, and by the simple words and thoughts of those whom his life had helped.

He was a politician—a champion of the higher things in political affairs. He was an educated gentleman and a vigorous exponent of genuine education. He was a Christian gentleman, and a friend of true religion.