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Meeting of the Trustees of the Bowling Green Normal School in the parlor of the Hotel Melliken at 6:30 P. M.

Meeting called to order by the President J. E. Collins.

Roll call showed the following members present:— Davis, Brown, Collins, McDonel.

Absent - Begg.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Davis and seconded by Brown that the following resolution be adopted, and that the letter from the Secretary of the State Board of Health to J. E. Collins be made a part of the resolution, to-wit:—

Resolution.

To the President, Members of Council and Citizens of Bowling Green, O.,

Gentlemen:— Enclosed we respectfully submit to you the report from the Secretary of the State Board of Health based on the architects survey of the grounds, for your consideration and ask that you take such action in the matter as you deem best in your judgment, as under the present conditions we are unable to proceed further with details in the construction of the buildings.

We most respectfully submit this proposition to you in view of the necessity of proper sanitary conditions, being fully appreciative of our responsibility in the matter. Please report what can be done.

Health Board Letter.

Columbus, Ohio. Sept. 15, 1911.

Mr. J. E. Collins,
Fremont, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—

In response to your request, a member of our engineering department has recently made an inspection of the sewerage conditions at Bowling Green.

The discharge of the city's sewage into Thurston and Poe ditches has long been a source of complaint. On January 4th, 1909, the State Board of Health issued an order, with the approval of the Governor and Attorney General, instructing the city to provide means for purifying its sewage before December 1st, 1909. This, however, the city has not yet done.

In regard to draining the Normal School Property into the city sewers, it appears from available information, that some of this property can be drained by gravity; but on the other hand, a considerable portion would have to be pumped.

Briefly summarizing the present sewerage situation at Bowling Green, it may be said:

1st. That the present system of disposing of the sewage of the city is inadequate and improper; and that additional sewage from the normal school would make worse the conditions which have for so long been a source of complaint.

2nd. That the proximity of your site to the existing outlets and polluted ditches would make the location undesirable from a health standpoint.

3rd. In order to provide proper sewerage for the city and for the proposed state property, the city should collect all of its sewage at one point, removed from habitation, and there purify it.

4th. In order to properly accommodate the normal school, the city should extend its
sewer system to the boundary of the proposed state property, and should also provide necessary pumping facilities for lifting into the city sewers the sewage from that portion of said property which is too low to drain by gravity into said sewers.

Yours truly,

C. O. Probst,

Secretary.

Moved by Davis and seconded by Brown that a copy of these resolutions be given to The Daily Sentinel-Tribune; that a copy be forwarded to the Mayor of Bowling Green.- Carried unanimous.

Mr. Basly, abstracter for the Normal School grounds, and City Solicitor James were present, and the matter in regard to the title and the sanitary conditions were gone over. Nothing definite was decided upon.

There being no further business to come before the Board, moved by Davis and seconded by Brown that we adjourn to meet upon the call of the President.

Board adjourned.