The Board of Regents met in the Office of President Clark on Wednesday morning, August 31, 1927, at 9 o'clock. Present: Chairman Pratt, Judge Talbot and Judge Brown of the Regents. Absent: Mr. Williams and Mr. Wingfield.

On motion of Chairman Pratt the minutes of May 7, May 31, June 30 and August 1, 1927 were approved by the following vote:

- Judge Talbot         Aye
- Judge Brown          Aye
- Chairman Pratt       Aye

Judge Talbot presented the following Resolution which was adopted and spread upon the minutes of the Board, a copy being sent to the daughter of Mrs. Sophie E. Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Barndt of Warm Springs, Nevada:

In Memoriam

Sophie E. Williams

Sophie E. Williams, a member of this Board of Regents for the last four years, and long a resident of Hot Creek, Nye County, Nevada, was born at Dubuque, Iowa, November 22, 1851, and died at Reno, Nevada on July 11, 1927.

Without compensation and with personal sacrifice she rendered faithful service as a Regent of the University of Nevada for four years and until she was stricken.

She lived beyond the average time allotted to mortal man and to the good age of seventy-six years, but was so suddenly taken away that it is difficult to realize that her genial smile will be seen and pleasant voice heard no more. The longest life of the worthy is far too short. We are never ready to lose our admired associates and eminent citizens.
Always attentive and conscientious in the discharge of her duties and kindly and courteous in her personal relations she commanded the respect and admiration of all with whom she came into contact.

Exhibiting in a high degree the noblest attributes of womanhood she reared, trained and educated, partly at this institution of learning, a progeny which will do honor to her as an ancestor and be a credit to the State.

With her gentle ways and consideration for others she was a comfort to her family and friends during her long life of useful service.

May time soon soften the sorrow of, and the Almighty in His infinite mercy lift the burden of grief from, and comfort the hearts of, the disconsolate and loved ones who have lost a fond mother and an affectionate grandmother.

The members of the Board of Regents hereby express their respect and admiration for her and their profound sorrow for her passing and extend their tenderest sympathy to those who were nearest and dearest to her and whose lives have been shadowed by her passing.

It is ordered that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of this Board and that a certified copy be forwarded to her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Barndt.

List No. 8, State Claims Nos. 84 to 93 for the sum of $20,129.03, and List No. 9, Regents Checks, Nos. 7108 to 7119 for the sum of $41,710.05, were, on motion of Judge Talbot, approved. Vote:

- Judge Talbot         Aye
- Judge Brown          Aye
- Mr. Pratt            Aye

The above motion carried with it request that persons presenting claims for automobile mileage should be warned to limit their mileage claims on direct trips along railway routes to amounts not in excess of the railway fare between the same points.

Fuel oil bids were opened by Chairman Pratt from the following companies: Richfield, Tarr and Mc Cone, Shell, Associated, Standard, Union, Mc Millan Produce Company. All bids, save the second and the last (and the last was excessive), were the same and were for 90 cents per bbl. flat f. o. b. cars
Fellows, plus 99.3 cents per bbl. freight delivered University, Reno. Tarr and Mc Cone's bid was for 83 1/2 cents but for the slight saving it was not thought advisable to give the bid to a company which had no Nevada representative. In accord with the Board's custom of rotating oil contracts among the Reno Oil Company representatives, the contract was awarded to the Richfield Company, on motion of Judge Talbot, and the Chairman of the Board was authorized to sign the same if the contract should be satisfactory. Vote:

Judge Talbot         Aye
Judge Brown          Aye
Mr. Pratt            Aye

Judge Brown moved that Chairman Pratt should look into the standing of the Pacific Indemnity Bonding Company and if he is satisfied that they are a reliable firm, he is hereby authorized to sign the waivers of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Bonding Company of Baltimore, Maryland, as presented by Comptroller Gorman for Mr. Slingerland, and accept the new bonds for the assistants in Mr. Gorman's office. Vote:

Judge Talbot         Aye
Judge Brown          Aye
Mr. Pratt            Aye

President Clark recommended that Professor Sarah L. Lewis be granted a leave of absence for the 5 months beginning August 1, 1927, without pay, because of a break in health, and that Miss Jessie Pope be Acting Head of the Department of Home Economics for this period. Judge Talbot made the motion. Vote:

Judge Talbot         Aye
Judge Brown          Aye
Mr. Pratt            Aye

On the recommendation of Miss Pope, and at the suggestion of Miss Lewis, President Clark recommended that Miss Marjorie Ohman be elected assistant in Home Economics for the period August 22d to December 31, 1927, at a stipend of $300 for her services, to be paid to her in 4 equal installments of $75 each at the end of the months of September, October, November and December. Judge Talbot moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Judge Talbot         Aye
Judge Brown          Aye
Mr. Pratt            Aye
On the recommendation of Miss Lautenschlager of the State Hygienic Laboratory, President Clark recommended that Miss Jean Moir be elected Technician in that Laboratory at a salary of $125 per month, service and salary to begin September 15, 1927. Judge Talbot moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Judge Talbot  Aye
Judge Brown    Aye
Mr. Pratt      Aye

On the recommendation of Drs. Adams and Sears of the Chemistry Department, President Clark recommended the election of Mrs. Verna Paterson, former Fellow in Chemistry in this University of Nevada, as part-time assistant in Chemistry from August 22 to December 31, 1927, at a salary of $100 per month for this period, at the end of which attempt will be made to secure a full-time Instructor in this Department. Judge Brown moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Judge Talbot  Aye
Judge Brown    Aye
Mr. Pratt      Aye

On the recommendation of Comptroller Gorman, President Clark recommended that Miss Alice Terry become an assistant in Mr. Gorman's office, at her present salary of $110 for the month of September, to be increased $5 a month for the succeeding months until it becomes in December $125, which sum shall become her regular pay thereafter, the above being contingent on Miss Terry's ability to handle the work which has been carried by Mrs. Bath, who is resigning at her own request. Judge Brown moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Judge Talbot  Aye
Judge Brown    Aye
Mr. Pratt      Aye

On the recommendation of Dean Stewart, President Clark recommended that Miss Margaret Regan be elected Secretary in the College of Agriculture at her former salary of $125 per month, salary and service to take effect from August 24, 1927. Judge Brown moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Judge Talbot  Aye
Judge Brown    Aye
Mr. Pratt            Aye

At the request of Dr. H. W. Hill, President Clark recommended that he be granted a leave of absence of one year without pay, to become effective at Dr. Hill's option this semester, and that during this University year the work in his Department be readjusted among the present staff members and that Mrs. Rachel Kent, who has served for two years as part-time Instructor, should be employed as full-time Instructor at a salary rate of $1800 for the year.

Judge Talbot moved that in view of the condition of Mrs. Hill's health and at his option, Dr. H. W. Hill be granted a leave of absence for this University year 1927-28 without pay and that, in event Dr. Hill takes this year's leave, during this year Mrs. Kent be employed in the English Department at a salary rate of $1800. Vote:

Judge Talbot         Aye
Judge Brown          Aye
Mr. Pratt            Aye

President Clark outlined the tentative program for the dedication ceremony of the Memorial Library which is to be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, October 21, 1927.

Some discussion was had as to the prospective use of the old Library building. It seemed best that for a time at least it should be used for classroom purposes. The President is to look into the matter of partitions, etc. to make this building suitable for the housing of the entire English Department and to report at the September Committee meeting of the Board as to the changes necessary in order to accomplish this purpose and the estimated cost thereof.

Chairman Pratt read a letter from Miss Ethel M. Wickes, the California Wild Flower artist, whose pictures are now on exhibit in the Memorial Library. Miss Wickes' address is 545 Sutter Street, Room 303, San Francisco. She is also a portrait artist.

The time from 11:30 to 1:15 was taken up with a discussion of the financial situation of the State and of the University.

Judge Talbot moved that if the work indicated was not done or provided to be done within 30 days by private gift, then the President shall from University funds have the brick work at Lincoln Hall pointed up and the down spouts and gutters of this building completed or restored entirely, or have new gutters and
spouts of copper installed, leaving this choice to the judgment of the President, all of said work to be begun not later than 30 days from date if University funds are to be used for the payment of this work. Vote:

    Judge Talbot       Aye
    Judge Brown        Aye
    Mr. Pratt          Aye

Adjourned.

    Walter E. Pratt
    Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary