

Report of
A S Merrifield
1890

Report of A. S. Merrifield,
Financial Secretary of
Ottawa University
for months of April and May, 1890.

At a special meeting
of this board, held Jan.
29th 1890. it was decided, by
a unanimous vote, to employ
a financial secretary, ac-
cording to the recommenda-
tion of the State Convention
at its last meeting.

a committee was appointed
to select the secretary, who
decided to ask your honorable
servant to take the position.
after prayer, and consulta-

tion with many of the leading brethren of the state, the decision was arrived at to undertake the work.

A friend, outside of the state is paying the Secretary's salary.

Having received letters from the Secretary of the National Education Society, stating that, in his opinion, the time had not yet come, to begin the work of endowment here, and that he purposed to visit Kansas as early as practicable, to look over the field and advise with us, and having received from him,

The statement that if the Education Society should be able to aid Ottawa University, (which he thought they would do) one of the conditions of such aid, would be that our debts should be paid;

Therefore it was thought best to raise money for "current expenses" and for "Ministerial Education," at present, and undertake the work of Endowment, later.

The work, therefore, has been but a beginning, interrupted by the removal of my family from El Dorado, to Ottawa, and by an absence of 9 days.

from the state, in my attendance upon the "Anniversaries" at Chicago.

While I find some interest in Education among our people in the State, I also find that it is a difficult matter to raise money for benevolent objects, as many of our churches are embarrassed with debts, and money is scarce. But the prospect is brightening, and no doubt it will give the churches greater joy to see an agent a few months hence, than at present.

Your Secretary has found the difficulties of this work increased by the fact that, for a series of

years. Ottawa University, has not had a permanent representation in the field. To speak of its merits and enlist the sympathy and cooperation of our people; also, by the fact that there is an impression in certain circles, that there is a little friction in the running of the internal machinery of the Institution. It is to be

hoped that at this meeting of the Board there will be so much of wisdom and grace, as to adjust matters with that degree of perfection, which shall result in nothing short of perfect order and sweetness, henceforth. My accounts stand as follows:- During the months of Apr.

and may, I ^{6.} have collected for:-
 Current Expenses - Cash. \$ 535.59
 Ministerial Educ. Cash. 70.67
 Total cash: Coll. 606.26

Current Expenses. Pledges. \$ 185.43
 Min. Educ. \$ 1.85
 Total pledges. \$ 187.28

Total - Cash and pledges, for
 both objects. . . . \$ 793.54

The following is the disposition
 made of these funds:-

Deb. on Summer note - sur. \$ 24.00
 Tuition due Professors. 69.42
 Salary - Financial Sec. 200.00
 Travelling Expenses, Fin. Sec. 14.04
 Passed into Treasury. 293.80
 In hands of Dra. Holl. 5.00

Total Cash, Expense. 606.26.

The Liabilities of the Institution, are.