

Ottawa to Be Financially Sound As Well As Educationally Strong

The Board of Trustees in session February 28 voted to offer fewer and better courses and employ fewer teachers in some cases at better salaries. This action has the effect of giving teachers heretofore under-loaded a normal teaching load. Specifically the department of home economics will be discontinued. The courses in music will be so organized that two full time teachers or equivalent can do the work. One man will be employed as director of the department of physical education and coach of all sports and will have an assistant of his own selection. The work in modern languages will be administered by two instead of three teachers.

As to personnel Dr. Cooper and Mr. Kerr were elected for music, Coach Davis for physical education. The staff for modern languages is open; no one dropped and no one as yet elected. Adjournments necessitated by efficient teaching of three different languages, German, French, and Spanish, by two teachers will have to be made.

In addition to the economics effected by changes in the administration of the curriculum, overhead and

S office expenses will be reduced so that a saving of \$13,000.00 will be made in 1930-1931, as compared with expenses for 1928-1929.

Further, the Board accepted the proposition of Mr. C. Q. Chandler to give \$25,000.00. This proposition requires liquidation of indebtedness by January 1, 1931. President Smith is to be released from campus duties to secure the balance necessary.

It is believed that with the changes above mentioned effected and liquidation of indebtedness, Ottawa can operate without using gifts from churches and friends for operating account. In case this is true all gifts will be used to increasing endowment and adding to plant. Increased endowment will mean better paid teachers and, therefore, a college improved in the quality and tone of its work.—Dr. Erdmann Smith

