

Blanche L. La Du, Chairman, State Board of Control: Our speaker has arrived, and I think it is time for our meeting to come to order.

We are certainly very glad to have you all with us this morning, and we are very sorry that the celebration which we had planned for last evening had to be postponed rather indefinitely.

As you all know, last evening we were to have had a real bangup party, with a banquet and everything else that went with it, to celebrate Dr. Kilbourne's fifty years of service with the State of Minnesota. Until last Saturday evening Dr. Kilbourne was planning on being here, but he was taken ill about that time. Those of you who know of his illness will be pleased to learn that this is not another heart attack. He has some trouble with his side and back which has not been diagnosed as yet, but they report he is not seriously ill. I think no one regretted it more than Dr. Kilbourne. Those of us who know him best know that he would have just loved to celebrate this fiftieth anniversary, his fifty years of service in Minnesota. He is going to appreciate the thought that we had for him, which was to have been expressed by this banquet—even though we have had to postpone it.

And he will appreciate very much the gift, a beautiful watch, which we are presenting on behalf of the members of the Board and the superintendents, which will be sent to him immediately. You may see it this morning; Miss McGregor will pass it around.

Mrs. Kilbourne phoned me this morning that Dr. Kilbourne was just heart-sick because he could not be here, but he sent his greetings and his love to all. He would have come if his doctor would have permitted, but it was because of the doctor's orders that he was not here last night.

The members of the Board and the program committee are not unmindful of the fact that we have had no service of any kind nor any recognition of the passing of Mr. Fulton, superintendent of the State Training School at Red Wing, and of Mr. Merrill, superintendent of the State Public School at Owatonna. That has not been forgotten. We simply felt that at a time when we were celebrating the happy event of Dr. Kilbourne's fifty years of service we could not plan a memorial to those other dear friends with Dr. Kilbourne with us today, as we expected he would be.

Had Dr. Kilbourne been here we would have recalled some of the things which have taken place in the years gone by when he was first with the Board and most of us were not. Briefly, Dr. Kilbourne served seventeen years before the Board of Control was created. The Board of Control was created in 1901, and the first two or three conferences of superintendents were held in 1906. The original law creating the State Board of Control provided authority in the Board to call conferences of the officers of the Board and the executives of state institutions for the purpose of discussing problems or any subjects which they thought would be for the good of the institutions and for the betterment of the superintendents in their work. The first conference was held five years after the Board was created. The organization work had kept them pretty busy those first years, I imagine.

At that first meeting Mr. O. B. Gould was chairman of the Board. Mr. Leavitt was to present a paper on the subject of "Water Supply at State

Institutions," and Dr. Tate, whom some of us remember, was to speak on "Common Door Locks." Dr. Kilbourne was there, and his subject was "Checking System for Tools and Clothing and Things of That Sort." Mr. F. A. Whittier was also on that first program. Mr. Merrill was present and took part in the discussion. Dr. Welch of Fergus Falls, and Mr. Yanz of Hastings were present at that meeting. I see Mr. Yanz had something to say at that time. He has not talked so much since. Those first meetings must have been strenuous. Mr. Randall and Mr. Rosing were among those present. It was all very interesting. Those of you who have the quarterlies covering the first conferences will be interested to see what Dr. Kilbourne and others had to say at that time.

The program committee, in preparing the program for today, stated that they felt that one subject which is very prominent in the state at this time, one subject in which we are all interested, is the report of the State Planning Board, which was appointed by the Governor in February, 1934, and which held its first meeting March 12, 1934. We are interested in what the State Planning Board is going to do and we have a reason for being interested. We are state officials, we represent the state in our various institution agencies. We are interested in the work of the Planning Board because we know that what they have planned will in some manner affect more or less what we are doing and will require the coordination of our activities. The joint sewage project where local towns and villages are going to try for the establishment of a sewage disposal system is one of the things the State Planning Board has been considering and is one of the things that we have been working on with the State Board of Health. The work relief projects which are carried on in the building programs at the state institutions may come under the State Planning Board. Building projects where PWA funds are used will become a part of the Planning Board's work. For instance, the Indian Sanatorium which is being built as a part of our present State Sanatorium at Ah-gwah-ching is being built with PWA funds. The State Planning Board has nothing to do with that, but it is a part of the Federal plan.

We were to have had Dr. Richard E. Scammon, Dean of the Medical School of the University of Minnesota and general chairman of the State Planning Board, speak to you this morning, but he was called out of the city. Mr. R. C. Vaile, who is connected with the University of Minnesota but who was appointed by the Federal Government as consultant to the Planning Board, will address you.

Mr. Carlgren, of our Board, is a representative on the State Planning Board for our department.

Mr. Vaile.

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