

KANSAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
University of Kansas Unit

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A meeting of the University of Kansas section of the Kansas State Teachers Association was held at 4:30 in Fraser Chapel with Dean Raymond A. Schwegler presiding. Dean Schwegler announced that due to the pressure of other business the meeting would dispense with the reading of the minutes of the preceding session and proceed to the hearing of the guest speakers. Forty-nine members were present.

Mr. F. L. Pinet, secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association, was the first speaker and talked on the work of the Kansas State Teachers Association, which was to hold its seventy-fifth annual meeting this year. He divided the work of the Association into the following periods. From 1863 to 1909 the Association strove valiantly and earnestly but was not a large or imposing organization. From 1909 to 1919 the membership grew from 1,000 to 5,000 members but was even then a northeast Kansas association rather than a true Kansas association of teachers. In 1917 an amendment was proposed to hold more than one meeting at a given place, and in 1919 several meetings were held. From 1919 to 1929 the membership grew from 5,000 to 18,000. From 1929 up to the present there has been a gradual drop in the membership due to the depression, but the recent years have found a gradual return to the membership maximum of 18,000 which has at the present again been about reestablished. Mr. Pinet stated that the five-fold work of the Kansas State Teachers Association has been to hold meetings; publish the magazine; establish, organize, and conduct the reading circle; to make a program for improvement of instruction; and to aid with the legislative program of the state. He cited examples to show how this work was carried out. Mr. Pinet stated that the Kansas State Teachers Association had distributed information to stabilize public opinion in favor of the schools, and through its work definite information on finance, buildings, school books, and similar work had been given out. He ended his speech by giving the purpose of the Kansas State Teachers Association, namely, to build a better public interest for the schools, to protect the teachers, and to create a stronger support for the schools of the state. Following his speech, the organization asked Mr. Pinet questions

Mr. C. O. Wright, assistant secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association, then spoke on the teachers' retirement plan for the state of Kansas. He presented two plans which are up for consideration, namely, the reserve plan or the pay as you go plan. The reserve plan would take five to eight percent of payment while the pay as you go would take only one to two percent. He explained that this whole matter was up for study, discussion, and public interest at the present and that the University membership might be interested in bending its effort toward a general movement in teachers' retirement. Following his discussion, the group participated in a lively period of questions and answers.