

1903, it probably would have had to wait a long time for the women's dormitory, due to the long standing feeling among legislators that State schools should "take their turn" in the matter of additional buildings. As it was, Eastern obtained both the dormitory and the gymnasium in 1907.

The 1903 defeat did not discourage Mr. Lord. He continued his agitation for both a women's dormitory and a gymnasium. Senator Pemberton again led the fight in the 1905 legislature and succeeded in getting an appropriation of \$100,000 for both dormitory and gymnasium through the legislature only again to encounter a veto, this time by Governor Charles S. Deneen.<sup>19</sup> This second veto was a body blow. Mr. Lord has recorded his feeling when he received the discouraging news:

I heard the news about two o'clock one afternoon, as I was starting for Newman to give a high school commencement address. I was discouraged and depressed, and said "never again will I make that effort." . . . [After the address he] took a train from Newman to Metcalf, changing cars there about two o'clock in the morning. I was depressed and weighed down. The station was not open, and it was a very cool night; so I walked up and down the platform to keep warm. Looking up into the sky, where the stars were bright, I noticed a few constellations and separate stars that I knew by name; and all of a sudden it occurred to me that a woman's building for the Eastern Illinois State Normal School was but a very small fraction of this universe. I dropped my discouragement and depression on the Metcalf platform, where it still is, for all I know; and resolved to try again.<sup>20</sup>

The third effort succeeded. With Senator Pemberton working actively in its behalf, in 1907 the dormitory and gymnasium item of \$100,000 was again included in the school's appropriation bill.<sup>21</sup> This time Mr. Lord wrote directly to the Governor, requesting him to sign the bill as passed. The building would "greatly increase the usefulness of one State institution, and future generations of young people and their parents will rise up and call him blessed who is responsible for this building."<sup>22</sup> After the Governor had approved the bill with the dormitory and gymnasium item left undisturbed, Mr. Lord wrote to him:

. . . to express my appreciation of your approval of the bill and to assure you that you will never regret having signed it. I also wish to assure you of my appreciation of the fact that the measure was not a popular one in many quarters and that your patient consideration of the interests involved in the bill has my warmest gratitude.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>19</sup>*Session Laws*, 44th General Assembly pp. 55-56, Act of May 18, 1905. After the bill had passed, but before the Governor's veto, Mr. Lord assured Senator Pemberton that he had "done something for the young people preparing to teach that no one else has ever done in the State of Illinois." Mr. Lord felt under great obligation to Senator Pemberton. Lord Letterbooks, No. 24.

<sup>20</sup>McKinney: *Mr. Lord*, p. 237.

<sup>21</sup>*Session Laws*, 45th General Assembly, pp. 26-27. Act of May 27, 1907.

<sup>22</sup>Letter, L. C. Lord to Governor Charles S. Deneen, Springfield, May 13, 1907. Lord Letterbooks, No. 9.

<sup>23</sup>Letter, L. C. Lord to Governor Charles S. Deneen, Springfield, June 4, 1907. Lord Letterbooks, No. 9.