

HARRISONBURG.

I was in Harrisonburg on September 25th, but did not have a statement from the Treasurer for the month of August, and, for that reason, did not undertake to audit the vouchers. I requested full and complete statements for the month, but have not received them up to the present time. I went carefully into the question of unpaid bills, to which I called the attention of the Board in my last report, and was glad to find that since my last report was made the total of these bills had been reduced to less than \$500.00, of which amount about one half was for insurance, Mr. Burruss told me that he expected to have the remainder of the bills paid off by the time the next monthly statement was rendered, and that he had nearly completed the work which he had already planned for the grounds, also that he did not expect to spend any large amount on the grounds at any time in the near future.

Mr. Burruss has succeeded in getting the town of Harrisonburg to put down, at its own expense, an excellent concrete sidewalk in front of the entire school property, This walk adds greatly to the appearance of the school, and Mr. Burruss is to be congratulated on having had the work done without cost to the school.

In discussing with Mr. Burruss the resolution adopted by the Board at Radford authorizing each of the schools to advertise in the Virginia Journal of Education, I found that he is strongly of the opinion that some concerted action should be taken by the Board in regard to the advertising to be done by the schools; and I think that he is

entirely correct in this. It seems that a newspaper in preparing its educational number will approach the schools singly, getting such advertisements as it can. If one of the schools fails to take an advertisement, it is not only put in a disadvantageous light before the people who see the advertisements of the other schools, but, in at least one instance, one of the leading Virginia newspapers declined or failed to publish news items from the school until such advertisement was taken. I think that the schools should be limited in the amount they are to spend for advertising purposes, and that possibly some arrangement should be made for ^{free} advertising in certain instances to avoid the situation suggested above.