

HARRISONBURG.

On Sept. 14th I was at Harrisonburg to audit the vouchers for July. I had not gotten a complete financial statement from the Treasurer at the time of my visit, but went over the vouchers for the month and found that the total disbursements amounted to \$11,429.52, and the balance on hand on July 21st, according to the statement filed with the Auditor of Public Accounts was \$162.79 in the School and Home Dept. and \$4,995.25 from the special appropriation made to the school. All expenditures for the month were supported by proper vouchers with the exception of items aggregating \$230.59, the checks for which had not been cashed and returned. These will be examined on my next visit.

The new building is now in use, and I took occasion to go over the buildings and dormitories while I was at the school. The old assembly hall has been fitted up very attractively as a chemical laboratory and I was much pleased to see that in spite of the short space of time intervening between the second term of the summer school and the opening of the regular session, the rooms were in such good condition. The buildings were well cared for during the summer school. A considerable amount of grading has been done during the summer, and a concrete sidewalk has been laid in front of the school property.

The Treasurer has not opened up all of the accounts in the new books as promptly as I had hoped she would, and the large expenditures reported for July are largely due to the fact that May and June bills were not paid until July. There are at the present time a number of past due and unpaid bills at the school, which I will check up on another visit I expect to make ~~at~~ to Harrisonburg within the next two weeks. The bills probably amount

to some \$2,000.00. It seems to me that the work of improving the grounds ought to be held up until the school catches up with its back bills, and the money which is now spent on the grounds should be used to discount the bills. From March 1st, 1914 to February 1915 there was spent on the grounds \$1943.58 and for the four months, March, April, May and June 1915 the expenditures for grounds amounted to \$749.42. The Legislature should be requested to appropriate money for improving the grounds if it can ^{not} be done without letting the floating debt accumulate.

Mr. Burruss told me some time ago that he thought about 15,000.00 would be needed to complete ~~the~~ and equip the unfinished portion of the new building. In addition to this the Harrisonburg School needs additional dormitories. Over two hundred and fifty ~~girls attend the school,~~ and the dormitories there can accommodate only about one hundred and fifty.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary-Auditor.

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