

The Honorable, the Board of Trustees
of the State Normal School of San Diego.

Gentlemen:-

I regret that it becomes my duty to report that a fire was discovered in the office of the Normal School at 2:45 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, August 27th. The fire was caused by the Home Telephone wire coming in contact with a feed wire of the Consolidated Light and Power Company at a point one hundred and fifty feet, or thereabouts, from the building. I have no means of knowing which of the two companies mentioned is responsible for the dangerous proximity of the two wires. The fire was promptly extinguished by one of the chemical engines belonging to the city fire department. The zeal and efficiency displayed by the department are worthy of all praise. Commissioner Dodson, ^{and} Acting Chief Snedecor were promptly on hand. A general alarm was turned in in order to prepare for a possibly serious fire. The damage to the building will not exceed \$1,200, and the furniture can be replaced for \$800 to \$1,000. All really valuable records were in the safe, and uninjured. Students' records can all be deciphered, so that certified copies can be made.

I took the liberty of hiring a sufficient force of men to clean up the debris, so that by Monday evening everything was cleaned away.

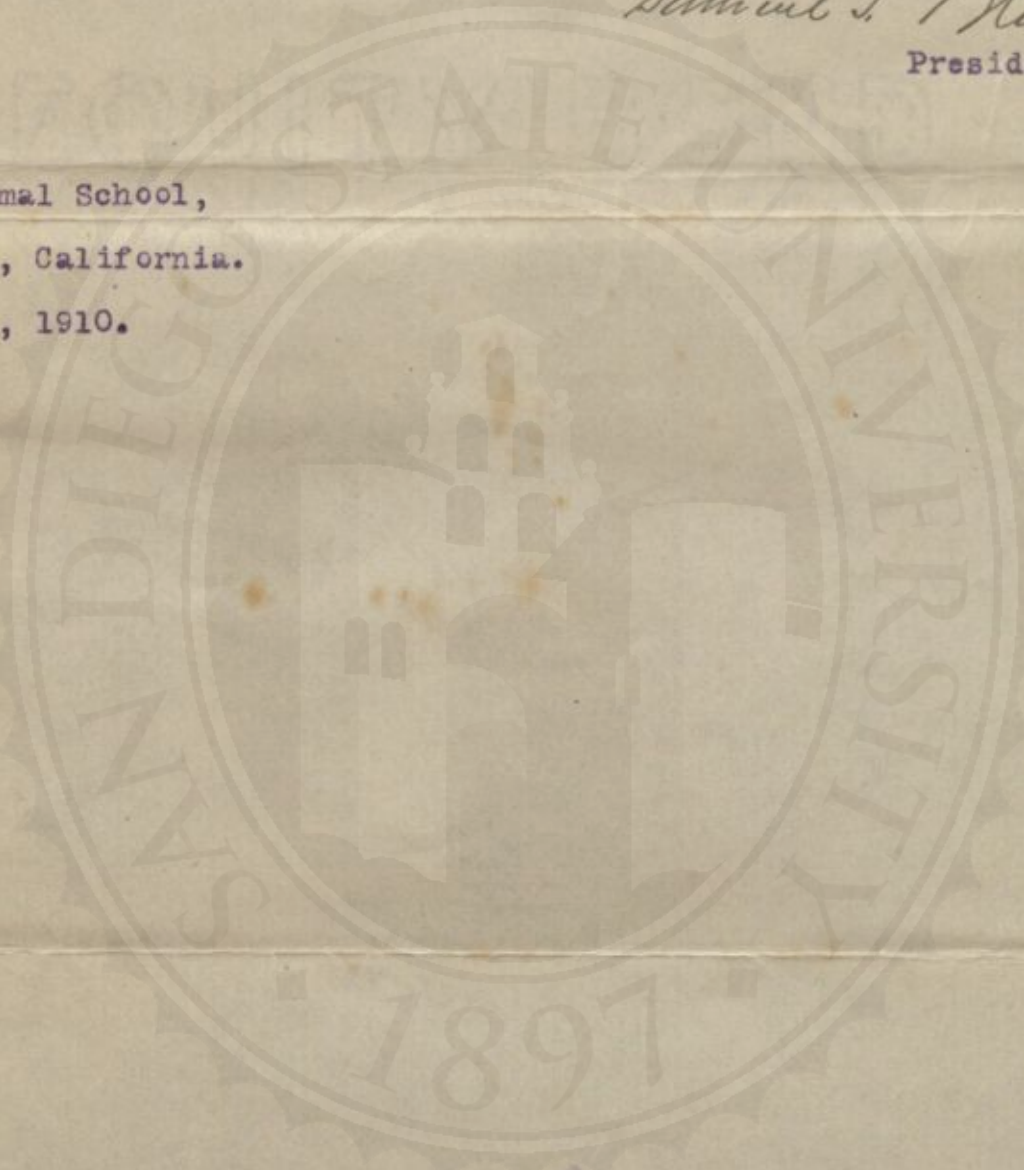
Chairman of the Board Ward, Trustee Akerman, President-elect Hardy, and myself were on hand soon after the alarm was turned in. Mr. Ward took the precaution to notify the Governor by wire early on Saturday morning and later in the day he wrote a full account. It is to be hoped that the authorities at the State Capitol will promptly authorize you to proceed with the necessary repairs.

There will be no delay in the opening of the school.

Respectfully submitted.

Samuel G. Black
President.

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