HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1910 the General Assembly passed an act authorizing the Governor to appoint a commission to locate two new normal schools, one in Northeastern Ohio and one in Northwestern Ohio. This commission chose Kent as the location of the school for Northeastern Ohio and Bowling Green as the location of the school for Northwestern Ohio. On June 30, 1911, the Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor, organized and on February 16, 1912, elected the President of the College. A general building plan was adopted and with the initial appropriation of $150,000 the Board proceeded with the construction of the central feature of the plant—the Administration Building. In 1913 the General Assembly appropriated $41,000 for enlarging the auditorium and gymnasium in the Administration Building, and $218,000 for the erection of a dormitory for women, science building, and heating plant. Other available funds were added to the appropriation for the heating plant, making the total cost of this building and equipment $48,175. In 1915, $100,000 was appropriated for a training school building. The Dormitory for Women was opened at the beginning of the Summer Session in June, 1915, and the Administration Building in September, 1915. The Heating Plant was put in service in the autumn of 1915. Early in the spring of 1916, the Science Building was far enough advanced toward completion to permit of the use of some parts of it. In May, four rooms of the Training School were transferred from
the Administration Building to this building and others were used for College classes. The entire building was thrown open for use during the Summer Session. A tract for the construction of the Training School B was let in July, 1916, and the building will be ready at the opening of the next regular academic year, September, 1917.

On September 15, 1914, the College opened in rare quarters with a faculty of fifteen members in four critic teachers. During the year 1914-15 a school was conducted in Toledo, the city training having been discontinued. The initial enrollment was and the total enrollment from September to June was: 300 different students. In September, 1915, the was increased to twenty-four members by the appointment of new positions as follows: Head of the Department of Rural Education, Extension Lecturer, Head of the Department of Geography, Head of the Department of Physical Education, School Inspector, Fifth Grade Critic, and Sixth Critic.