

Lexington, Ky!, June 1st, 1909.

To the Board of Trustees
of the State University.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit for your consideration the following report of the condition and work of the State University for the academic year which closes on the 3rd inst. The reports of heads of departments are herewith filed and made a part of this report.

The session opened auspiciously Thursday, September 10, 1908, with a good matriculation. The numbers entered during the year in the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes do not differ materially from the aggregate reported for the year 1907-8, in the preceding report. The action of the last General Assembly by which the Normal Department as heretofore existing was eliminated has materially reduced the list of students as compared with that of the preceding year. The shortage will amount to not less than 200 students. A considerable number of those who would otherwise have entered the Normal Department entered the Academy, thereby causing a considerable increase in its numbers over those of the preceding year, the difference amounting to 173 or 63 per-⁶⁷cent. The unrest in Central and Western Kentucky which has unhappily introduced into many counties in the Commonwealth regrettable animosities which will not be extinguished for years, interfered to some extent with the attendance upon the University. Heavy pecuniary losses resulting from the disturbed condition of affairs prevented some, perhaps many, from sending their sons and daughters hither. Whether we have reached the end of these disturbances remains to be seen. It is to be hoped for the sake of the peaceful development and the good name of the Commonwealth, that they are now matters of history and will not be repeated.

The subsidiary reports of deans of courses of study and heads of departments show that the work done is quite equal to the average. Increased facilities for instruction and additions made