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Minutes of Faculty Meeting--Oct. 23, 1925.

Dean Sprague opened the meeting by calling on Prof. Harris, who gave a very fine talk on "Methods of Constructive Teaching". Constructive ideals for growing men and women the best object. A ten or fifteen minute lecture, sprung on them and then a test, is better than entire time in lecture. The subject is CAUGHT not just TAUGHT. Eternally METHOD is trouble with normal schools. Teaching is an art not a science. A good test of the effect of our english teaching, is by seeing how they use it in the other departments. Dr. Dresch then discussed the subject from his view point. and gave the following three necessary points in teaching:

Instructor must know his field; Know the limitations of his students; Love his work. The informal, sympathetic method, where you talk to students personally, best in small colleges. Mastery of one book better than to browse among a lot of them.

Dean Sprague then advanced the theory that we should so arrange the work that the student becomes a "digger", instead of just absorbing the subject. Inspire the man to go ahead and construct something for himself. For the students who cut quizzes--come to Dean's office, get card permitting him to take test, pay Treasurer \$2.00 and must take test before middle of next month. Foot-ball men are exempt from tax for examination.

Dresch, Harris, Weinberg, Niles and Gartland voted on as Advisory Board to assist Dean Sprague in Dr. Holt's absence.

The following members of the Faculty were present: President Holt, Dean Sprague, Dr. Taintor, Mrs. Taintor, Prof. Harris, Mrs. Harris, Prof. Callahan, Mrs. Callahan, Dr. Boice, Dr. Dresch, Prof. Feuerstein, Prof. Uphof, Prof. Weinberg, Misses Niles, Cox, Wallace, Gladwin, Gartland, Mrs. Newby, Prof. Siewert, Mrs. Cass.