

1846, Hon. J. L. Pickard, a graduate of Bowdoin College, Maine, and for several years the State Superintendent of our State, was engaged as principal. Mr. Pickard states, "at the time of my going to Platteville, the public schools throughout the Lead Region were in a low condition; houses were poor; teachers poorly qualified as a general rule; and their wages very low. Female teachers received \$1.00 to \$1.50 per week, and male teachers \$10.00 to \$15.00 per month. Between 1846 and 1850, considerable interest was awakened; and conventions and institutes were held at Galena, Dubuque, Hazel Green and Platteville. A teachers' class was organized in the Academy; and with better qualifications came better wages, and much more interest on the part of the people. The public schools at Platteville were in a better condition than in any other part of the Lead Region." Hon. H. Robbins, now one of the Normal School Regents, labored efficiently both as a teacher and a district officer, in improving the schools of Platteville.

The Prairieville Academy, at Waukesha, was chartered in 1841, converted into the Carroll College in 1846, but restored in 1849. Both these institutions owe their origin largely to the efforts of Gov. A. W. Randall and E. D. Clinton. Silas Chapman, Esq., of Milwaukee, for many years the Secretary of the Normal Board of Regents, entered the Academy as the first principal in the summer of 1841. The first building was stone; but it not being fully completed, the first term was kept in the Congregational Church. Mr. Chapman remained only one year, as the compensation was not sufficient; and then he moved to Milwaukee, where he took charge of the "High School," an Academy, for a year. But the Academy at Waukesha was not long in operation. The charter for the College was obtained by Hon. E. Root, and the Freshman class was formed in 1846, under the direction of Prof. Sterling, of the State University, who continued in the College one year, taking the class through their studies, and receiving for his labors the salary of \$80. This is one of the many examples we might furnish in proof of the purely missionary