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Dear Miss Nevins:
Remembering:

Almost a quarter of a century ago, the Kansas Board of Administration decided to make an independent Teachers College of the Pittsburg branch of the Emporia Normal School. Serving a great territory and at some distance from the parent school, it seemed a bad policy to make a sort of "step-child" of an educational institution.

The dominant idea behind the establishment of the Pittsburg school then called a Normal School, was training teachers for vocational work needed in a new industrial age. With new ways of living, new ideals of education were demanded.

When the time came to make an independent school of the Pittsburg Normal, no member of the Board of Administration had anyone to promote—just a desire to find the best possible president for the new school.

A search was made among educators in the country, and Dr. W. A. Brandenburg was chosen to lead this Teachers' Training School into the coming years.

The school has grown in educational ideals, in its own vision of service, in educational ranking, in numbers, and in the hearts of Kansas people.

That is all that needs to be said about the choice of the then new President of what later became Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg.

President Brandenburg came to the state a stranger, but he quickly became a citizen of Kansas in every sense of the word.

He became an educational leader, familiar with needs of the teachers who were to lead schools forward and upward, and loyal to the spirit of our people.

Under his leadership and guidance and devotion he has built a great Teachers College out of what was called a "Branch Normal School" when he became President.

I salute this educational leader after his long service to Kansas, and I wish for him happiness in further service.

Sincerely Yours,
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Kinsley, Kansas

(NOTE: Mrs. Lewis was also a member of the State Board of Administration that first employed President Brandenburg.)