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and read to him the letter which it was proposed to forward to the Minister. The deputation also requested the Premier to discuss the matter in Cabinet. On the 3rd November the Minister replied to the letter and stated that most careful consideration had been given to the constructive suggestions contained in ~~the~~ letter but it was felt that they would not provide a solution. It had therefore been agreed that the training of Manual Arts students must definitely be undertaken at the Melbourne Teachers' College. As far as was known the matter had not yet been discussed by Cabinet although Messrs J. Gibbon and G. McDonald were still trying to achieve that objective. Copies of the letter forwarded to the Minister had been forwarded to Bendigo and Geelong for information.

After discussing the unsatisfactory outcome of the deputation it was resolved that a letter, to be signed by the President, be forwarded to the Premier requesting him to bring the matter before Cabinet and stressing the importance of the de-centralisation aspect even though there might be some small sacrifice in efficiency by retaining training at Bendigo, Geelong and Ballarat. The matter was left in the hands of the President, the Principal and the Registrar for attention (Mrs Ballou & Bealand)

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Reports

The Principal's Report was read, received and adopted.
Received: Mrs Ballou & Savage
Adopted: Mrs Small & Ballou.

Visiting Committee's Report

On submission in reporting for the Visiting Committee said that an inspection of the electrical and dressmaking departments had been made by Mrs Small and himself on the evening of the 14th November. They were unable to inspect the Woodclassing and Photo Mechanic departments as both were in darkness. In the electrical department they found Mr Hillman and Messrs Snow and Walker who were very pleased with the equipment and space available in the old paint house. Certain major items of equipment were desirable but it would be necessary to wait till money was available for their purchase. In the Dressmaking Department they saw Miss Williams and a number of girls at work. Miss Williams was very satisfied with the conditions but felt it was a pity that more room could not be made available for the large number on a waiting list. The committee felt that the lighting here was far from satisfactory and was in marked contrast to that in the Art School. In several instances girls were working in their