

Fire at Albion Academy.

Fire which is believed to have originated in a defective chimney about 9:30 o'clock Monday morning destroyed the woman's dormitory, the center and largest of the three buildings of Albion academy. Flames were discovered on the roof while the students were at class, and though the town people and students worked hard the fire had gained such headway it was impossible to save the building. The fire slowly worked downward from the roof, permitting the saving of clothing and furniture and fixtures of the first floor and basement but little was gotten out of the third floor or library. A call was telephoned to the Edgerton fire department, but as there was no water supply it was unable to render assistance.

An insurance of \$2500 on building and \$1,000 on contents, carried in Henry Johnson's agency, goes only a small way in covering the loss. It is the hope of everybody that the burned building will be replaced.

Albion Academy is one of the oldest institutions of learning in the state, being founded by the Seventh Day Baptist people in 1854. There were three large brick buildings situated in the center of a twelve acre park. Some of the foremost teachers and prominent people of the state have received their education here. Among the early students were Senator Nelson of Minnesota, ex-Gov. Alva Adams of Colorado, the late Judge Bardeen of our supreme court, J. Q. Emery, former state dairy and food commissioner, and many others. The Norwegian Lutheran society purchased the institution and have since conducted the academy. The north hall will now be fitted up for a girls' dormitory and Mrs. A. C. Burdick has kindly opened her home for the boarding club until further arrangements can be made. Classes were called Tuesday morning in south hall and school is being carried on the best they can under the circumstances.
