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Ninth President
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*Let us all take hold
and strive for the future*

*Today, more than ever before the right education
is the best defense for a democracy.*

Robert G. Bone

*From his Inaugural Address
October 4, 1957*

First, A Brief Message

This history of Illinois State University 1957-1967 is designed to bring the centennial history *Grandest of Enterprises* up to date. *The Eleventh Decade* like its predecessor has been a labor of love. Its publication coincides with the termination of my career as a teacher of history, thirty-two years of which have been spent at Illinois State University. During this time I have witnessed great ideas aborning and dreams fulfilled.

The past ten years have been marked by growth and innovation, expansion in numbers, purpose, and physical facilities.

Perspective of the immediate past is always difficult. It is hard to write dispassionately of events to which one has been a witness or a party. It is difficult often to sift the significant from the insignificant; what may seem unimportant today may loom large tomorrow.

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HELEN E. MARSHALL

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