Math class walked out in 1894

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meeting that dragged on for more than three hours, "during which the cross-fire of language among the professors and pupils was something wonderful."

The text of the apology said, "We, the members of the senior high school class, have concluded that we did wrong in leaving the school and do hereby apologize to the board and to Mr. Mitchell for our action."

Not everyone was satisfied.

The World commented, "A number of the older students and some of their parents express much feeling in the matter and are by no means satisfied with the result."

In any case, if Mitchell was planning to teach mathematics, he certainly got a hefty dose of practice teaching from the episode.