

A N N U A L   R E P O R T  
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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June 20, 1927

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LINDENWOOD COLLEGE

GENTLEMEN:

The outstanding event of the school year just closed was the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the College. Representatives of classes from 1856 were present. From 1875 to 1927 every class was represented. The event was one that will long live in the memory of all Lindenwood students who were privileged to be on the campus at some time during the five days celebration. From North, East, West, and South pilgrimages were made by approximately one thousand graduates and former students. Many came bringing friends and some brought the entire family. The only ones registered on the College Centennial records were former students and graduates. A conservative estimate of guests present at some time during the festivities I should estimate at 2,000. St. Charles people heartily cooperated with the College and made it possible to provide entertainment for all our guests.

The result will be a closer bond of union between the Alumnae and the College. Many had not been here for years, and returned home with some adequate idea of the Lindenwood of today. The colleges and universities represented on Academic Day have obtained a more intelligent idea of the school. Over one thousand newspapers throughout the United States were interested enough to write up the event both before and during the programme and the advertising feature was of considerable worth in bringing the College prominently before the people of the United States.

October 24, 1926, the re-dedication of Sibley Hall brought many to the College to participate in the exercises of the day. Some of our older graduates who were somewhat fearful of any attempt to remodel the building have been loudest in praise of the results. Today Sibley Hall is the most imposing and most admired building on the campus.

Throughout the year at Thursday Assemblies and Sunday Vesper Services we have had many laymen and ministers who have brought messages of inspiration and helpfulness to students and Faculty.

The enrollment for the year was 488, distributed as follows:

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

Alabama .....	2
Arkansas .....	34
Colorado .....	5
Florida .....	2
Illinois .....	59
Indiana .....	10
Iowa .....	16
Kansas .....	40
Kentucky .....	1
Louisiana .....	8
Michigan .....	5
Missouri .....	192
Mississippi .....	8
Montana .....	2
Manila, P. I. ....	1
Nebraska .....	27
New Mexico .....	2
Ohio .....	6
Oklahoma .....	40
Pennsylvania .....	4
Tennessee .....	2
Texas .....	15
West Virginia .....	2
Wisconsin .....	4
Wyoming .....	1
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RELIGIOUS DISTRIBUTION

Presbyterian .....	187
Methodist .....	67
Episcopal .....	33
Methodist Episcopal .....	24
Baptist .....	30
Christian Science .....	11
Hebrew Temple-Jewish .....	15
Universalist .....	1
Congregational .....	13
Church of Christ .....	1
St. John Evangelical .....	4
Christian .....	27
No affiliation .....	3
Reformed Hebrew .....	1
Community .....	2
Evangelical .....	6
Lutheran .....	8
Catholic .....	16
Unitarian .....	3
Not indicated .....	5
Reformed .....	1
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EDUCATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

Seniors .....	29
Juniors .....	43
Sophomores .....	137
Freshmen .....	249
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Specials .....	24
Extension .....	6
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The health of the student body was remarkable, there being no seriously dangerous cases in the Infirmary and not one surgical operation. The surgeon had a dull year at Lindenwood College.

The scholastic standing of the students to be reported by the Dean of the College will disclose a high average. The second semester the "Cut System" was given a trial by the Faculty. For every semester hour of class work the student was allowed to absent herself once without obtaining an excuse from the Dean of Women for the absence. Beyond the number allowed, the student was penalized unless she could present an excuse from the proper authority. The venture had it's advantages and disadvantages. Possibly among the Freshmen it was not the success it should have been.

During the year a few cases of discipline resulted in having the offenders withdraw from the school. The percentage of students needing drastic treatment in any school is small compared with the number in attendance. There is a greater demand for freedom from rules. Our rules have been modified from time to time so that greater liberties might be enjoyed and the proper discipline of the school maintained. Card playing and cigarette smoking among a very few have been the occasion of discipline by the Student Board during the year. It is a hard problem to know what to do with the cigarette smoker when mothers are giving consent and Alumnae come to Centennials with packages of Camels and other brands of the weed and freely use them. Our rule has been to inform the students that such practices are not in accordance with the wishes of the Board and cannot be permitted.

Church attendance is still required, as per instruction of the Board at it's last annual meeting. No petitions were circulated among the students this year to be presented to you, but many patiently endured the requirement.

The Faculty has done faithful work during the year. Report of their work will be embodied in the Educational report of Dean Gipson. More changes than usual are to be reported. The causes of retirement are marriage, desire to obtain advanced degrees, better positions offered elsewhere, and change of employment. The new members of the Faculty are:

1. Dr. Ada R. Hall, Head of Biology department, succeeds Dr. Bertha E. Martin who goes to Shorter College, Rome, Georgia.
2. Cornelia M. Cotton, A. M., Instructor in Biology, succeeds Dr. Fanny Fern Smith who will be married in June.

3. Grace V. Larson, A. M., Instructor in Biology, succeeds Mary J. Brown, A.M. leaving to pursue studies for doctorate degree.
4. Jewell A. Brent, A. M., Head of Education department, succeeds Arthur L. Odenweller, A. M., retiring.
5. Elizabeth Dawson, A. M., Instructor in English, succeeds Ella McC. Murphy, A. M., retiring.
6. Dr. Bertha Ann Reuter, Head of History department, succeeds Mary C. Olsen, A. M., leaving to become an editor.
7. Anne Zimmerman, A. M., Instructor in French and German, succeeds Marie Dolese, who goes to teach nearer her home in Chicago.
8. Mary McKenzie Gordon, B. O., Instructor in Oratory, succeeds Harriet Diven, B. O., who desires to teach nearer her home in Pennsylvania.
9. Grace Terhune, Instructor in Voice, succeeds Frances B. Oldfield.
- 10-11. Two new teachers, - Cora M. Wallenbrock, Instructor in English, and Rachel M. Morris, A. M., Instructor in Education and Sociology, have been added upon the recommendation of the Dean of the College.

Every teacher employed is not only educationally qualified but is a member of some evangelical church.

The coming school year it is the purpose of the Faculty to more particularly classify the students as to mental ability and selection of courses of study, the first to be by mental tests, the second by courses in orientation. It is our belief that the effort to have the student discover herself will bring large returns to student and school. We shall await the experiment.

Salaries of teachers are as usual uppermost. We are paying as much if not more than the average church school. Each year the increases enlarge our annual budget. One thing your President is insistent upon and that is that we must ever keep in mind we are an Arts and Science school, not a university or a graduate school. Notwithstanding this, the demand for variety of courses compels us to meet the requirements of our patrons. An endowment for educational purposes only may be a necessity before long. It is our intention to keep the outgo equal to the income and not follow the educators' counsel to budget a deficit.

The physical condition of our plant I believe is excellent. The Athletic Field which has been so difficult in establishing, owing to weather conditions, promises soon to round into satisfactory condition. The Golf Course and Athletic Field are highly praised by our Physical Education department. The Swimming Pool is not adequate to the demands made upon it, but we must wait until a new building devoted to Athletics can be secured. The Farm, a good investment for the protection of our property interests, is doing as well as expected. It has not reached the point of excess of receipts over expenditures.

The dormitories are in good condition. Nicolls Hall continues to

add expense to our budget on account of poor construction. Jubilee Hall, the second oldest dormitory on the campus, will undergo needed improvement the present Summer.

The building needs of the school are many. A Library, a Chapel, a Gymnasium, a Music Hall, later a new dormitory, are talked of and looked forward to.

The receipts from Operating sources were \$378,469.88, expenditures \$316,047.70, leaving balance \$62,422.18, independent of depreciation.

A financial statement and budget will be presented by the Bursar.