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PRESIDENT OF LINDENWOOD COLLEGE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present this, the Eighth Annual Report of the President of the College to the Board of Directors. The enrollment, scholarship, and other educational statistics will be embodied in the report of the Dean of the College to the President and Board, which is herewith appended.

During the year several outstanding events are worthy of notice. The first is the Dedication of the new Administration Building, which occurred October 20, 1921, Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, President of Vassar College, delivering the dedicatory address. The second outstanding event is that of the recognition of Lindenwood as a four year standard college by the North Central Association. The third was the Commencement on May 30th, at which time eight were graduated from the four year college course.

During the year the health of the student body was exceptionally good. The religious activities of the students consisted largely of the regular Chapel exercises, Sunday evening Vesper Service and the Y. W. C. A. meetings. It is the purpose the coming year to appoint a student secretary of the Y. W. C. A. We have selected a most excellent leader and we believe great good will come from this appointment. The question that comes up in our meetings of the Presbyterian Colleges is the character of the Bible teaching. There seem to be a prevailing opinion that the greatest work of the Bible Department would be the religious work done among the students. There is a great question in the mind of the President as to whether our Bible work ought not to change considerably and the emphasis be placed upon the religious work among the students.

The faculty during the year have been faithful in the performance of their duty, and but few changes will be made the coming year. Retirement from college work and marriage will take from us several of our faculty. All appointments for the coming year have been made with the exception of one. We will have two or three additional teachers to meet the conditions of our four year course. There has been a greater demand for scholarships this year than ever before, and we have been trying to build up the Junior and Senior years by giving scholarships for superior work done in the first and second year.

Financially, the year has been one that is satisfactory as far as the operating expenses are concerned. We are at the time when the surplus of the school will reach the zero mark, unless the capacity can be increased by the erection of another dormitory and more students obtained. It has been the purpose of the administration to conduct the operation on a basis that would not draw upon the Endowment funds. For the last eight years we have been successful in doing this. With the extended work of the school, the additional faculty that is needed for the higher courses, and the number of boarding students being limited, we are at a time when the Endowment will possibly have to be called upon to help out in the expense account.

I would call your attention to the fact that the street improvements in the City of St. Charles are going to draw heavily upon us, owing to the large frontage of our property. The County Court has asked that Clay Street be improved with sidewalks, gutters, and the street paved, they paying half of the street paving. This will leave us to pay for the gutter, sidewalk, and one-fourth of the street to be paved. This improvement is to be extended up to the County Line, passing the property the College bought recently. In addition to this, the City is contemplating paving Kingshighway from Clay Street on, and the people on Watson Street are agitating a movement to have Watson Street paved. Surrounded as we are with the vast frontage, we will have to safeguard our finances to meet the necessary expenditures for streets and sidewalks.

The Alumnae are becoming quite interested in raising a fund between now and 1927 for a Centennial gift. It is proposed that the money raised be set aside as a Mary Easton Sibley Scholarship Fund to assist worthy students in obtaining an education at Lindenwood. The administration has been giving favorable commendation to the proposed plan. The money will be raised by the Alumnae throughout the country.

The following recommendations are presented:

1. That the President of the College be authorized, if the Board sees fit, to sign the petitions of the citizens of St. Charles for the paving of Kingshighway; also for the paving of Watson Street and the extension of paving on Clay Street from Coal Street to terminus of College property on State Highway.
2. That an appropriation of \$2,500.00 be made for the purchase of new books and equipment for Library.
3. That an appropriation of \$8,500.00 be made for Service Scholarships.
4. That all Ministerial Scholarships be placed on a Service basis.
5. That all the faculty be placed on the same annual contract basis, the President making the appointment from year to year.