



LINDENWOOD COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN
WELLESLEY OF THE WEST
JOHN L. ROEMER, D.D., PRESIDENT
SAINT CHARLES, MISSOURI.

September 13, 1916.

To the Board of Trustees
Lindenwood College.

Gentlemen:

Since our last meeting we have lost by death another member of the Board, one who consecrated his talents and means to the development of Lindenwood College. To Col. James Gay Butler we owe more than to anyone else, the prominence of the school and the assurance of its future. Up to his last conscious moment on earth he spoke of Lindenwood and pledged the President of the College to carry on the work according to his plans, assuring him that every need for the advancement of the work would be provided.

In accordance with the permission granted, Col. Butler commenced the building of Niccolls Memorial Hall, signing a personal contract for the payment of same. The only thing left undone was the letting of the contract for the furnishings. This has been done by Mrs. Butler and all the furnishings are under her personal contract for payment. July 10, 1916, while the President of the College was in Colorado, Col. Butler let contracts for the enlargement of the Dining Room, the Boiler House, the sewage from the Matatorium and the new road to replace the old one torn out in the enlargement of the Dining Room. About everything he could think of that was needed he contracted for before going to the hospital. A more thoughtful man would be hard to find. He saw everything that he thought necessary and seeing meant favorable action.

During the summer many other improvements were made for which the College will be responsible. The city has laid a granitoid sidewalk and gutter along Kingshighway, which will necessitate an expenditure of about one thousand dollars for the College frontage. This improvement compels an additional improvement of the campus at Margaret Hall.

All the buildings have been gone over. Sibley has had little expended upon it as the occupancy of Niccolls Hall and an enlarged enrollment will necessitate a remodeling next year. Jubilee Hall has been painted and refurnished in part and the entire building screened. Butler Hall, being new, required little attention excepting the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool, which was painted



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in white enamel.

Owing to the cutting off of other roadways heavy traffic had to be permitted on Butler Way resulting in added expense for repair.

A new Water Filter has been purchased for drinking water, the cistern water being abandoned for drinking purposes for sanitary reasons.

A modern hotel kitchen has been installed, a new cold storage box of large capacity purchased, and an entire new set of china dishes with the "L.C." monogram on each piece ordered.

With the improvements in buildings and the demands made for things that are modern, the kitchen and dining room, the money makers of the College, could no longer remain in their antiquated form.

In accordance with your instructions, the old cemetery owned by the First Presbyterian Church of St. Charles and within the enclosure of our campus was purchased for \$200.00 and paid for out of the College treasury

The outlook for the coming school year is encouraging. Last year we had one hundred and fifty-nine students in residence during the year and twenty-three day students. So far we have accepted one hundred and eighty student boarders and have a large waiting list. Many are writing and wiring us to accept their daughters but it is impossible to give favorable reply. Sibley, Jubilee, Butler and even Margaret Halls are crowded. Music teachers are compelled to sleep in their teaching rooms in the Conservatory of Music and servants are asked to "double up" as well as students. Practice rooms in Sibley Hall have been taken and pianos placed in the hallways. When Niccolls Hall is completed the congestion will be relieved. This will be about January. It is our firm belief we could have opened with two hundred and fifty students in residence had Niccolls Hall been ready for occupancy.



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The Faculty for the coming year will have representatives from Vassar, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Chicago University and the Universities of Missouri, Wisconsin and Kansas. We regret that Dr. Frank L. Horn, Dean of the College Faculty, felt compelled to resign on account of ill health and a desire to be with friends in Toledo, Ohio. In testimony of his nine years of service we advanced him two months salary as a testimony of appreciation. Miss Lucinda de L. Templin, from the Faculty of the University of Missouri, has been appointed Acting Dean for the coming year.

The financial condition of the past year is shown in Exhibit A attached to this report, which is a trial balance of the books. This shows receipts amounting to \$75,243.33 with a cash balance July 1, 1916 of \$1,863.58. This, after paying to the Treasurer of your Board \$1,500.00 to be applied to your note in the Mercantile Trust Co. and \$541.42 Fire Insurance and deducting \$2,653.24 accounts unpaid but in the main good.

The following report to Synod is presented for your consideration:

"The Board of Trustees of Lindenwood College, in making its annual report to Synod, expresses its deep sorrow in the loss of one of its members, Col. James Gay Butler. Col. Butler, during his life, consecrated a part of his large income to the building up of the College. In the past two years he expended over \$300,000.00 in the physical equipment, his last new dormitory being erected to the memory of his friend and pastor, the Rev. Samuel Jack Niccolls, D.D., who, for over fifty years, was a beloved member of the Synod of Missouri. Not only in his material gifts was he a potent factor in building up a great Presbyterian school but, with his gifts, was incarnated the Christian spirit of the man for Christian education of young womanhood. We rejoice to know that the College he so dearly loved will be able to go on to greater achievements by bequests he provided and by the added generosity and personal interest of his beloved wife.



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During the year 1915-16 the enrollment reached the highest mark in its history, one hundred and eighty-two. One hundred and fifty-nine of these were students in residence in the dormitories and twenty-three local students. Seventeen states were represented in the enrollment, divided denominationally as follows: Presbyterian, 83; Methodist, 42; Christian, 12; Protestant Episcopal, 9; Catholic, 10; Lutheran, 8; Baptist, 8; Jewish, 4; Evangelical, 3; Congregational, 1; Christian Science, 2. One hundred and twenty-three were church members upon enrollment, fifty-nine non church members.

During the month of February, under the direction of the College Board, Rev. W. M. Cleaveland, D.D., of the First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Mo., accompanied by his wife, visited the College, holding special religious meetings and conferences with the students. The result of this visit was a great spiritual awakening. Several were received into the local churches and about fifty are reported to have united with their home churches since. Every member of the Faculty is a professing Christian.

Financially, the year was a banner year. The total receipts amounting to \$75,243.33, with a net profit of \$1,863.58 to be applied to the physical improvement of the College. The assets of the school are estimated at \$500,000.00 with liabilities practically nil.

The Board recommends to Synod for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Class 1919, the following members - B. P. Fullerton, D.D.; LL.D., John F. Hendy, D.D., John Mac Ivor, D.D., Robert Rankin and Emmet P. North, M.D.