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ANNUAL REPORT OF LINDENWOOD COLLEGE
TO THE SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

Lindenwood presents its annual report to the Synod of Missouri with deep gratitude to God for his continued goodness to the school and the blessings with which he has crowned us during the years past.

We join with the Synod in trusting that the prosperity of the past few years is only a harbinger of greater things to come.

PROPERTY. Since our last report, by the generosity of Col. Butler of St. Louis, who has done so much for the school in the past two or three years, we are able to report the addition to our property of a handsome residence adjoining Lindenwood, formerly used as a residence and its value is placed at about \$15,000. This property is to be used for the housing of the boarding school for girls from five to twelve years of age. It is eminently adapted for this purpose. In connection with this report of Col. Butler's gift, it is fitting that we add, that Mrs. Butler generously donated the money for the refitting and furnishing of this home. The name of this home is to be Margaret Hall. At present it is being used for the over flow from the other two buildings and for the residence of the President and his wife. In this connection, we wish to report that we have spent about \$750.00 in the improving of our first Hall, Sibley Hall, having put it on a modern basis. Our property compares favorably with the best womens colleges of the middle west.

ENROLLMENT The enrollment of the present year is gratifying to the Board of Trustees and officers of the school. Our best expectations during the summer have been realized. We have enrolled 115, 198 of which are boarders and 7 day pupils. The full story of our successful progress will be seen when we compare this year's enrollment with that of the past year at the same time.

At the time we reported to the Synod in the fall of 1908, we had 85 boarders and about 10 day pupils. This shows an increase of between 20 and 25 percent over the past year and when the present enrollment

as compared with the best previous year's recorded in the history of the school, it shows an increase of 15 to 20 percent over any former year in the history of the institution.

TEACHERS The teaching force in the literary department has been increased with the addition of a teacher to teach in the high school department of the college. For this position, Miss M. A. Coombs, graduate of Mt. Holyoke has been selected and is on the ground and doing well. Miss Irwin, who has been with us for some years, resigned in the summer to take up her residence on the Pacific Coast. For this position, Miss Clare Butler, graduate of Vassar College has been selected and is also filling our best hopes for her. Miss Llewellyn of the department of music has been succeeded by Miss Bell Patterson. This change was made in order to make a stronger music department. In the elocution and physical culture, Miss Hamm has been succeeded by Miss Giffen an experienced teacher. Miss Rickets, who so ably filled the department of modern languages was called to take the deanship of women in a strong co-educational college and her place has been filled by Miss A. W. Raynor, a teacher of long experience and excellent preparation, Miss Raynor having spent four years in Europe in order to properly fit herself to teach modern languages. The faculty has been organized and is working together harmoniously and energetically.

RELIGIOUS Lindenwood College maintains one of the best Young Womens Christian Associations of any of the colleges for women in the middle west. Its membership active and associate comprises over 50 percent of the students of the college. This association had the distinction of being one of the best represented of any of the girls colleges at the summer conference of the Y.W.C.A. last summer. The association maintains all of the work usually carried on by the college associations. It conducts a stated prayer meeting every Sunday evening. Last year out of about 45 students, who were not professing christians, 15 professed conversion

during the year and joined the various churches. At least 75 percent of the pupils now enrolled are members or adherents of the Presbyterian church. This is a gratifying increase in patronage from our own church. In former years we have had to depend upon other sources for over 50 percent of our pupils.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS In connection with the best girls schools of the middle west, with two or three exceptions, Lindenwood College now maintains a college course of 60 hours or two years leading to the B. S. degree. It is the intention of the board of trustees, as soon as the income of the school will allow to add enough teachers to carry a full four years course in the college, maintaining at the same time, a strong academic course of four years.

PROSPECTS A generous friend of the institution has offered the board \$20,000 for a school building upon the condition that an additional \$80,000 is raised. The raising of this \$80,000 is our immediate work. The board desires the sympathy and co-operations of all of the ministers of the Synod in this work which is to be done the coming year.

NEEDS The school needs a school building, a music building, a gymnasium and several thousand dollars to be spent upon the beautifying of the grounds.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES The term of office of the following trustees expires at this meeting of the Synod

Rev. S.C. Palmer D.D.
Rev. Chas. Boving D.D.
Rev. M.J. McKittrick D.D.
B. Kurt Stumberg M.D.

The board respectfully calls attention to the fact that this class lacks one member and respectfully suggest the name of _____ to be added to this class. All of which is respectfully submitted.