

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LINDENWOOD COLLEGE.

The Board of Trustees, in its annual summary of the history of the past school year, for Synod, discovers the most abundant signs of hope for the development of the College to larger things, which it has yet been its privilege to see. The character of the work discovers signs of progress toward its betterment. The task of classifying the school along College and Preparatory school models, made some distinctive advance during the year and it will soon be possible to have all pupils studying here, classed in College Preparatory and College classes. The greatest evidence of progress was the discovery of a number of generous friends of education, who have been added to the list of Lindenwood helpers. Since we last reported, there have been added to the subscriptions of Mr. Carnegie and Dr. Williams, the following generous subscriptions:-

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| Col. James G. Butler - St. Louis ----- | \$11,000.00 |
| Mrs. William Mc Millan - St. Louis ----- | 10,000.00 |
| Mr. John A. Holmes - St. Louis ----- | 5,000.00 |
| Some 80 or more subscribers of small amounts ----- | 3,300.00 |

Making a total of \$40,300.00 for the enlargement of the school's plant.

The enrollment of the school did not equal that of the year before by 19. This was due to the fact that a large number of young women left at the end of that year dissatisfied with the crowded condition of affairs during the year. These young women could have been held, had there been any prospects at the end of the year 1905-1906, of any enlargement of the plant to meet the pressing demand. But we were unable to give them any such assurances and consequently lost them. The total enrollment of the school year 1906-1907 was 101, distributed as follows:- 79 boarders and 22 day pupils; of this number 8 were regular and 14 special pupils. Of this total number, 15 were

graduated from the different schools of the College, as follows:-
2 from the regular College course; 8 from the Seminary course;
3 from the Piano course; 2 from the Elocution course. The enrollment
at the time this report is being prepared is 108, of which number
94 are boarders and 14 day pupils. This indicates an enrollment for
the year of 125, which will be by far the largest enrollment ever made
in the history of the old institution. In the regular College Senior
class there are four members, which is a gain of 100% over that of
any previous year in the institution. There are as many boarding
pupils at the opening of the school this fall as were enrolled during
the entire year 1905-1906, which was the banner year up to that time.
During that year we enrolled 94 boarders, of this number 82 were
present at the time the report was made to Synod, consequently the
report this time means a clear gain of 12 boarders over that of the
banner year.

The resignation of Rev. Thomas F. Marshall as Dean of the
Literary Department, in order that he might pursue his studies in
Columbia University, necessitated the choice of a new Dean of the
Literary Department. Mr. N. O. Hopkins, for five years instructor
of History and Economics in the Columbia Normal Academy, was chosen
to this position. Mr. Hopkins is on the ground and has showed great
efficiency in the organization of the literary work for the current
school year. The faculty of the Department of Fine Arts remains
unchanged with its efficient Dean, Mr. James T. Quarles, at its head.
In the Literary Department, Miss Evelyn McCullough, succeeds Miss
Burke, who goes to a similar position in Tabor College, Iowa.

The Board of Trustees desires to emphasize their determination
to place Lindenwood College upon a purely College and Academic basis.
It takes this occasion to remind the Synod that whilst it still grants

a diploma for 15 hours work above the average of the best High Schools in the State, its chief departments are College Preparatory and a College course of 30 hours, leading to the B. L. degree. With the promised very material increase of income, it is the purpose of the Board to employ two additional College professors and enlarge the above course to 60 hours and give the degrees of B. A. and B. S. The College will still place particular emphasis upon its Department of Fine Arts and in the future, as in the past, offer exceptionally fine advantages in Music, Art and Elocution.

During the past year Lindenwood remained financially self-supporting. She did not receive nor need any gifts for the current expenses. Her income for the year was \$21,141.55 and all of her necessary expenses were kept within this sum.

Thanks to the generosity of her friends, to whom reference has already been made, the Lindenwood equipment has been enlarged by a handsome dormitory, with a capacity for 56 people, together with President's quarters, quarters for servants, practise rooms, two laboratories, cooking school quarters, art room, society room, a handsome dining-room for the whole school, the crowning feature of which is a roof garden over it. This will furnish a delightfully attractive place for the fall and spring social affairs of the young women. This building is now under roof and a portion of it will be used after the first of January to house the eight young women and two teachers, who are now in rented rooms outside of the grounds. The building as a whole will not be placed in regular commission until next year. When finished, this will be one of the most complete dormitories possessed by any young women's school in the West. Thanks also to the generosity of these and other friends, the contract has been let for a new power house, to cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

This means that at the end of this school year, Lindenwood will have spent \$46,000 during the year in the increase of its plant.

Two religious services daily are conducted by the President of the College, a Young Women's Christian Association, with a membership of 45% of the boarding population, maintained during the past year all the usual departments of such an association. This Association contributes regularly to Home and Foreign Mission work, through the agency of the General Young Women's Christian Association. Systematic Bible study is required of all the pupils of the school. The following courses being offered:-

- Course 1. Studies in the Life of Christ; 1 year; 1 recitation.
- Course 2. Studies in the Acts of the Apostles; 1 year; 1 rec.
- Course 3. Studies in Romans; 1 year; 1 recitation.
- Course 4. Studies in Hebrew Poetry; 1 year; 1 full hour rec.

The Board prays Synod that it will impress upon the Presbyterianism of this State the following facts:-

First: A consecrated and cultured woman-hood is the cornerstone of the highest civilization.

Second: It is as imperative a duty to provide means for the training of a consecrated and cultured woman-hood, as to provide means for the raising up of Ministers of the Gospel or bread-winners.

Third: That whilst Presbyterianism has usually been alive to its duty to assist in providing educational facilities for men, it is lagging fearfully behind in its provision of the means for raising up a consecrated and cultured woman-hood.

Fourth: That the time is fully ripe for the initiating and carrying forward of a large and generous campaign for providing Lindenwood with the following necessities, for doing the work which is and ought to be required of her; 1. A modern school building.

2. A music hall. 3. A gymnasium. 4. A library building. 5. A primary school building for Presbyterian orphans, under High School age.

As in our last report, we wish to emphasize the need of some provision for comfortably well-to-do orphans or half orphans of Presbyterian families. There is absolutely no provision made by the Presbyterian Church for the care and education of such children, of the ages of 6 to 14. If the statistics could be gathered of the number of these children, who are lost to Presbyterianism by being placed in Catholic schools, we might be startled by the number.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires at this meeting:-

Mr. Robert Ranken, Col. James G. Butler, Mr. Henry P. Wyman, Rev. J. F. Hendy, D. D.

It is recommended that all of these gentlemen be re-elected. This class is entitled to an additional member. It is recommended that the Rev. W. T. Rodgers, D. D. of St. Louis, be added to this class.

Mr. H. M. Noel of the class of 1908, having expressed a desire to be released from further service on the Board, it is recommended that Mr. _____ be elected in his place. The class of 1909 is also entitled to another member. It is recommended that Mr. _____ be elected to this class. All of which is respectfully submitted.

President of Board.