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To the Board of Trustees of Lindenwood College, I would respectfully report a year of satisfactory and in most respects successful work ~~during the year that has just closed~~. As to attendance <sup>75</sup> the entire enrolment was exactly that of last year. The decreased income <sup>me</sup> was due to a somewhat smaller number of boarding students, while the number of day pupils was largely increased over former years.

Another encouraging feature was in the uniform attendance during the year, but two dropping out for the last term, whose places were filled by others entering. A remarkably kind spirit was manifested among the young ladies toward each other and their teachers. There has been but little occasion for reproof and much for commendation. During a portion of the year a quiet religious interest has made itself manifest in the devotional meetings and by way of personal influence on the part of a number of our young ladies. The Missionary and Christian <sup>Endeavor</sup> societies have been maintained with gratifying interest. Quite a number of our pupils <sup>were</sup> new to school life ~~were~~ away from home, and as a consequence were at a disadvantage in their studies, but a steady and in many instances marked advance was observed in their work. Our Senior class numbered 12 of whom 11 received Diplomas.

Excellent work has been done in the various departments of the college by our teachers. The Music department has ~~maintained the~~ <sup>maintained the</sup> lead in the special departments, though somewhat less <sup>in number</sup> than in recent years. The Art department has become almost self sustaining while instruction has been given in drawing to the entire school.

The Elocution Department has not had a large number of private pupils, but it has also had its work in classes. Probably no work in the school has been more highly appreciated than that of the Gymnasium in

its beneficial effects on the health of the young ladies. Several of our pupils who came to us with enfeebled health, have grown stronger from the very outset, and their parents have expressed surprise and gratification at the marked improvement.

Special recognition ought to be made of the great advantage the College has received in the services of Prof. Dixon in the Department of Literature, much more marked even than last year. The Faculty wish to express their appreciation of the thoughtfulness and generosity of Dr. Marshall in placing Prof. Dixon's services within our reach.

The Laboratory Fund secured by Dr. McLean in accordance with the action of the Board, has been wisely expended under the direction of Miss Bruce, and has afforded greatly increased facilities for effective work in the department of Natural science. Special commendation ought to be given to Miss Bruce for her earnest efforts to build up her department in this and other directions. As contemplated last year considerable addition has been made to the comfort of the school, in <sup>the</sup> repairing and refitting of the building. The addition of gas for lighting the building has very much contributed to the safety and comfort of all within it.

Additional repairs are now being made in other parts of the building which <sup>will</sup> needed carpets and furniture are estimated at about Three hundred dollars. Much more could be profitably ~~be~~ spent. Considerable expense will be incurred in repairs to the furnace building, <sup>the falling of</sup> owing to one of the smoke stacks. One of the great needs of the institution is a building which would combine engine and coal room, with Laundry facilities, and storage for vegetables, and other conveniences which might be cheaply added. Our school has felt the pressure of the times, and yet considering the obligations it has been necessary to carry in addition to its current work, it can be said that it has had at least encouraging success.

So far as can now be seen the prospects for next year are concerned

Literary & inquiry are reaching us from places not  
hitherto represented. Over 30 of our former pupils have signified  
their intention to return <sup>to the Faculty</sup>

Places that have become vacant have all been filled we believe satisfact-  
-orily. The financial showing will be seen from the quarterly and annual  
reports <sup>from</sup> which will <sup>be seen</sup> that the outgo and  
income are between <sup>that of</sup> last year and that  
preceding one.

While expectations were not fully  
realized in the number of pupils <sup>for the year</sup>. It  
find in Conference and correspondence with  
those engaged in similar work that on  
the whole there is but little cause for  
disappointment or discouragement.

We believe our College is carrying on  
successfully the work of Christian Education  
in behalf of our young women and it merits  
the interest and prayers and gifts of the  
friends of our faith for its wider usefulness  
and efficiency.

Respectfully Submitted  
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President