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LINDENWOOD COLLECTION

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Annual report of Lindenwood College to Board of Directors, by
J.H. Nixon, Pres.

To the Board of Directors of Lindenwood J. College,

I respectfully submit my second annual report.

Opening with an attendance considerably in advance of the preceding year the number gradually increased through the fall until it reached thirty six in the Braiding department an increase of more than fifty per cent over last year. This number however has not been maintained through the year, circumstances at home having withdrawn several of the young ladies. The whole number connected with the institution during the year is fifty six. The patronage from St. Charles is not quite so good as last year but we believe that there is reason to expect some increase from that source the ensuing year.

The aim of the College has been good. No difficulty is found in securing a fair observance of the rules of the School or in interesting the greater part of the pupils in their School work. Of the progress made in study you will have had the opportunity to judge in the examinations. Classes have been taken through a new & long extended course in

Aren's Mental Philosophy	McCosh's Logic
Minslow's Moral	Alexander's Evidence of Things
Butler's Analogy -	Ancient History
Latin Reader - & Caesar	English literature & Gleanings
& Geology by the President -	
Natural Philosophy	Natural History Astronomy
Botany	Physical Geography
Rhetoric	History
Miss Picher	French & German & preparatory studies by Miss Picher
Algebra & Geometry & preparatory studies by Miss Picher	Miss Picher

The large number in the Music class induced me after consultation with the President of the Board to engage Prof. Etzwoof to assist in the Music department when the number had fallen off so as to enable one teacher to do the work Miss Norton was suddenly taken so sick as to make it necessary to supply her place entirely & Prof. Etzwoof for the last quarter has had entire charge of the music with the exception of one lesson daily from Miss Piche. The notice this evening will make manifest his success but I cannot refrain from saying that I regard his accession to the school as a most fortunate circumstance and hope I may be enabled as things remained to secure him for next year. He is not only a teacher but a composer - in short a thorough German Professor.

As Miss Walters determined to resume teaching in Hannibal the ensuing year and expected to have a laborious position there she asked to be excused four weeks ^{before} the end of the session. The experiment of combining the duties of Lady Principal with those of a regular teacher of the school has not been a successful one, Miss Walters not having succeeded as well in either capacity as she probably would have done but for the attempt to blend these duties. I am satisfied of the necessity of having some one as Lady Principal with full authority over all the habits, manners, table & Society department of the young ladies - Much has been done incidentally in these things by the teachers & still more by Mrs. Nixon but it cannot be as effectively done by volunteer work as by some one entrusted by the Board with the official authority.

I recommend that the next ^{college} school year close one week earlier than the present - viz. the 15th Monday in June. The heat of the season & the convenience of families who are absent in the summer are the reasons recommending this change. If made I would recommend also a slight reduction in charges for Board to correspond.

The financial results of the year will appear from the following:-

Gross receipts since last report to Board	8776.50
Deduct Receipts from last year's ^{Balance} Bills	478.
Received Donations	\$248.
Mr. Pinden Phil	100
Mr. P. P. P.	10
Mr. Noyes for Library	100
Total	358.
Rec'd for Books & many loans to School	1236
Net receipts of Year from School	\$ 7540.50
Bills unpaid & supposed to be good	530
Total earnings of year	8070.50

Gross payments since last report	8668.89
4/5 of amt. paid for furniture this year	750.
Payments on last year & preceding indebtedness	1300.
Payments for Books & Cash advanced	300
Total	2350.
Expenses of the year	6318.89
Bills made and estimated Expenses to July 1 st 1890	450
Bills unpaid and supposed to be good	900.
Due the President	900.
Total Expenses of the year	7708.89

Showing an actual profit on the year's work of \$360. *

The large amount of old indebtedness constantly coming up for payment has made it necessary in order to maintain the credit of the institution to pay out ^{all} current receipts to teachers, servants, & merchants so that the President remains unpaid.

Since taking charge of the institution there has been paid Bills for furniture amounting to nearly \$2000. so that we have now furniture for 40 pupils whereas two year ago there was not enough for more than 14 or 15. Two year ago there was a debt of \$700 on interest for two pianos - that has all been paid but about 113 - and another one purchased for \$200 & paid for.

The first note on the purchase of Miss Smith's piano authorized by the Board falls due April 15th and will probably be sent here for collection.

Some idea of the rate of expense & the great need of the institution will be gained from the following

* in addition to which scholars help to the amt of nearly 300 here been paid for the year's work.

Payments to Teachers, ^{500.}_{400.}₄₂₅ exclusive of President - 1325
Receipts from tuition 600 loss \$725.-

Receipts from ^{music} Board & Washing Bills

Payments to Matrons ³⁰⁰₁₀₅₀ to Servants 1050
Household Exp.

It is plain from the above that all that is wanted to put the institution on a comfortable paying basis at its present moderate rates is an endowment producing about \$2500 per annum. At present Music & Boarding department are paying teacher salaries, & that notwithstanding the fact that reductions from regular rates to the amount of at least \$1500 have been made during the current year. It is understood that the 1st & 2^d Churches of St. Louis have each agreed through their sessions to pay one during the next year beginning with the 1st of May the sum of \$500 as a temporary endowment with the special view of enabling the institution to do what its endowment would alone make permanently possible, viz continue to receive all daughters of ministers & widows needing aid, at a greatly reduced rate. - In many cases after the lowest possible reduction has been made it has been found necessary to supplement the amount by special aid. I have received for this purpose from J.M. Bawser \$250 from S. M. Dodd \$200 (with the promise of the same amt next year) Wm. Adams on Phila \$100. (same amt promised next year) Misson Bodine & Bridgeton N.Y. 100 - J.P. Fiske since deceased 100 - Six young ladies thus aided have been put up, who would have been unable to come but for the aid thus recd.

All these however are but temporary expedients & I cannot feel that any thing of a permanent fund has been accomplished until some

Very has been done towards the endow-
ment of the College. The loss of the amount
supposed to be secured two years ago - puts it in a
worse condition now than when I assumed the
Presidency taking from me what seemed a substantial
base of operations - Some efforts have been made to
aid supplying the loss of Mr. Copelin's gift but they
have failed thus far - I am willing to go on, main-
taining the institution upon the most economical basis
possible for another year - but if nothing can be done
by the end of that time for its permanent endow-
ment I think it will be a serious question whether
it will be worth while to persist longer in the enter-
prise - for we at least however the Board in its
modern way decide for the College. -

The attention of the Board is called
to the condition of the roof which demands
immediate ~~attention~~ repairs.

Miss Stella Honey & Miss Louisa Keith
having very nearly finished the prescribed
course of study are recommended for gradua-
tion. In one or two studies they are not fully
up to the standard we here set but there is
not really for either of them a quarter's remaining
work while their fidelity & general attainments
have been such as to make their graduation
proper under the circumstances.

I recommend Miss Sewell's reappointment
as teacher of Sciences & Miss Louisa Keith be
appointed ^{that} assistant in the Preparatory depart-
ment at such salary as her work may fairly entitle her to.

Respectfully submitted

Sunderland June 10th 73

Arthur Peck