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St Charles Mo. Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1871

To Hon S. S. Watson Pres. Board of Directors.

Sir

The College opened at the appointed time with an attendance of 38 pupils of whom 17 are regular Boarding Scholars & four are members of the families of the President & Matron & 17 are from the city of St Charles. Five more boarders have intimated their purpose to attend ~~and~~ this session & will probably be present within the next two weeks.

I have the assistance of the following Corps of teachers which will be more than sufficient for the work of the present session.

Rev W. A. Wilson Vice Pres & Professor

Miss M. E. Sewell Teacher of Sciences & Drawing.

" Anna B. Picher " English Literature.

French & German

Cornelia W. Shinn Teacher of Music.

The collegiate department consists of the following

Senior Class Miss Irene McElhinney

Junior " " Louisa Keith

Sophomore " " Alice Pettipiece

Katie Coffey

Maggie Sheppard

Pamela Hibbler

Freshman Class - none

The greater part of our pupils are classed in the Preparatory department, which is more encouraging for the future than agreeable for the present.

It will I think be necessary





to modify to some extent the course of study if we are to give to our students the stimulus to be derived from the expectation of graduation.

The course as now arranged is more extensive than many of our young ladies generally undertake & it is desirable to hold up the idea of graduation for the purpose of securing uniformity, regularity & continued attendance. I would recommend that a committee be appointed to elaborate a course of study for formal adoption by the Board that we may have a clear standard before teachers & scholars from the beginning. This is the more necessary as before the opening of the 2<sup>d</sup> session it will be very desirable for us to go before the public with a carefully prepared circular & Catalogue giving more precise information as to our present status and work.

The duties of the matron are performed in a highly satisfactory manner.

The character and spirit manifested by the young ladies with us give promise of a pleasant session.

I am disappointed in the number present as we had assurances as we thought, of the coming of more. But if we can hold those we have & make as much progress for two or three more years as we have made since the last we shall have more than we can <sup>properly</sup> accommodate.

As no meeting of the Board could be had before opening the school, I thought it best after consulting such members as were <sup>accessible</sup> ~~at~~ hand to order furniture for several additional rooms, bills for which are now at hand.

I have paid out for various purposes \$234.92. I have recd \$715.00 for bills of scholars. The balance is in bank subject to order of <sup>the</sup> Board.

Respectfully Submitted J. N. Nixon Pres