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REV. SAMUEL J. NICCOLLS, D. D., LL. D.  
President Board of Trustees Lindenwood College.  
WHO DIED AUGUST 19, 1915.

## DR. SAMUEL J. NICCOLLS.

The announcement of the death of Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls, which occurred in the Adirondack mountains Thursday, August 19, 1915, will bring great sorrow to the hearts of hundreds of Lindenwood girls who had met and fellow-shipped with him while attending college. For more than a generation as President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Niccolls has presented the diplomas to the graduating classes. The diploma was made more precious by the fact that he had in person presented it. Not only at commencement season, but during the school year, Dr. Niccolls visited the college and became acquainted with each student. His platform and after-dinner speeches were listened to with great interest. He was a father to the girls and listened to their many requests, which were usually granted when within the bounds of reason and possibility. Every student knew that he was her friend. At the 50th anniversary of his pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, March 5, 1915, the faculty and students expressed their love and devotion by sending him a handsome floral offering. In response the following note was received:

MARCH 10, 1915  
TO THE FACULTY AND  
STUDENTS OF  
LINDENWOOD COLLEGE.

No gift that came to me at this anniversary has given me more pleasure than the beautiful basket of flowers from you.

I am proud and glad to have a place in your remembrance and regard.

The fragrance and beauty of the flowers are not so delightful to my senses as is the expression of your appreciation of my ministry.

As you well know, I have a profound interest in Lindenwood, and I am always ready to serve the college to the best of my ability.

You—faculty and students—are, however, its real strength and its true glory.

Be assured that I heartily appreciated your presence at the services on last Sunday. It was an encouragement to me to see you there.

With best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,

SAM'L J. NICCOLLS.

Before leaving for his summer home in the Adirondacks, Dr. Niccolls held a conference with the President of the College, in which he revealed large plans for making Lindenwood College the greatest college for young women in the

Southwest. "I hope to be back," he said, "in the fall and see one of the largest enrollments we have ever had. My love for the college has grown stronger each year. I have great hopes that the future of the college, with God's blessing resting upon it, is to be a great and a bright one."

The hope expressed for our next year's enrollment has already been realized. More resident students have enrolled than ever known in our history.

Although dead he yet speaketh. His voice will be heard in all our efforts to make the college of his vision.

In our sorrow, how beautiful it is to recall the manner of his going! No pain, no disease. After a joyous day's outing in his pastime of fishing he asked his guide to bring him a glass of water. Before the return of the guide in a few minutes he peacefully passed away.

As his close companion and daughter, Miss Grace Niccolls, expresses it—"God put His finger on his heart, closed his eyes and took him home."

### The Funeral Services.

The following account is taken from the St. Louis papers:

The funeral of Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Second Presbyterian Church, Taylor avenue and Westminster place, was the most notable funeral in St. Louis church circles since the burial of the late Archbishop John J. Kain in 1903.

No sermon was preached. In reality, the 2,500 mourners, 500 of whom were standing, drawn from every part of the city, from every religious body, gave the eloquent panegyric, not with words, but with tears.

Flowers and music were utilized to their highest possibilities. The great pulpit platform was transformed into a fragrant bower of floral pieces that spoke of the affection and reverence in which the great pastor was held by the multitude, whose sorrows and joys he had shared for more than half a century.

The music consisted of two funeral marches (Chopin and Guilmant), played softly and feelingly by the organist, William M. Jenkins, and three hymns, sung under Prof. Jenkins' direction by a quartet, comprising Mrs. A. I. Epstein, soprano; Miss Alma Schulz, contralto; Harvey W. Ramsay, tenor, and Edward A. Holscher, baritone.

The hymns were: "How Firm a Foundation," "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Beyond the Smiling and the Weeping," chosen by Dr. Niccolls' family as his three favorites.



Rev. Dr. Samuel C. Palmer, bosom friend of Dr. Niccolls, and supply pastor of the congregation, read scriptural selections, and at the close held up a copy of the Bible as he quoted from it: "Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

The funeral prayer was pronounced by Dr. John L. Roemer, president of Lindenwood College.

Dr. Roemer said:

"Thou Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we come unto Thee this afternoon with bowed and burdened hearts. Before us lies the silent form of one whom we all revered as a friend, a pastor, a citizen—one whom to know was a benediction and an inspiration.

"To whom else can we go but unto Thee? What we long for is Thine to satisfy—immortality. We rejoice in the power of Christ's resurrection victory.

"We rejoice in the assurance that before Thee every man shall have his just praise. The promptings of our human nature is to attempt valuations of a man and his work. How far short we all come who know only in part the greatness of life—who measure by appearance and not the inward spirit. As the usefulness of this long and noble career is reviewed by Thee, how much greater and grander Thy reward, how much more precious the words, Enter into the joy of thy Lord!

"We thank Thee that we were privileged to have for so long an earthly period this man of God, whose life was so intertwined with Thine that men were conscious in his presence of his close fellowship with Thee.

"We thank Thee for his faith in the Master, to whom he committed himself in youth and served with steadfastness until the last moment of his ministry.

"We thank Thee for the word of life which he proclaimed with such marked ability, bringing through its truth multitudes to confess and serve the word incarnate, even the Christ.

"We thank Thee for his tenderness, his sympathy, his willingness to do the humblest service for Thee, to help his fellowmen along the dark and difficult pathway of life.

"We thank Thee for more than a half century of his life in this church and community, making the world more beautiful and better because of his presence in it. As we pay our tribute to his memory, may the influence of his life lead us to new consecration.

"May heaven's richest blessing rest upon her who has walked by his side so

many years, been counselor and helper to him in his work, and been crowned with the benediction of wife and mother. Be very near unto those whose hearts feel keenly the giving up for a time one whom they knew as father and friend. To all of the sorrowing give a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

"And to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be the praises forevermore. Amen."

One of the most impressive incidents was the spreading of the American flag over the casket. This was done by Col. James Gay Butler and Capt. W. R. Hodges, representing the Loyal Legion. During the Civil War Dr. Niccolls was chaplain of a Pennsylvania regiment.

The climax of the service was the procession of the 2,500 churchmen and citizens, single file, by the casket.

In the procession were clergy, bankers, professional men, society women, clerks, workmen, housewives.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

### St. Louis Star.

In the death of Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls St. Louis has lost much in both her religious and civil life. A man of great learning, of kindness of heart, of sweetness of character, of great oratorical ability, of deep faith in the simple truth of the Gospel, of untiring activity through more than half a century of pastorate in a single church, he was not only a force in the religious life of the city, but in all the activities for its moral and social uplift.

Of him it may be truly said that thousands were better for knowing him, and that the light which he did not hide under a bushel gave light to all around him. He will be missed, not alone in his own church and denomination, but by churches of all denominations, in whose federated work he had a large share, and by those engaged in social betterment activities, and in all places where men are doing things for the benefit of their fellowmen. It is a beautiful thing to go down to the end of a long and useful life possessed of all one's faculties, and still actively using them for the welfare of others. This was the privilege, the blessing, of Dr. Niccolls, who walked with God even as Enoch of old, and was taken like Enoch in the twinkling of an eye.

## St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

To Dr. Samuel Jack Niccolls, for more than 50 years the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, death's summons came without warning. Seventy-seven years of age, "his eye was not dimmed nor his natural force abated." As his custom was, he was taking a vacation in which outdoor sports and work were mingled. When the summons came he was on a fishing trip with a guide; he was to preach in a church in an interior New York town on the following Sabbath. It is difficult to resist the belief that he himself would have chosen such an end—the measure of his life full of work, and rest, and healthful activity, to the last. Dr. Niccolls' pastorate is part of the history of this community. He came here a youth of 26 years and here poured out the fullness of his work and service. His public activities have a nation-wide repute. His has been one of the minds that have given definite direction to the thought and activities of one of the greatest bodies of American Christians. He won and held the friendship of many men eminent in the political as well as the religious life of the nation. His voice and presence have lent dignity and weight to many a public occasion in his home city, and he has often spoken for St. Louis in national gatherings. In his own church those whom he baptized as infants a half century ago now have children of the third generation about them; his life has been interwoven with the very best tissue of theirs. One of the leaders of his generation has entered into his rest.

### A CLERGYMAN'S TRIBUTE.

Rev. Edmund Duckworth, D. D., rector of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, spoke from his pulpit on Sunday morning, August 22, as follows:

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" This fine sentiment from the far-away past expresses the feeling of multitudes, both in our own city and throughout the land, regarding the passing away of Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls. He has lived in the city for more than 50 years and here he was most deeply loved. The very fact that an impression so profound and vivid, yet so pleasant, was made upon so many men of such diverse taste and temperament, gives conclusive proof of Dr. Niccolls' strong, noble and influential personality. He had all the qualities of a Christian gentleman, largeness of heart, sympathetic and genial kindness, intelligence and public spirit,

winning speech and quiet tact, power to influence others, earnest and humble piety, and deep faith in God.

"When Ian Maclaren, the widely known author and preacher, passed on to the life beyond the finest thing said of him, among the many noble tributes, was this: 'Life presented itself to him as one long opportunity for being kind.' So it was with Dr. Niccolls. His gentleness of nature, kindheartedness, courtesy and consideration for others were prominent and lovely traits in his character. He embodied in a remarkable degree God's description of the true priest as given by Malachi: 'The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips; he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.'

"Permit me then to offer my tribute of loving admiration for one of the wisest and strongest leaders of the church in this city. By many signs we knew he believed in the gospel he preached, and his daily life bore witness to the grace of God, which wrought in him. He walked with God, his fellowship was with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ! By his death many have lost a father in the gospel, and many more a faithful friend.

### OPENING OF SCHOOL.

Tuesday, September 14, the fall term of the year 1915-1916 begins. The enrollment promises to be the largest in our history. Butler Hall will be filled to capacity as will Jubilee Hall also. Sibley Hall has some rooms yet to be taken, but by the opening day we feel assured it also will have every available space occupied. More inquiries as to the College have been received than was ever known. A large office force has been busy in sending out literature and answering inquiries. Our enrollment will number students from Idaho to Illinois and from New York to Texas. During the summer our representatives have done splendid work in making Lindenwood known wherever they went. The Alumnae and former students have been on the lookout for prospective students. The girls who are returning have been busy interesting other girls. Many parents have made arrangements for the following year, when their daughters will be ready for College.

When the newspapers of St. Louis said that Col. James Gay Butler, who has so generously given and so untiringly worked for the College would make Lindenwood the "Wellesley of the West"



they uttered a truth that is beginning to be realized.

It is not in the spirit of boasting but a statement of fact that no college for women offers so many advantages for the culture of the mind, development of the spiritual life, care of the physical life and practical preparation for leadership in the world of women.

### NEW STUDENTS.

There is always much anxiety in the minds of new students as to how they are to be received when they arrive. Letters have been sent out with definite instructions to each new student. The Secretary, Miss Olive A. Rauch, should be informed as to train and time of arriving. Our representative with the College colors, yellow and white, are at the depot to meet the students and render needful assistance. Students coming from the West and Southwest will be met at Kansas City by Miss Dallmeyer on Monday, Sept. 13, and the entire party will come over the Wabash railroad to St. Charles, leaving Kansas City at midnight. Miss Dallmeyer will have headquarters at the Baltimore Hotel, where all may be cared for until train time.

Those coming by way of St. Louis will be met at Union Station and can come to St. Charles by railroad or street cars. At St. Charles our representatives are at the depot for every incoming train on the Wabash and M., K. & T.

Parents need have no fear that their daughters will not be cared for and safely conveyed to the College upon arrival. Our system of looking after the girls makes it perfectly safe to have them come alone.

The College dormitories are open Sept. 10 to any who may wish to come a few days in advance of the opening of school.

### FINDING YOUR POSSIBILITY.

"The man or woman who finds his or her possibility and works it out has found the joy of life. Life is dull, insipid, nerveless, when it fails to find anything it can do. It is bright, inspiring, potential, when it finds a mission to perform.

Christopher Columbus is honored as a great discoverer. Poverty could not deter him from a work for which he was fitted. The world's greatest discoverer is the one who finds his possibilities.

Possibilities are not always the same but for each there is some place in which he will find his rightful place."

### SIBLEY HALL.

#### What Gladys Thinks of it After Looking it Over.

"Dear Old Sibley," as the girls of yesterday call it, looks quite young and gay in its new attire. The chapel is a gem of artistic taste, and no one will ever have to make an apology for the newly frescoed walls. And then the new pipe organ! Well, I wish I were coming back! Leaving the chapel I look in on the class rooms. How different! When here last summer I thought everything had been done that was possible, but somehow or other the new President has a way of doing things still better each year.

The old parlor converted into a handsome library room makes a fine appearance. It is large and well lighted, adapted admirably for its new use. Had the matter been mentioned to me for approval before the library was put in the parlor I would have said, Don't do it. Since it is done I see how foolish such an objection would have been. My hearty approval is upon the change. West of the library is the Y. W. C. A. room. The Association is an object of congratulation for being the possessor of such handsome quarters.

Looking in on the dormitories of the second and third floors I found a young Washington University student, Mr. Henry Miller of St. Louis, I believe, brightening the rooms and corridors with white paint and from my experience in superintending house painting he was a first-class workman, although I am told he is only a College boy of nineteen years who spends his summer's vacation visiting Dr. and Mrs. Roemer and lending a "helping hand" wherever needed. The sanitary arrangements of Sibley are superb. If I were a young girl selecting a room, to old Sibley I would go. The new washrooms being installed on each floor, especially attracted my attention, and I said to myself, hot and cold running water in each room is certainly fine, but a lavatory across the hall from my room would suit me better.

After looking over the "up-stairs" I went to the basement. This was one of the worst features of Sibley since the new buildings were erected. Neglect leads to indifference, and that was what I still expected to see in evidence, so I went to see the worst part only to be overwhelmingly surprised. Paint, new floors, decoration in every room. The best

came last. From the cellar to the garret I am proud of old Sibley. Girls, if you have not selected a room at Lindenwood, take my advice, get a room in Sibley, and do it quickly.

GLADYS.

### SCIENCE HALL.

To Miss Edna Ralston is due the credit of planning the splendid new arrangements of Science Hall. That more laboratory room was needed was evident. Classes in Chemistry, Botany, etc., have been increasing in size each year, and Miss Ralston declared she just must have more room, and the head of the Science department always has a way of getting what she wants, and she wants only what she needs. The building has been enlarged by the addition of a room. Two new chemistry laboratory stands have been installed with the latest gas and water fixtures for scientific work. The building has been decorated and newly equipped.

Superintendent H. P. Ordelleide carried out the plans of Miss Ralston in every detail, and we have one of the best appointed halls of science of any college of our standing.

### THE MODEL DINING ROOM.

This is what they are going to call it when it is finished. It is part of the Domestic Science equipment and the room is being finished in blue and white, the walls blue and the wood work an enameled white. The table and chairs are mission, and the contrast will be quite fine. For some time the Domestic Science Department has wanted just what the students of the cookery will find when they come.

Miss Agnes Sturges, head of the Home Economics Department, will be at the College some days in advance of the opening of school and superintend the many improvements being made.

### THE NEW CHAPEL.

We are living in hope that some day, and that quite soon, some generous person will see our need of a new chapel building. Until then we are going to make the present chapel room the very best.

The fresco artists have wonderfully changed the appearance of the chapel during the summer. It is a new chapel

room. Mr. Henry Broeker, the artist, designed the plans to make the old look new. The platform has been enlarged to accommodate the performers in plays and concerts. The seating capacity has not been lessened as the vacant spaces have been replaced with seats. Electric lights illumine the vestibule and steps at entrance. Some changes have been made in the lighting system which are an improvement.

The daily place of assembly should be most delightful, and we believe our students will appreciate the changes made in the chapel.

### THE PIPE ORGAN.

The new pipe organ, of which we spoke in our August number, is being placed in the chapel. We hope to hear its sweet tones in our first chapel exercise at the opening of school. Nothing seems to have met with such hearty approval as the announcement of the new organ. Students of the past year write in high praise of the fact that Lindenwood is to have a handsome pipe organ. Former students have written, congratulating the school on its achievement.

We said little about the organ itself in our last issue. It is a handsome instrument in appearance, made to match the beautifully decorated chapel room. It has 15 stop keys, 567 pipes, 4 combination pistons, 3 pedal movements. It is 12 feet wide, 10 feet deep and 12 feet high, made to fit the space for it on the platform. It is a tubular pneumatic organ and built especially for Lindenwood College by Geo. Kilgen & Son, of St. Louis, the great organ builders of America. Only the finest metals and materials are used in the construction. The great organ has 224 pipes, open Diapason, Dulciana, Melodia, Fluted Arnoa of 61 pipes each. The Swell organ has 293 pipes. Violin Diapason, Aeoline, Stoppes Diapason and Flute Harmonique of 61 pipes each and a Tremolo of 49 pipes.

The Pedal Organ has 30 pipes—Bourdon. The combinations are—Forte Combination, great and pedal; Piano, great and pedal; Forte, swell and pedal; Piano, swell and pedal. The organ will be operated by electric power furnished by the American Light & Power Co., of St. Charles, from Keokuk, Iowa.

Great demand is made for competent pipe organists in our towns and cities. Lindenwood proposes to equip its pipe organ students for the best positions.



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## CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

Margaret Hall, the new Conservatory of Music building, has been beautifully decorated and will scarcely be recognized by the old students as the Margaret Hall of last year. Many exterior changes have been made and granitoid walks and steps put in of the modern type. Mrs. Butler may well feel proud that her name Margaret is attached to the Hall. It is one of the most beautiful pieces of property on the 34 acres of campus. Mrs. C. W. Eoff of Kansas City will be Proctor of the Hall and assist in the vocal department. Miss Hanna, Prof. Gerak, Miss Gross, Miss Sutherland, Miss Fontaine will have studios in the building.

Among the features of the year at the Conservatory will be a Musicale in honor of Mrs. Butler.

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## WHY ATTEND LINDENWOOD COLLEGE?

1. Because it is the oldest college for young women west of the Mississippi river and in the 85 years of its history has always maintained a high standard of scholarship.
2. Because it maintains the highest grade of scholarship in its faculty, having only graduates of the best Colleges and Universities of the world especially selected for their experience in teaching.
3. Because it has a Conservatory of Music unexcelled for its ability to train students in piano, voice, violin, pipe organ. Every teacher is an accomplished artist.
4. Because it has a location ideally adapted for the health of its students and giving advantages of the life of a cultured town of 10,000 in-

habitants and the privileges of the best in music, art and culture of a large city.

5. Because it has the most modern dormitories for living purposes. Hot and cold running water in every building.
6. Because it cares for its students as a home and not an institution.
7. Because it has everything modern in way of physical development, gymnasium, swimming pool and 34 acres of beautiful Campus and several hundred acres of fine farm land about it.
8. Because it has the assurance of being to the West what Wellesley is to the East.
9. Because it best fits young ladies for the duties of feminine life.
10. Because it stands firmly for the Word of God and the best development of the spiritual life of its students.

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## THE TRIP TO FRISCO.

Mrs. Mary I. McDearmon.

Most of the members of the "Lindenwood College Special" party to the Panama-Pacific Exposition have returned, and those heard from have without exception expressed themselves as having had a most enjoyable trip.

This expression was unanimous amongst members of the party at the time of the breaking up at Los Angeles. At that point the party as a whole disintegrated, and members returned as individuals or in small groups, or extended

their stay for a longer period in California.

The celebration of Lindenwood Day at San Francisco was a success in every respect, and something that all unite in saying, has done much to extend information regarding Lindenwood College. It was participated in by a number of Western notables, including Edwin Markham, the poet, and George Wharton James, California, author and lecturer. Dr. James acted as toastmaster of the Dickens Fellowship banquet, in which the Lindenwood party participated.

Incidentally, Lindenwood College was well represented on the Dickens Fellowship banquet program in that Miss Sara Elizabeth Edwards responded to the presentation of a bronze medal by the Exposition, Mrs. Mary I. McDearmon responded to two toasts, "Tiny Tim," and "Lindenwood College," while Miss Lillian Gorg gave a reading, "The Boy Who Said 'G'wan.'" All these elicited praise, and Miss Gorg's reading was particularly appreciated because of its Dickensian character and exceptional rendition.

As indicated by extracts from San Francisco papers in the August number of the Bulletin (under the caption, "Our Girls at 'Frisco") the Lindenwood Day exercises were pleasing and entertaining, and attracted a great deal of favorable comment and publicity for the school. Pictures of present students at Lindenwood who were among the members of the party were printed in the San Francisco papers and the young ladies made much of at every point.

Before the party disbanded at Los Angeles, individual members, without exception, took occasion to thank Dr. W. H. C. Smith and Mrs. Smith, who had charge of the Lindenwood Special and arranged the business details of the trip. Members of the party state that in co-operation with the official Lindenwood

chaperones Dr. and Mrs. Smith gave them splendid attention at all times.

One of the pleasing features of the out-going trip—and one not enjoyed by many Western parties this year—was the fact that an observation car for the exclusive use of the Lindenwood party was carried from St. Louis clear through to San Francisco. In this was placed a Victrola, and a plentiful supply of records added much to the pleasures of the trip. The party is indebted to the Aetion Co. for furnishing the Victrola.

This was particularly true when the train was seriously delayed the second day out by some of the floods that have so affected Western traffic this year. The presence of the Victrola, the roomy observation car and the fact of all being friends and acquaintances materially assisted in "making time fly." The party stayed over night at Colorado Springs and spent half a day at Salt Lake City on the way out.

In order to preserve the many good things and good times that have come to Lindenwood and to each and all as a result of Lindenwood College Day, June 30, 1915, at Panama-Pacific Exposition, the Committee is publishing a book in the early fall, "Lindenwood College Echoes 1915" which will contain the story of our Day and party en route and at the Fair; entire visit in the West; newspaper clippings, speeches made; register of Lindenwood College Day; pictures of our party; pictures of the West; column by the "Girls of Today;" short official history of Lindenwood; short sketch of the lives of the Presidents; President's pictures; story of St. Charles, and many other interesting features.

We wish each and all to have the privilege of possessing one of these books. There will be a limited number published, and it is quite necessary for you to place your order in advance. If you desire a copy, kindly send the price per copy (\$1.00) to the Special Committee, 1123 Boatmen's Bank Bldg.