

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

The Leading Institution for Women in the Carolinas—Best Location, Completest Equipment, Strongest Faculty of Trained Teachers—Superior Advantages in Collegiate and Academic Departments and in Schools of Music, Art and Expression

Location

The college building is located in the center of a beautiful five-acre campus in the center of the city of Charlotte.

Convenient to churches, lecture halls and shopping center.

On car line leading to all parts of city and suburbs.

These and other advantages of location are obvious.



Atmosphere

The Presbyterian College is well known for the wholesome Christian atmosphere that characterizes the institution.

The broad culture, the gentle refinement and the correct habits of thought that come from intimate association with teachers such as compose the faculty of the institution are no less valuable than the intellectual training.

COLLEGE EQUIPMENT

The equipment of the Presbyterian College is unexcelled in the Carolinas or this section. The handsome college building, one of the most conveniently arranged and imposing college buildings in the South, is being thoroughly overhauled from basement to roof. All rooms are being made as new, hardwood floors being laid in main hall and corridors and offices, and all other floors being planed and finished in the most approved manner. The culinary department is conducted in a thoroughly acceptable manner and particular pains and care are taken to the end that all food used is the most wholesome procurable. Athletic grounds and gymnasium complete and conveniently arranged; libraries; full equipment for schools of music and art and everything necessary for the successful conduct of the best college in the South.

COLLEGE COURSE AND FACULTY

For 10 years The Presbyterian College has been one of the leading institutions of learning in the South. This year it begins a new era and enters upon a broader field of usefulness. The entire college has been reorganized upon a broader basis; the courses of work have been enlarged and rearranged and improved upon.

The faculty has been enlarged and strengthened, and every member is particularly qualified by special training and experience for their respective department. The college officials and teachers embrace 29 thoroughly trained educators and no teacher will divide time and energy between two or more subjects. There is the best teacher procurable for every subject and in the departments of English, Mathematics and the other larger departments there is more than one teacher.

The Presbyterian College offers advantages to the earnest student that can not be surpassed in any other Southern College. Rates are Extremely reasonable for the advantages that are offered.

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A LEADING INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN

By J. P. LUCAS.

For more than half a century the Presbyterian college has been one of the leading institutions for women in the South. Beginning its career in earnest in 1857 under the presidency of Rev. Robert Burwell, the institution quickly became one of the centers of education and culture for this section. Its reputation for efficiency work and for its Christian atmosphere and exceptionally advantageous surroundings were quickly established and its alumnae now embrace many of the most cultured and useful influential women not only of the Piedmont section of this state, but of the states of North and South Carolina generally.

The institution prospered under Mr. Burwell and other administrations, but it gained an even greater impetus under the direction of Rev. Dr. William R. Atkinson, who devoted his intellectual energies to it for several years, owning a large interest in it. In 1896, his removal to Columbia, S. C., in 1896, at which time he disposed of his interest, alumnae now embrace many of the most cultured and useful influential women not only of the Piedmont section of this state, but of the states of North and South Carolina generally.

The plans of the Presbytery were realized in 1900 and 1901, the term beginning the fall of the later year being the first in the handsome new building. Following this large development, the college prospered and grew steadily in influence and strength and usefulness until a year ago, when the board of directors realized that, even with the pleasing growth that had been shown, that the college was not making the very most of its opportunities. They recognized the fact that Charlotte had become a great city and the center for a great and wealthy section. The decision that Charlotte and this section deserved and would support a college the equal of any in the South or in the country, excepting of course the heavily endowed institutions for women in the North.

With the idea of raising the standard of the college, broadening its scope and making it generally the peer of any similar institution, the trustees of the institution secured Rev. Dr. John L. Caldwell, a man of broad calibre and an educator by experience and heritage and under his leadership and with his counsel began a complete reorganization of the college. The magnificent college building, although barely 10 years old, was thoroughly renovated and overhauled, hardwood floors being placed in the corridors, halls and dining room, the floors in all the rooms being planed and refinished and every inch of the interior walls being thoroughly gone over, the wood work being re-painted or re-varnished and the walls being water-painted.

The material improvements were but typical of the general improvements in every department of the college work. Dr. Caldwell was elected as the

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head of the college from among those considered for the position as the one man eminently qualified to bring the college to the height of its usefulness with the least possible delay. Descending from a line of distinguished educators and ministers of the gospel, practically reared within the walls of colleges and later connected with well-known colleges in an official way, Dr. Caldwell has had every possible opportunity by environment, observation and experience to rise to the full stature of the perfectly equipped educator. Further, he has been such a live, progressive and energetic citizen that wherever he has lived he has assumed a prominent place in the civic life of the community.

With his wide experience and breadth of view and with the purpose of immediately placing the college upon an even higher plane, Dr. Caldwell succeeded in securing a faculty that is undoubtedly the peer in ability of that of any women's college in the Southern States. The educational center of the nation were drawn upon and from among the scores of available teachers the very best qualified one procurable was selected for each position.

The new faculty and administration of the college consists of 29 persons, every one equipped in the best possible manner for their particular work, being the product of the best colleges, universities and conservatories of America and Europe. Dr. Caldwell devotes his entire attention to the administration of the affairs of the college, and has no class room duties that will take his time from his office and outside work. The lady principal, Mrs. M. H. Russell, likewise confines herself to a supervision of the life of the college and the welfare of the students.

Dr. Caldwell has proceeded in the reorganization of the college upon the assumption that to give the student the very best possible results every teacher must devote their entire attention to their particular department and subject and so in the entire curriculum no two departments are in the hands of the same teacher.

In most colleges for women the schools of the safe of economy, are cultured. In the Presbyterian college Miss Anne Chenault Wallace devotes her entire time to the school of expression. Miss Wallace is a graduate of Emerson School of Oratory and the Columbia College of Expression and is extremely well qualified for her duties.

The department of physical culture is given a prominence that is unusual in most colleges. Every student of the college is examined and studied by the instructor and work given to each student designed to remedy the weakness or weaknesses of that particular one. Miss Caroline Elisabeth Hodgdon, the head of this department, is a graduate of the Boston School of Gymnastics and of the Wellesley department of physical education and she was assistant during the last term in the latter school.

The school of Music of the Pres-

byterian College has reached a standard during the present season that has hardly been attained heretofore by any Southern college. The department is headed by Dr. Charles R. Fisher of England, a doctor of music and a teacher of many years' experience. Several years ago he was the head of the department and he was welcomed to Charlotte again by a large number of warm friends. No less notable a musician was secured as teacher of voice in the person of Mrs. Minnie Wriston Smith ("Virginia Lloyd"). Mrs. Smith is a graduate of the Stern Conservatory at Berlin and is a student of Alexander Heilmann, the famous German baritone, with whom she studied during last summer in California. She has a voice that has few equals in the entire country and she has successfully taught voice for some time.

While the other teachers in the school are not as well known as Director Fisher and Mrs. Smith they have been carefully selected and will maintain the higher standard set by them.

More attention is devoted than heretofore to the School of Art. This department is under the direction of Miss Marie Starbuck Platt, a graduate of the Pennsylvania School of Industrial Art, the Nantucket School of Design and Columbia University. She was also a student of Otto Victor Humann. A large variety of work is done in this department which has become exceedingly popular.

As an evidence that there is nothing lacking about the institution under the new regime, in addition to the resident physician, Dr. Annie Alexander, the housekeeper and the matron, there is a trained nurse, Miss Ada M. Porter, a graduate of the Royal National hospital and St. Pancras Infirmary at London.

Dr. Caldwell was extremely desirous of bringing the faculty and the students into as intimate a relationship as is possible and this is one reason that the faculty was so enlarged.

Every person who has attended college knows what an important and vital part college atmosphere plays in the life, the after-life as well as the college life, of the student and it is to create the most favorable atmosphere possible that the closer association of teachers and students is urged. The Bible is taught as a textbook and Christian culture characterizes the institution.

KING'S BUSINESS COLLEGE

F. L. Riggsbee became manager of the school and principal of the commercial department in 1905. At that time the equipment of the school was very meager and ordinary in quality. There were two teachers and between a dozen and a score of students. Under the present management, the growth of the school necessitated the addition of considerable extra space and remodeling of halls and a corresponding improvement and addition in equipment.

There now own thirty new, latest model typewriters, adding machines, filing cabinets, new modern desks, sufficient in number to accommodate 150 students. The methods and systems are modern and practical and graduates experience little embarrassment and difficulty in transacting business as it is done in the modern office.

King's Business College can number its graduates by the thousands, and many of them have established a substantial business for themselves.

The college enjoys a wide and enviable reputation for securing pleasant and remunerative situations for all worthy and efficient students.

One or more bookkeepers or stenographers are employed in almost every office in Charlotte and other important cities and towns of the state and a little host scattered throughout the South Atlantic states.

While the success of this school is due largely to the thoroughness of the instruction given its students in preparing them for careers of usefulness, it has gained an enviable reputation by its honorable and exact business methods and conscientious treatment of its students and all with whom it has business relations, giving it a high business standing among the educational institutions of the state.

The school is now considered as one of Charlotte's most practical business building institutions.

"I have found something to live for something to fill my life, something to occupy every waking moment." "Yes, I know—bridge. It is a fascinating game."—Kansas City Journal.

"When a very rich man marries a very poor girl, that's romance. When a very rich girl marries a very poor man, that's fiction."—Galveston News.

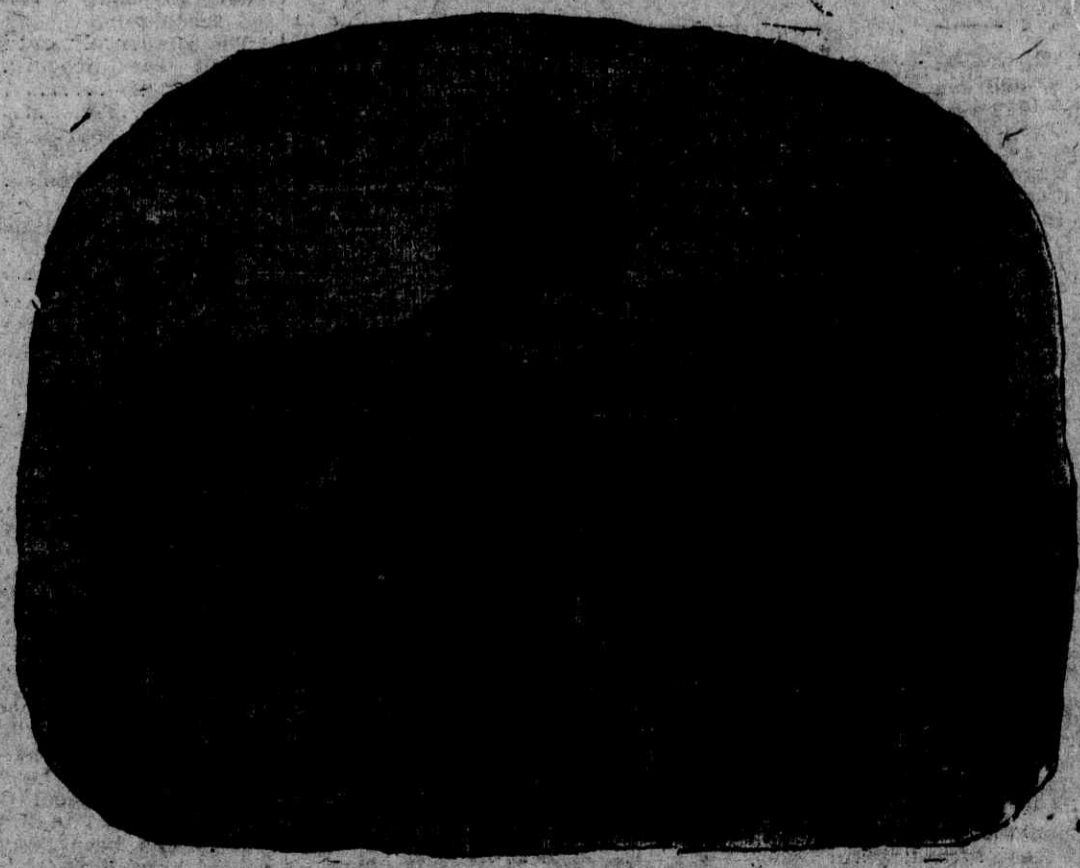
"As the rolling stone gathers no moss, so the roving heart gathers no affection."—Mrs. Jameson.

The secrets God keeps must be as good as things He tells.—George MacDonald.

Let mildness ever attend the tongue.—Theophrastus.

Charlotte's Carnegie Free Library

History of This Grand Institution; Also a Brief Review of the Charlotte Public Library in the Earlier Days



CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY

(By Mary B. Palmer, Librarian.)

It is not now known to whom belongs the honor of first suggesting a public library in Charlotte. The first actual work to attain one was done by Messrs. John M. Walker, Jr., and Willis B. Dowd. These two gentlemen were warmly encouraged and strongly aided by Gen. Rufus Barringer. It was General Barringer's generous offer of financial assistance that rendered it possible for them, and Mr. J. Lehigh Chambers whom they associated with themselves in the early stages, to approach the citizens with a proposition as to the formation of a library. A meeting was held on January 16th, 1891, and proper steps were taken to secure a charter, and for preparing a constitution and by-laws. The general assembly passed an act of incorporation on February 12th, 1891. On February 20th, 1891, the Charlotte Literary and Library Association was completely organized. The directors were: Messrs. Rufus Barringer, M. A. Bland, A. Burwell, J. L. Chambers, G. W. Graham, Wm. Johnston, E. D. Latta, F. B. McDowell, J. M. Walker, H. Watts, John Wilkes and J. Frank Wilkes. Dr. Geo. W. Graham was elected president.

First Subscription Library.

The library thus started was a subscription association, open to any one who chose to pay the dues of 50 cents a month. Rooms were secured over the store until recently occupied by Stone & Barringer, on South Tryon street. Mrs. Bessie Lacy Dewey was elected librarian, and filled the position until her death, November 8th, 1900. Her tact, judgment, and knowledge of books were such that the readers and directors of the library lost a valuable helper in her death.

For some time the directors had been seeking ways and means of increasing the usefulness of the library, and Mr. John Wilkes and Dr. Geo. Graham suggested transferring all of the books to the city school commissioners for the special use of the graded school children. This suggestion was favorably received, and formal transfer of the library was made to the school commissioners on January 28th, 1901.

The Charlotte Public School Library thus began its existence. The books were moved into the city hall, where two rooms were fitted up for the library. Miss Sallie H. Adams was made librarian, with Miss Mary Armistead Nash as assistant. Dr. George Graham continued his interest in the library, and was enabled to enlarge its field of usefulness by securing authority from the general assembly in an act passed March 15th, 1891, for the school commissioners to appropriate money to maintain a free library for all white persons in the city of Charlotte.

The school commissioners continued in charge of the library until January 31st, 1902, at which time the Charlotte Carnegie Public Library began its existence and succeeded to all equipment.

On March 25th, 1901, a joint meeting of the board of aldermen and school commissioners was held at Mr. Carnegie's office. Formally accepted and a committee was appointed to secure a site for the library building. A lot was selected on North Tryon street for which \$20,000 was paid. Citizens contributed \$2,500 so that the cost to the city was \$17,500.

The board of aldermen then passed the ordinance appropriating \$2,500 annually for the maintenance of the library. A building committee was appointed, plans chosen and the work on the building began.

On November 15th, 1902, the school commissioners elected Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, now Mrs. E. C. Hovvy.

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C. F. ALEXANDER,
Commissioner from Ward 8.