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### GIVES HISTORY OF PEABODY COLLEGE

Editor Brevard News:

If you will please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few lines I shall take pleasure in submitting to my many friends in Transylvania a few facts concerning the George Peabody College, an educational institution of which I am a student.

In the year of 1867, George Peabody made his memorable donation to the cause of Southern education, in his letter of gift appointing as the first Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund sixteen very distinguished gentlemen, among whom were Gen. W. S. Grant of U. S. Army; Admiral D. G. Farragut of U. S. Navy; and Wm. A. Graham of North Carolina.

As members of this notable group of men passed out of service by death or by resignation, worthy successors were appointed. They have by their largeness and generosity of policy left an unparalleled impression upon the ideals of Southern education.

When the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund organized, they selected as their General Agent, Dr. Barnas Sears, then President of Brown University. Dr. Sears began his work by a tour of inspection. By his intelligent insight he at once formulated a policy which is still in the unfolding. The Board began to promote public education by special gifts to schools and places. When this work had put new life into the impoverished South, the heavy demand for teachers was the next problem for solution, and in co-operation with the Trustees of the University of Nashville there was established in 1875 at Nashville the institution for the training of teachers, whose purpose was to supply teachers and educational leaders for the Southern schools and to encourage the several states to assume the obligation of training their teachers.

The institution thus established was first known as the State Normal School. It was put in charge of a President and a faculty of only two other members, and opened its doors in 1875 with thirteen students. The institution was later known as Peabody Normal College, and finally, as George Peabody College.

From this small beginning Peabody has grown step by step until today it stands foremost of its kind among all the educational institutions in the South, and is excelled by only one in the whole country.

In location, equipment, and teaching force Peabody College holds a decided advantage over any other teacher's training school in the Southern States. Nashville is the apex of the South, easily accessible even from the most distant states of the South, while it is quickly reached from the states of the upper Mississippi Valley.

The advantages of Peabody in equipment are perhaps unsurpassed. The College has six large new buildings. One of these is devoted primarily to home economics, one to industrial arts, one to psychology and education and one to physical education, social and religious activities. In addition the school owns a good

demonstration farm and a number of other buildings including a beautiful library recently erected by the Carnegie Corporation of New York at a cost of \$180,000. This library contains over fifty thousand volumes. But the most beautiful of all the buildings is the Social-Religious Building which was recently erected by J. D. Rockefeller at a cost of \$300,000.

Another fact which deserves mention is the affiliation of Vanderbilt University with Peabody College. Fortunately they are located on joining campuses and have worked out a plan of co-operation which enables each institution to draw freely upon the resources of the other. One can hardly be a student of one and not be a student of the other. Besides this affiliation with Vanderbilt there are a great number of other colleges and schools in Nashville always ready to co-operate with Peabody in the promotion of education. There is a greater variety of schools, colleges and Universities in Nashville than is to be found elsewhere in the South, and the proportion of student population to total population is said to be larger than any other American city.

After all has been said, the most vital element of any institution of learning is its teaching force. The faculty must be composed of men and women with a message to their age; men and women who have something significant to teach, and know how to impart it most effectively; men and women who can and who will help the learner in the most econo-

mical manner to social efficiency and human helpfulness. It is my firm belief that the members of the faculty do fulfill this requisite. Dr. R. B. Payne of North Carolina is President of the College, and is conceded by all who know him to be one of the ablest educators this country affords, number of others who are certainly besides Dr. Payne there are a great on the job, believe me.

I wish to state, that in my opinion no Southern teacher could possibly make a mistake in attending this college, and I believe it is the duty of every teacher to attend the summer session of three months, provided he does not attend some other school of equal rank. After the organization of the various state clubs this summer I was sorry to learn that our North Carolina Club numbered fewer members than nearly any other Southern State. Therefore I shall

hope to meet more North Carolinians here next summer.

With my best wishes to the many readers of Brevard News, I am,

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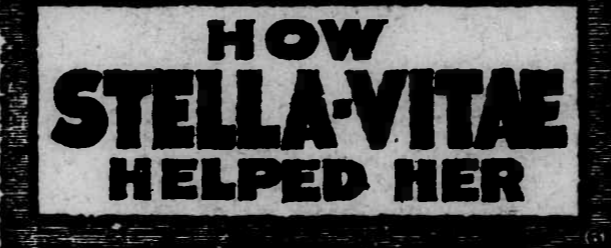
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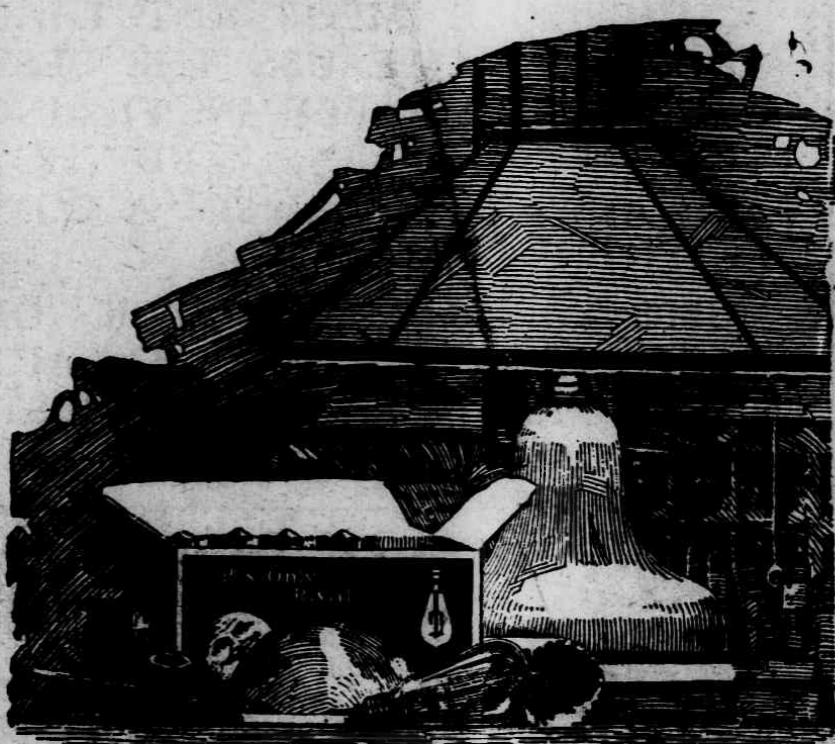
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