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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT MAY 27, 1931

To the Trustees of St. Augustine's College:

GENTLEMEN—During the past year, the sixty-fourth Annual Session, there have been enrolled 348 students, classified as follows:

College Department	158
Senior Class	13
Junior Class	19
Sophomore Class	38
Freshman Class	88
High School Department	129
Special	1
Fourth Year	34
Third Year	30
Second Year	32
First Year	32
St. Agnes Training School for Nurses.....	44
Graduates 1930	9
Seniors	9
Juniors	12
Probationers	14
Bishop Tuttle School	17
Seniors	10
Juniors	7
Total.....	348

The decrease in enrollment is due to the elimination of the Elementary School. The development of our College work and the presence in the neighborhood of public schools and other facilities for elementary instruction, made this change advisable. We are this year graduating our first College Class of twelve members, with appropriate degrees. The Freshman College Class numbered 88. It is gratifying to report that after careful inspection by the State Department of Public Instruction our College work has been given standard rating. The inspection committee recommends that we increase our facilities for the teaching of science and also add to the number of books in our library. To put these recommendations into effect we propose this summer to remodel our former Elementary School building, so that it can be used for the Science Department; and add about two thousand books to our Library, toward the purchase of which we have been promised some aid by the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

St. Augustine's has also been inspected, during the past year, by Dean E. George Payne, of New York University, representing the American Church Institute for Negroes, and by Professor

Arthur D. Wright, representing the Southern Association of Colleges. From these sources we have received various suggestions about the development of our work—practically all of which call for increased expenditure and hence increased income.

Our charges to students will be moderately increased after this year. In addition we need at least three hundred thousand dollars more of endowment if we are to meet the opportunities and necessities of our educational work. Permanent endowment of professorships as memorials would help to build up our endowment fund. An annual saving in fuel and other expense would be effected by a central heating plant for the Hospital and some, at least, of the College buildings. About \$25,000 would make such an arrangement possible and would really be a form of endowment.

The Trustees of the Bishop Payne Divinity School, of Petersburg, Va., our Church Seminary for the training of Negro candidates for the ministry, have recently voted that it is desirable to remove this School to Raleigh, so that it may be affiliated with St. Augustine's College. There have been several informal conferences between representatives of the Bishop Payne Divinity School, St. Augustine's College, and the American Church Institute for Negroes which is interested in the project. The findings arrived at as the result of these conferences will be presented to you at this meeting for action.

A class of 22 were confirmed by Bishop Cheshire at his visitation during Holy Week. The Lenten offering for missions amounted to a little over \$250.00.

The usual St. Augustine's Conference for Clergy and Church Workers, including a Young People's Conference, will be held early in June.

St. Agnes Hospital

St. Agnes Hospital, with its Training School for Nurses, has had a busy and fruitful year. Financial conditions have resulted in a decided increase in the number of complete charity cases. The help given by the Duke Endowment toward meeting this situation has been absolutely essen-

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