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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT MAY 25, 1932

To the Trustees of St. Augustine's College:

GENTLEMEN:

During the past year, the sixty-fifth Annual Session, there have been enrolled 358 students, coming from eighteen states and two foreign countries, classified as follows:

SUMMARY

College Department	179
Senior Class	17
Junior Class	29
Sophomore Class	50
Freshman Class	83
High School Department	122
Fourth Year	33
Third Year	30
Second Year	35
First Year	24
St. Agnes Training School for Nurses.....	42
Graduates 1931	9
Seniors	9
Juniors	7
Probationers	17
Bishop Tuttle School	15
Seniors	6
Juniors	9
Total.....	358

This is a slight increase over the total enrollment of last year due to the increase in the number of College students, 179 of whom enrolled in that department.

As the College work expands we shall need additional facilities and an increased faculty with adequate training in order to meet the situation.

We have already remodelled our old Elementary School Building and are now using it as a Science Building. We have also added largely to the volumes in our Library, helped in part by gifts from friends, the Church Periodical Club, and the Rosenwald Fund. The progress of the Library under Miss Snodgrass, our Librarian, and her assistants has been most gratifying. All in all I feel that the year has been one of Academic advance and that the morale of faculty and students has been good.

We have lost recently by death Miss Laura Beard, a cousin of the late Bishop Delany, who for more than forty years rendered faithful and devoted service to the Institution as a teacher of sewing and helper in the care of our chapel and altar. Part of her property she willed to St. Agnes Hospital. Her spiritual influence will be greatly missed.

Plans have been matured for the removal of the Bishop Payne Divinity School from Petersburg,

Virginia, to Raleigh where it will be located in close proximity to St. Augustine's and be affiliated with it. Bishop Cheshire is the President of the new Board of Trustees of the Bishop Payne School.

During the Epiphany Season a very helpful Teaching Mission was held under the leadership of Rev. Cyril Bentley who has recently become Associate Director of the American Church Institute for Negroes.

We are endeavoring to raise our full quota of \$900 for the Forward Movement and are encouraged by the fact that the Lenten Offering for Missions was practically no less than that of a year ago.

We are grateful to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese for making a Jubilee Offering of \$1,500 toward the Cheshire Building Fund thus enabling us to remove all obligations connected with the erection of this building in honor of Bishop Cheshire.

The usual St. Augustine's Conference for Clergy and Church Workers, including a Young People's Conference will be held shortly after the close of the College year.

By comparison with many other Institutions of learning our financial situation has been fairly satisfactory and we expect to close the current college year without a deficit. This result has been made possible by strict economies in all matters, by the voluntary acceptance on the part of our Staff of a salary reduction and by aid received from the General Education Board and other friends of the College. Fortunately we have not been obliged to send away for financial reasons alone, any students of good scholarship who showed earnestness in their studies and in self-support.

Owing to the condition of finances of the National Church the American Church Institute for Negroes has been obliged to reduce our appropriation. This fact is reflected in the reduced budget which is being presented to you.

The present need of the College is for an increased endowment. Permanent endowment of professorships, or scholarships, as memorials would help to build up our endowment fund.

In this connection we note with satisfaction a legacy from the late Miss Anne Wilson of Toledo, Ohio, to be known as the Ann Wilson Endowment Fund. The exact amount of this legacy cannot as yet be determined.

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