
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

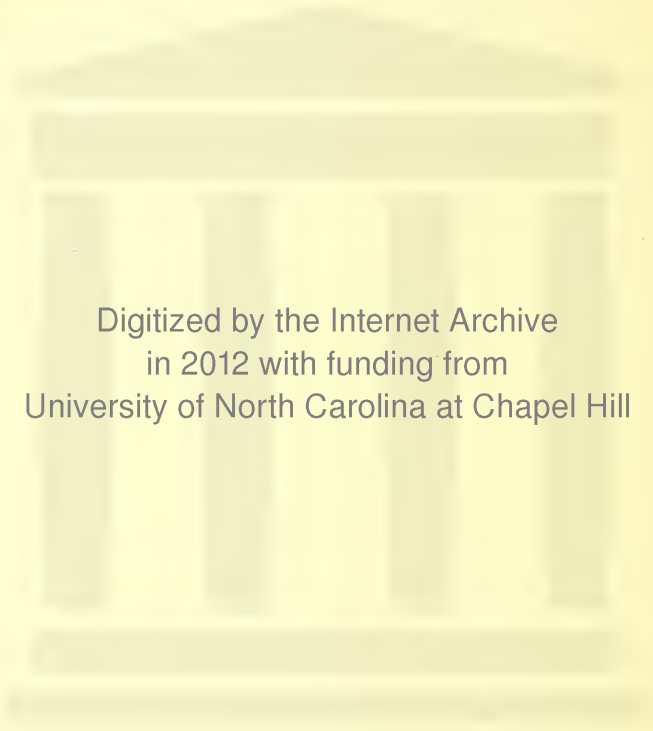
TO THE

TRUSTEES OF SHAW UNIVERSITY

AND TO THE

Secretary of the American Baptist

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President's Report.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 31, 1909

DEAR BRETHREN: I submit herewith my sixteenth annual report, which is the forty-fourth since the establishment of the institution.

ATTENDANCE. The enrollment in all departments for the academic year closed today was 531. Last year it was 516. The daily average attendance from November 1st, 1908, to April 1, 1909, was 493. Fifteen years ago, when I assumed the presidency of Shaw University, the enrollment was 362 and the daily average attendance 211. There has been during these fifteen years an increase in the average daily attendance of 133 per cent. Many have been refused admittance the last four years for lack of accommodations. The applications to date for the next school year are already in excess of any preceding year and it will be necessary to refuse even more than last year for lack of room.

GRADUATES. On Thursday, May 13th, there were graduated three students from the Theological department, six from the College department, ten from the Normal department, three from the Law department, twenty-two from the Leonard Medical School, and twelve from the Leonard School of Pharmacy. The total number of graduates was fifty-six. Twenty-five young women received certificates for completing courses of study in the industrial departments.

HEALTH. The general health of the students has been good, and no epidemic has occurred. The winter was unusually mild and the cases of illness were few. No death occurred. There were, however, a larger number afflicted with tuberculosis than in years past. Nearly all of the young men are obliged to work hard during the long summer vacation of four months, and, in order to do the work required for graduation, during the eight months of the school session, they study early and late and do not get sufficient exercise. There ought to be established a gymnasium where physical training could be regularly given.

SEWERS. The Smithfield Street sewer, to which I referred in my last annual report, has not yet been constructed. The Chairman of the Committee on Sewers of the City Government has reported to me that this is one of the first enterprises that the new city government will attend to.

PHYSICAL CONDITION. The property has been kept in good condition. Minor repairs have been made from time to time so that

there might be no material deterioration. More attention has been given to the grounds than for some years. During the last two years there have been frequent and heavy rains which have washed the soil and made considerable work necessary. The driveways, walks and lawns are now in good condition and arrangements have been made to keep them so during the summer vacation.

RELIGIOUS LIFE. Rev. Augustus Shepard, D. D., pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church, of Durham, conducted special religious services for a week during February with good results. Dr. Shepard was one of the earlier graduates of Shaw University, having received his training under Dr. Tupper. He has exerted a wide influence in pastorates in North Carolina where he has always been successful. There were conversions and an awakening of the religious life of the University. Chapel exercises are held daily, except Saturday and Sunday, and attendance upon these exercises is required, as is the case with the Sunday School, the Sunday preaching services and the Sunday night and mid week prayer meetings. The Y M C. A. has kept up its meetings regularly and the young women have voluntarily conducted meetings of their own every Sunday.

FINANCIAL The receipts this year have been larger than ever before. It has been a strenuous year, financially, on account of the high cost of all kinds of supplies. The balance on hand is small. By the most careful management in buying and issuing supplies and in not buying many things that we needed, we have been able to close the year without debt.

HIGHER SALARIES. I called attention in my report last year to the necessity of an increase in salaries, on account of the higher cost of the necessities of life. It will not be possible for us to maintain our standard of teaching unless higher salaries are paid. I am at the present time uncertain about the return of some teachers on account of low salaries.

ADDITIONAL TEACHERS There ought to be employed at the beginning of the next school year, a teacher of science, two assistants in the men's industrial department and a teacher to supervise the work outside of the professional and industrial departments. It will not be possible for me to continue much longer in charge of the work at Shaw, unless I can have more help in administering the affairs of the institution. The year that I took up the work at Shaw, the average daily attendance was 211. This year, from November 1st to April 1st, the average daily attendance was 493, and for the entire year it has been 489. I have no more help in administering the affairs of the institution than when I first took up the work, and there

was more money spent upon the office work the first year of my administration than for the year just closed. If the additional teaching force recommended above is allowed, Dr. Roberts can act as Dean and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. This will relieve me of a large part of the administrative work, relating to discipline and attendance. I can then look after the different departments more thoroughly and avoid the overwork which for the past few years has nearly caused me to break down.

COMMENCEMENT. The annual address on Commencement Day was given by the Hon. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, Commissioner of Education for the United States. The leading colored men and women were present in large numbers and a number of representative white men from Raleigh also attended. Take it all in all there never was a finer audience assembled in our chapel than on May 13th, 1909 Commencement Day.

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED. The chapel has been over-crowded on commencement occasions for years, but never more so than on the last commencement, when more people were turned away than usual. The Alumni Association at its annual meeting commencement week, after seeing the crowded condition of the chapel, voted to appoint a committee, with power to select a financial agent, to collect funds for enlarging the chapel, dining-hall and kitchen. It is hoped that this can be accomplished and the fund used as a basis for the additional facilities so urgently needed. There were 365 boarding students in our dining-room at one time last winter,—five more than assembled in the spacious dining-hall at Spelman Seminary on the same date.

I do not believe it is wise to increase the enrollment, but it is absolutely necessary to build a larger hospital and enlarge the Leonard Medical Building and provide adequate laboratory facilities to enable our graduates to meet the requirements of State Medical Examining Boards.

These proposed improvements have been carefully considered and will involve an expenditure of not less than \$50,000. I do not recommend them because it will be more convenient to have them, but rather on the ground that they are absolutely necessary to keep pace with the advance in medical science.

I append herewith my financial report, a copy of which has been forwarded to Mr. F. T. Moulton, Treasurer.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS

Tuition	\$2,230.00
Board	7,109.05

Contributions.....	61.56
Old accounts	189.00
Judson Wade Leonard Fund.....	250.00
Sundries	197.04
	<hr/> \$10,036.65

EXPENDITURES

School supplies.....	309.23
Boarding department.....	222.52
Repairs	138.77
Additions to property.....	12.75
Student labor.....	39.53

Salaries:

Dr. Jas. McKee.....	\$500.00
Dr. A. W. Knox	500.00
Dr. K. P. Battle.....	500.00
Dr. W. I. Royster.....	500.00
Dr. R. H. Lewis	250.00
Dr. A. W. Goodwin.....	500.00
Dr. J. M. Pickel	500.00
Dr. W. Moncure	200.00
Hospital -upt.....	180.00
Hospital attendants	484.01
Janitor service.....	146.00
	<hr/> 4,260.01

Gratuities in rebate.....	102.13
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Sundries:

Dissecting material, hospital supplies, laundry, etc	741.08
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Surplus	4,210.63
	<hr/> \$10,036.65

PHARMACY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$1,026.00
Board.....	1,914.25
Old accounts.....	8.50
	<hr/> \$2,948.75

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies.....	98.96
Boarding department.....	71.20

Salaries:

Prof. C. B. Crowell.....	\$500.00
Prof. I. A. Shade.....	187.50
	<hr/> 687.50

Gratuities in rebate.....	12.75
Sundries	237.12
Surplus	1,841.22
	<hr/> \$2,948.75

LAW DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	78 00	
Board	85.00	
Old account.....	9 50	
Deficit.....	176 20	
	<hr/>	\$348.70

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies.....	10.70	
Boarding department.....	165.50	
Salary: W. H. Pace on acc't	160.50	
Gratuity in rebate	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$348 70

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$ 4,014.05	
Board	10,839.52	
Contributions	376.10	
Old accounts.....	131.17	
Slater fund.....	2,500.00	
All other sources	1,673.25	
Borrowed Cit. Nat. Bank, Raleigh, N C	2,100.00	
Deficit	5,748.57	
	<hr/>	\$27,382.66

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies.....	774.59	
Boarding department	11,951.28	
Repairs	1,777.89	
Special improvements	1,300.55	
Student labor	949.83	
Salaries:		

Paid from Slater fund:

Miriam S. Cates.....	\$ 400.00	
W C Craver.....	400.00	
Martha M. Dickinson	324.19	
Minnie B. Flagg	60.65	
G. A. Edwards in part	400.00	
Charlotte Murray.....	480.00	
Cora S. Nevills in part.....	20.00	
N. F. Roberts in part.....	400.00	
Florence C. Williams.....	15.16	
	<hr/>	\$2,500.00

Paid from school funds:	
Cora L. Nevills in part.....	140.00
Florence C. Williams in part.....	200.00
Other employees	2,347.74
	<hr/> \$2,687.74
Gratuities in rebate.....	227.50
Sundries:	
Traveling expenses, laundry, payment on acc't	
trust fund to A. B. H. M. S	5,213.28
	<hr/> \$27,382.66

APPROPRIATIONS.

A. B. H. M. S. for salaries.....	\$8,385.48
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EXPENDITURES.

Charles F. Meserve	\$2,000.00
Emily C. Ayer	400.00
Ida J. Brown	250.00
Elsie M. Bryant	400.00
L. B. Capehart.....	500.00
Alice W. Chase	400.00
G. A. Edwards in part.....	400.00
C. R. Frazer	650.00
Charlotte W. Hazlewood.....	250.00
J. L. Levister.....	600.00
C. E. Lightner	200.00
J. W. Ligon.....	135.48
P. F. Morris.....	800.00
Mary E. Perry.....	400.00
C. F. Pope.....	400.00
N. F. Roberts in part	400.00
P. F. Roberts.....	200.00
	<hr/> \$8,385.48

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Medical department	\$10,036.65
Pharmacy department.....	2,948.75
Law department	172.50
Literary department.....	21,634.09
Appropriations	8,385.48
	<hr/> \$43,177.47

EXPENDITURES.

Medical department.....	\$ 5,826.02
Pharmacy department.....	1,107.53
Law department.....	348.70
Literary department.....	27,382.66
Salaries from appropriations.....	8,385.48
Surplus	127.08
	—————\$43,177.47

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MESERVE,
President.

