

**FORTY-NINTH  
AND FIFTIETH  
ANNUAL REPORTS**

TO THE

**Trustees of Shaw University**

AND TO THE

**Corresponding Secretary of the  
American Baptist Home  
Mission Society**



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

RALEIGH, N. C., May 31, 1915.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

I submit herewith my twentieth and twenty-first Annual Reports. The latter is the fiftieth since the establishment of the institution. On account of the large financial deficit last year the usual annual printed report was omitted. The year ended today has been one of the best, so far as I can judge, in the history of the institution. I have never known a better atmosphere from the standpoint of morality, religion and cheerful compliance with necessary rules and regulations. There have been fewer students inclined to yield to the evil influences in town.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.—Near the beginning of the year special evangelistic services were conducted by Rev. Charles S. Morris, D. D., of Norfolk, Va. His consecrated spirit, his familiarity with the Bible and his charming personality were all factors that contributed to successful meetings. Practically all the students enrolled this year are professed christians.

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association have been active as well as the Hayes Fleming Missionary Society. More attention has been given to voluntary Bible study. This work has been carried on regularly under the direction of Professor Craver, Miss Bryant and others, and diplomas were awarded on Commencement Day to those who had completed the course of study.

HEALTH.—The health of the students has been good. There has been very little sickness, and the surroundings of

the institution are of such a nature as to contribute to health of body, mind and soul.

**NEW COURSES OF STUDY.**—On account of the inability to provide a large additional sum of money it was found necessary to close the hospital and substitute for the four years' course in medicine a four years' B. S. course in medicine, the first two years of which are the same as the first two years of the regular college course, and the last two years the same as the first two years of a regular four years' school of medicine. It will take a few years to get this course in full operation, but a good beginning has been made as evidenced by the fact that there were thirty enrolled this year in the class in Biology.

I renew my recommendation for the establishment of a school in Dentistry. A school of Dentistry can be operated without large additional expense, for several subjects that must be taken in a course in Dentistry are already given in the courses in Medicine and Pharmacy.

In order to further the work of the education course, a practice school in a small way was established this year. Less progress was made than was expected, for the reason that the teacher in charge was called home by the sickness of her father, and was not able to return. Steps are being taken to enlarge this course next year by securing a teacher capable of directing the work of a practice school. Superintendent Brink heartily endorses this plan. It is hoped to remodel the Medical dormitory into class rooms and use some of the class rooms in the basement of Shaw Hall for the practice school. The other rooms are needed for the literary societies and social purposes.

**FINANCES.**—The year has been the hardest financially that I have known in my long experience in educational work.

While some schools have had to shorten the year because of financial difficulties, and many others have closed the year with a deficit, we have been so highly favored, because of the success of the Commencement Club and the income from our small endowment, that we have closed the year with a slight balance on the right side, as will be seen by reference to the financial statement at the end of this report.

**PHYSICAL CONDITIONS.**—Physical conditions are far from satisfactory. Nearly all of the buildings are in need of repairs, both exterior and interior. I am shaping up plans so that some of the buildings can be painted as soon as we have suitable weather for this work next autumn. I am also planning for some interior improvements. When we have removed the indebtedness of three thousand dollars now hanging over us, a deficit accumulated through a series of years by maintaining a four years' course of study in Medicine and by the operation of the Leonard Hospital, we shall be in better shape to look after the physical condition of the institution.

**HIGHER SALARIES.**—I renew my recommendation of last year for higher salaries. Some of my recommendations in this direction have been adopted for the next year, and I am hoping that other changes can be made in the next few years. We cannot long retain competent teachers who are college or normal graduates, even in a missionary school, unless the salaries are considerably higher.

**HIGHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION AND GRADUATION.**—New courses of study make necessary higher requirements both for admission and graduation. We now require the completion of a four years' academic or high school course of study as a condition for entering the freshman class in college, and no one can enter upon the study of

medicine without completing the work of the first two years of the college course.

The requirements in the department of Pharmacy are also being raised, and higher requirements in the courses of education will be insisted upon just as soon as possible. These higher requirements, the adoption of a two years' course in Medicine, the closing of the hospital and an increase in the charges of more than ten per cent, have resulted, as expected, in a decreased attendance. The attendance this year, however, was nearly three hundred, and we had a fine body of students.

**THEOLOGICAL HALL.**—Work on the Theological Hall has been suspended for lack of funds. The hard financial condition of the country has made it impossible for our financial agent to secure funds to carry on the work. We have paid all our bills and have considerable material on hand. The walls of the basement story are completed, and the window frames in position. A campaign must be started soon to raise funds for the completion of this building. The brethren are calling for an enlargement of the Theological department, and this cannot well be done until the building is completed.

**SUMMER SCHOOL.**—There ought to be a summer school in session at least six weeks during each vacation. Last year the National Medical Association held its sessions at Shaw, as did also the State Teachers' Association. These meetings were helpful, but there ought to be a summer school with regular systematic instruction.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**—The year has been marked by harmony and co-operation on the part of the members of the faculty, and only words of commendation are due the teachers for their faithful service. All have been actuated by a fine spirit of service, and it is my opinion that the year has been

one of the best in character building that the institution has known.

Saturday before Commencement Day a flag pole was placed upon the top of the tower on Shaw Hall. The shaping of a juniper log into a symmetrical pole and placing it securely upon the tower of Shaw Hall was done by the students in the mens' industrial department under the supervision of Prof. G. A. Edwards. In the presence of the faculty and students a flag was thrown to the breeze and appropriate exercises followed. We are indebted to Mrs. S. Alice Ewing, teacher in the girls' industrial department, for this flag pole and flag. She influenced friends in the North to contribute the necessary funds.

It is encouraging to know that some of the students and some of the graduates are thinking of the needs of Shaw University. Several have asked me of late what it would cost to install a clock with a large dial in the tower of Shaw Hall. A suggestion has also been made concerning a gateway at the entrance. There ought to be at the main entrance on South street a dignified and ornamental gateway as well as a substantial and durable fence on either side the proposed gateway as far as Wilmington street on the west and Blount street on the east.

All the walks of the campus should be laid in cement or concrete, and seats of metal or stone or concrete, artistic and durable, should be built here and there in convenient locations under the trees and near the buildings. By such means the beauty of the campus, already attractive with its grand old oaks, its thrifty and graceful elms, and well-kept lawns, would be greatly enhanced.

I append my financial reports, copies of which have already been forwarded to Mr. F. T. Moulton, Treasurer.

# Annual Financial Report of Shaw University to The American Baptist Home Mission Society

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 1913, AND ENDING MAY 31, 1914

## INCOME ACCOUNT

### RECEIPTS

From tuition.....	}	\$22,487 75
Board.....		
Books, etc., sold to Students.....		892 49
Old Accounts.....		378 30
Leonard Hospital.....		1,125 68
Contributions from White Churches, etc.----		44 50
Contributions from Negro Churches, etc.----		425 50
Am. Bapt. Home Mission Society.....		17,456 57
Women's Home Mission Societies, Chicago--		1,000 00
*All other sources not included in above----		7,652 39
Indemnity Fees.....		894 00
Diplomas and Certificates.....		229 50
Students' Deposits.....		1,090 90
*Includes:		
Slater Fund.....	\$	2,250 00
Bank Loans.....	3,500 00	
Crosby Fund.....	150 00	
Theol. Bldg. Fund.....	284 77	
Fire Insurance on Medical Building.....	950 00	
Total Receipts.....	\$	53,677 58

### EXPENDITURES

Gratuities and Rebates.....	\$	533 70
Boarding Department:		
Food Supplies.....	}	6,770 03
Other Supplies.....		547 96
Wages.....		678 47
Miscellaneous.....		204 29



Department of Instruction:

Salaries -----	13,877 74
Educational Supplies -----	1,200 13
Miscellaneous -----	83 72
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:	
Heat, Light and Power -----	4,244 33
Wages -----	1,347 89
Repairs and Renewals -----	1,425 92
Miscellaneous -----	1,051 95
General Expenses Leonard Building -----	1,517 52
Office Salaries -----	1,168 57
Postage and Stationery -----	304 14
Traveling -----	776 74
Miscellaneous -----	6,746 66
Students' Deposits -----	1,090 90
Indemnity Fees -----	739 00
Leonard Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy --	3,610 13
Library -----	52 20
Permanent Improvements, Laboratory Equip. --	1,391 61
Leonard Hospital:	
Boarding Department -----	1,028 12
Supplies and Implements -----	745 56
Wages -----	1,896 11
Miscellaneous -----	946 00
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Total Expenditures -----	\$53,979 39

CASH ACCOUNT

Balance in Treasury beginning of year,	
June 1, 1913 -----	\$ 589 41
Receipts during year -----	53,677 58
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Total -----	\$54,266 99
Disbursements during year -----	\$53,979 39
Balance in Treasury end of year -----	287 60
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Total -----	\$54,266 99

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 1914, AND ENDING MAY 31, 1915

RECEIPTS

From Tuition-----	}	\$13,505 55
Board-----		
Books, etc., sold to Students-----		782 26
Old Accounts-----		44 15
Contributions from White Churches, etc-----		92 91
Contributions from Negro Churches, etc.-----		224 13
Am. Bapt. Home Mission Society-----		13,792 91
Women's Home Mission Societies, Chicago---		1,050 00
*Slater Fund-----		2,250 00
*All other sources not included in above-----		4,658 12
Indemnity and Athletic-----		519 00
Domestic Science Dept.-----		123 67
Laboratory Fees-----		215 00
*Includes \$3,000.00 Crosby Fund from sale of houses; also \$106.00 Crosby Fund.		
Total Receipts-----		<u>\$37,257 70</u>

EXPENDITURES

Boarding Department:	
Food Supplies-----	\$ 4,373 67
Other Supplies-----	126 07
Wages-----	754 07
Miscellaneous-----	291 09
Department of Instruction:	
*Salaries-----	15,675 00
Educational Supplies-----	906 94
Miscellaneous-----	125 35
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:	
Heat, Light and Power-----	3,257 14
Wages-----	937 80
Repairs and Renewals-----	1,299 95
Miscellaneous-----	476 28
General Expenses:	
Office Salaries-----	975 38
Postage and Stationery-----	329 19

Traveling-----	482 93
Miscellaneous-----	1,786 86
Expressage, etc.-----	68 05
Athletic Association (Fees)-----	256 00
Library-----	101 28
Permanent Improvements, Chemical Laboratory-----	367 45
Gratuities:	
In money and Scholarships-----	717 45
Tuition and charges refunded-----	230 50
Missions-----	197 53
Miscellaneous, Indemnity Fees-----	243 00
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Total Expenditures-----	\$33,978 98

### CASH ACCOUNT

Balance in Treasury beginning of year--\$	287 60
Receipts during year-----	37,257 70
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Total-----	\$37,545 30
Disbursements during year-----	\$33,978 98
Balance in Treasury end of year-----	3,566 32
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Total-----	\$37,545 30

### BILLS RECEIVABLE

From Students for Tuition and Board-----	\$671 65
Benedict College-----	260 00
L. S. Matthews & Co.-----	40 00

### BILLS PAYABLE

Note Citizen's National Bank, Raleigh-----	\$3,000 00
[Secured by Crosby Fund included in our balance.]	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MESERVE,

*President*



