
FORTY - SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

TRUSTEES OF SHAW UNIVERSITY,

AND THE

Secretary of the American Baptist

Home Mission Society.

President's Report

RALEIGH, N. C., May 31, 1907.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I submit herewith my Fourteenth Annual Report, which is the forty-second since the establishment of the institution.

ATTENDANCE. The enrollment in all departments for the Academic year ended May 31, 1907, was 526. This surpasses previous records. The most gratifying fact, however, is the general average daily attendance, which was 471 for the month of March.

The average age of the students enrolled was 23 years. There are probably few, if any, institutions of learning for the colored people that surpass this record of attendance when the average age is taken into account.

The impression prevails that the largely increased attendance during the last three years has been wholly in the professional departments. To remove this erroneous impression I wish to state that the enrollment in all departments has proportionately increased with the exception of that of Law, which remains about the same.

GRADUATES. On the 9th of May there were graduated 31 students from the Leonard Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy, 24 from the former and 7 from the latter. There were one from the Theological department, three from the Normal and six from the College, making a total of forty.

TERMS OF ADMISSION AND AFFILIATED SCHOOLS. For the last two or three years it has not been possible to admit all who have applied for admission. We believe that this condition has been brought about by adherence to firm yet wise methods of discipline, and to high standards of morals and scholarship.

This increase in applications leads to a very important consideration, namely, the terms of admission which were referred to in my last report. It is believed to be advisable to abolish the Preparatory or Academic department just as soon as possible and establish a four years' College Classical course and a four years' College Scientific Course, together with properly correlated and co-ordinated industrial courses. This will necessitate a closer union or co-operation with secondary schools which will result in the raising of their standards and the improvement of their methods of instruction. The graduates of a secondary school recognized by Shaw

University can then be admitted upon certificate as is the practice in many states. I believe it is important that there should be a chain of schools throughout North Carolina affiliated with Shaw University, and that you should instruct the Council of Administration to visit and inspect the work of these schools upon application, and, when found qualified, place them upon the accredited list. As the applications continue to be in excess of the accommodations, I believe it is important that such action should be taken at an early date.

ADMINISTRATIVE METHODS. When I assumed the Presidency of Shaw University the annual enrollment was about 350 and rarely was there a time during the year when more than 225 students were actually present. With a daily attendance approximating 500 it is easy to see that in methods of administration changes were necessary.

The work has so increased and the administrative duties have so multiplied that it has been impossible for the President to find time to supervise the class room work, make the purchases, attend to the numerous features of administration and see that the grounds and buildings are kept in proper condition.

The size of the general Faculty is too large to conduct business to advantage. Teachers who have been long in the service of the institution are better prepared to assume responsibility, participate in affairs of administration and make valuable suggestions than those who are young and practically inexperienced. To this end I established "The Council of Administration" and appointed "A Principal Teacher." "The Council of Administration" is composed of the President, Division Officers and the Principal Teacher. The Council meets twice a week and has complete authority in all matters of administration, consulting, of course, individual teachers whenever they or their pupils are directly concerned. The duty of the Principal Teacher is to supervise the work of the class rooms outside the industrial and professional departments, in addition to conducting two or three recitations a day. Miss Ida J. Brown has served very efficiently and satisfactorily the past year as Principal Teacher.

HEALTH. The health of the institution has been excellent throughout the entire year. There has been no death and no sickness of a serious nature, and we have been entirely free from ordinary epidemics. This has been due largely, if not wholly, to an abundant supply of pure water, a splendid heating system and plenty of plain but nourishing food.

SEWERS. A petition was sent to the City Government for a branch sewer along the street in the rear of the Campus for the benefit of

the Medical Dormitory, the Leonard Medical Building, the new Dispensary and the Theological Hall. On account of the slight fall from the kitchen to the sewer in Blount Street, stoppages have occurred that have caused considerable trouble and expense. If the City will do this work, which it ought to do, especially when we consider that nearly all the receipts of the institution, amounting to about \$40,000 a year, are spent in Raleigh, the Shaw system of sewerage will be well nigh perfect. There ought to be an additional bath room in Estey and additional toilet and bath rooms in Shaw Hall. Similar conveniences can be provided in the buildings at the south end of the Campus when the City constructs the sewer petitioned for.

PHYSICAL CONDITION. The property has been kept in good repair during the past year. It is believed to be better economy to spend a little money each year than a large sum every few years. Only minor repairs, such as can be made during the summer vacation, are needed beyond the improvements hitherto named, or that will be referred to later as in progress.

RELIGIOUS LIFE. The religious life of the institution has been as usual of deep solicitude to the teachers. There were special services held during the winter conducted by Rev. B. B. Hill of Reidsville. These services resulted in the spiritual quickening of the institution and the conversion of a number of students. The Y. M. C. A. has kept up its meetings and the usual Sunday services have been carried on. The mid-week prayer meetings have been maintained with a good degree of interest; additional meetings have been held from time to time by the students themselves, and special religious classes, attendance voluntary, have been conducted by some of the teachers.

FINANCES. The year financially has been a constant source of anxiety on account of the increased cost of all kinds of supplies and the increase in the wages of janitors, cooks, etc. The total receipts for the year were \$40393.77. Notwithstanding they were in excess of any previous year, there was a deficit that would have been much larger had it not been for the generosity of the members of the Medical Faculty, who gave their salaries for the month of April and the fractional month of May, amounting in all to \$1125.00. It will be necessary to make some re-adjustment in the salaries of the teachers in the professional departments to prevent further deficits and to employ one or more teachers in the departments of Medicine and Pharmacy, as the requirements of State Examining Boards are being raised, making necessary the study of additional subjects as well as a further study of some of the present subjects.

INCREASE IN SALARIES. I do not see how the efficiency in the Literary and Industrial departments of Shaw University can be maintained upon the present basis of salaries. The general prosperity throughout the country has opened up avenues for employment at larger salaries than heretofore. When we consider that some of our teachers are receiving \$400.00 as their total annual compensation, and a few even less, and that transportation between home and Shaw must be paid in addition to all living expenses during the year, it is very evident that men and women of culture, refinement and of fine scholastic attainments cannot be retained when many, if not all, could receive two or three times as large a salary and in fields of labor where there is opportunity for philanthropic endeavor.

ADDITIONAL TEACHERS. In view of the constant increase in attendance for the last five years, there ought to be more teachers, and you can well understand with what feelings I received the announcement of the Executive Board of the Home Mission Society that the salary list must be reduced \$700.00 for the next school year. I do not see how this arrangement can continue without seriously impairing the usefulness of the institution. Our teachers are overworked and are receiving very small salaries. Instead of reducing the force it ought to be increased by at least two or three teachers. I ought to remark in this connection that if the changes suggested above in the curricula can be made in the next few years, it may be possible to reduce the teaching force, but it will be necessary to employ at least two or three teachers at higher salaries who have had very superior training in order to do the work that will be required.

TUPPER MEMORIAL. One of the interesting features of Commencement week was the dedication of Tupper Memorial on the afternoon of Wednesday preceding Commencement. Rev. J. A. Whitted, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Winston-Salem, N. C., who had served as financial agent in raising funds for the Tupper Memorial and the addition to Estey Hall, was made Master of Ceremonies. I felt in view of the important and successful work Dr. Whitted has performed as financial agent that he should have all the honor that falls to a presiding officer on such an occasion. I introduced him to the audience and made him the presiding officer. He gave a most excellent address which will be printed in *The Workers*. Responses were also made by Rev. Pattillo of Oxford, Rev. Hackney of Chapel Hill and Hon. James H. Young of Raleigh. The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. W. W. Weeks, D. D., pastor of the Highland Baptist church, Springfield, Mass. This closed the exercises, which was a most befitting end, and dedicated to the training of young men and young women in the industrial arts an im-

posing and abiding memorial to Henry Martin Tupper, the first President and founder of Shaw University.

HOSPITAL. The change in location of the hospital from the Campus of the Leonard Medical School to the present quiet surroundings on Blount Street has been amply vindicated by the increased facilities and the reception of a larger number of patients. Although an improvement over the old hospital the new is inadequate and must be enlarged at an early date. The maintainance of the Hospital is a severe tax upon the funds of the institution, for the patients, almost without exception, are so poor that they are unable to pay either for professional services, the employment of nurses or food. The Hospital will be run through the summer, closing for the month of September for necessary cleaning and repairs. A fund ought to be established, the income of which should be used in maintaining one of the most worthy enterprises connected with the Shaw University.

ESTEY HALL. A three story addition on the south side of Estey Hall will be made during the summer vacation. One floor will be used for an Assembly room and music rooms, another floor for dormitories and on another floor will be four large rooms for class-room work in cooking, sewing, dressmaking, millinery, etc. When this addition is completed, and all the rooms of the Tupper Memorial are in use, Shaw will take advanced ground in the teaching of the industrial arts.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING. There has been a lack of room for office work and other purposes in this building since two or three years after its completion in 1895. Sufficient funds have been contributed by friends for the enlargement of this building to provide additional office and other facilities. This will enable the Management of the institution to carry out the wishes of the Executive Board and establish a University Book Store at the opening of the next school year.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY. Mr. Andrew Carnegie of New York City, has promised \$15,000 for a Library on condition that an additional \$15,000 is raised for an endowment. The friends of Shaw must rally and provide this endowment for the work of the Literary departments is greatly hampered by a small library and inadequate supply of books.

COMMENCEMENT. On Thursday, May 9th, occurred the Commencement of all departments of Shaw University. Hitherto there had been two Commencements, but after lengthening the school year in the professional departments it was possible to bring the closing

exercises of all departments on the same day. Although it was an experiment this year, it proved to be successful and we believe the Commencement of 1907 passes into history as the best and most important that Shaw University has ever known. We believe, however, since all departments close at the same time that efforts should be made to induce the graduates to return in larger numbers and form one or more strong Alumni Associations. The Management of Shaw will be glad to co-operate with the graduates of all departments to make the Alumni features among the most important of Commencement week, features that shall be looked forward to and participated in with pleasure and profit both to the graduates and the institution.

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH. I have devoted considerable time to ascertaining the enrollment and receipts of the Colleges and Universities of the New England States in the early part of the Civil War. I was somewhat surprised to learn that only one of these old and famous institutions had an enrollment larger than that of Shaw University. Brown, Bowdoin, Colby, Tufts, Amherst, Wesleyan, Dartmouth and Yale had smaller student bodies than Shaw and the receipts of one of these famous institutions were only slightly in excess of the receipts of Shaw University for the year just closed. I bring you these interesting facts, for only by such comparisons can we realize the growth, the sphere of influence and the scope of work that an institution of learning has attained in the comparatively brief space of forty years.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

I append herewith my financial report that has been forwarded to Mr. Frank T. Moulton, Treasurer.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition.....	\$2,659.00
Board.....	6,245.10
Contributions.....	1,503 15
Old Accounts.....	84 40
J. W. Leonard Fund.....	250 00
Sundries	74 46
	\$10,816 11

EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies.....	445.43
Boarding Department.....	135 55
Repairs.....	339 ¹ / ₀₆
Additions to Property.....	540.42
Student Labor.....	72.42
Salaries:	

Dr. Jas. McKee.....	\$750.00
Dr A. W. Knox.....	750.00
Dr K P. Battle.....	750.00
Dr W I Royster.....	750.00
Dr. R. H Lewis.....	375 00
Dr. J. M Pickel.....	750.00
Dr. A W Goodwin.....	750 00
Dr. L. B Capehart.....	50.00
Supt. of Hospital	180.00
Hospital Attendants.....	575.08
Janitor Service	249.97

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Gratuities in Rebates.....	124 00
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Sundries:

Dissecting material, Hospital Supplies, travel- ling expenses, Laundry, etc.....	486 57
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Surplus	2,742.61
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\$10,816 11

PHARMACY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$ 768 00
Board	871 00
Old Accounts	10 00
	\$1,649.00

EXPENDITURES

School Supplies	92.38	
Boarding Department	28.19	
Salary: C. B. Crowell	750.00	
Rebate.....	36 00	
Sundries	99 20	
Surplus.....	643 23	
		<hr/> \$1,649.00

LAW DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$ 112 00	
Board.....	128.00	
Old Accounts.....	18.00	
Deficit	180 42	
		<hr/> \$ 438.42

EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies.....	12.78	
Boarding Department.....	76 32	
Salary: E. A. Johnson on account.....	258.00	
Sundries	91 32	
		<hr/> \$438.42

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$3,520 35	
Board.....	9,328.35	
Contributions	376 15	
Old Accounts	151.27	
Slater Fund.....	2,500 00	
All other sources.....	1,574.12	
Borrowed Citizens' Nat. Bank, Raleigh, N. C.....	500 00	
Surplus of 1905-6.....	1,219.16	
Deficit	3,226.68	
		<hr/> \$22,396 08

EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies.....	\$ 581.81	
Boarding Dept	10,470.45	
Repairs	1,038.32	
Special Improvements.....	505.80	
Student Labor.....	788.99	

Salaries:

Paid by Slater Fund:

Mary E. Ferrell	\$ 160.00
Leola K. Miller	400 00
Carrie Murray	480.00
Mary V. Pair	160.00
Ellen C. Pegnes	400.00
C. F. Pope on account	300.00
M. F. Roberts on account	320.00
Carrie N. Stewart	280.00

Paid from School Receipts:

C. F. Pope on acc't	100.00
Other employees	2,026.75
	<hr/> 4,626 75

Gratuities in Rebates..... 228.75

Sundries:

Travelling expenses, diplomas, stenographer's service, laundry, etc	4,155.21
	<hr/> \$22,396.08

APPROPRIATIONS.

A. B. H. M. S.....\$ 8,480.00 \$ 8,480.00

EXPENDITURES.

Chas. F. Meserve	\$2,000.00
Alice W. Arnold	400 00
Emily C. Ayer.	400.00
M. D. Bowen	600.00
Ida J. Brown	500 00
G A Edwards	800.00
Annie M. Eldridge	400.00
C. R. Frazer	650 00
Margaret L Hamilton	400.00
Lena A. Johnson	450 00
J. L. Levister	600.00
A. W. Pegnes	800.00
N. F Roberts	480.00
	<hr/> \$8,480.00

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Medical Department	\$10,816.11
Pharmacy Department	1,649.00
Law Department	258 00
Literary Department	19,169 40
Appropriations for Salaries	8,480.00
Deficit	21 26
	<hr/> \$40,393.77

EXPENDITURES.

Medical Department.....	\$ 8,073.50
Pharmacy Department.....	1,005.77
Law Department	438.42
Literary Department.....	22,396 08
Salaries from appropriations	8,480.00
	—————\$40,393.77

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MESERVE,

President.

