

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHAW UNIVERSITY

—AND TO THE—

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RALEIGH, N. C., May 31st., 1912

DEAR BRETHREN:—

I submit herewith my eighteenth Annual Report, which is the forty-seventh since the establishment of the institution. The year has been the most arduous of my administration, and I believe it can be fairly stated, the most successful. It has been a strenuous year because of the large attendance, the erection of the hospital and the improvements noted later on in this report.

GRADUATES.—The enrollment in all departments for the academic year closed today was 518. The average daily attendance was 439. It has not been possible for some years to accommodate all who apply for lack of room.

On Thursday, May 9th, there were graduated 81 students, as follows:

Medical.....	30
Pharmacy	4
Theological	3
College	6
Normal	22
Education	4
Domestic Arts.....	16
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	85
Counted twice, having received two degrees.	4
	—
	81

The practice of issuing certificates, discontinued last year has been renewed on account of the large number taking the work of the industrial departments.

HEALTH.—The health of the institution has not been as good as usual. This was doubtless due to the unusual severity of the winter. I have never known such a winter in North Carolina during the eighteen years that I have been a citizen of the State. We appreciated more than ever our heating system which gave satisfactory service except on two or three of the severest days, when it was impossible to heat the rooms in most of the buildings because the windows were so loose. We expended considerable money in tightening the windows of the Leonard Medical building, after which the building was comfortable.

I wish to renew my recommendation for the establishing of a gymnasium where physical training can be regularly given.

SANITATION.—The institution was never in better condition from the standpoint of sanitation than at the present time. It is not, however, perfect, and there should be more toilet and bath rooms in the men's dormitories. Each of the buildings is now connected with the city sewers.

PHYSICAL CONDITION.—The physical condition of the property is good with the exception of minor repairs and the painting of nearly all the buildings. No outside painting worth mentioning has been done to any of the buildings for many years. The grounds have been kept in good condition and the campus is in a sanitary and attractive condition.

RELIGIOUS LIFE.—Near the beginning of the year, a series of religious meetings was conducted by Rev. A. A. Graham of Phœbus, Va. The meetings were devoid of excitement but were very profitable and resulted in conversions. It was remarked by Dr. Len G. Broughton, who gave an address just before his departure for his new field of labor in London, England, that he had rarely been present in any college chapel where so large a proportion of

the students were professed christians as was evidenced by the showing of hands when he asked how many were professed christians. Regular preaching services were held on Sundays, preceded by Sunday School for one hour. At night a general prayer meeting was conducted in the chapel led by the President or some other member of the faculty. Chapel exercises were held daily in the morning except Saturdays and Sundays. Attendance upon all religious exercises was required.

FINANCIAL.—The receipts of the year have been large, but owing to unusual expenditures that will be referred to later, and also on account of the unusual high cost of provisions, there is a deficit as will be seen by reference to the financial part of this report. This has been temporarily provided for by a note in the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh, signed by Mrs. Meserve and myself. Very little was due from the students at the close of the fiscal year.

HIGHER SALARIES.—I again call attention to the necessity for an increase in salaries on account of the higher cost of living, and the numerous offers that are made to members of our teaching force. Were it not for the deep consecration of our teachers we would not be able to operate the institution without an increase in salaries. If the ratio of increase in the necessities of life continues, the raising of salaries will be an absolute necessity.

ADDITIONAL TEACHERS.—There ought to be three more instructors in the Medical department, one in the Men's industrial department, one in the College department, and one in the Women's industrial department. The work that is required in order to keep the institution up to a high standard cannot be done without additional teachers. This is especially important in the Medical department, where the

requirements for graduation and for the obtaining of licenses are higher than ever before.

COMMENCEMENT.—The Annual Address on Commencement Day was given by Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., President of Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C. Dr. Vann has been for many years President of Meredith College, and is a native of North Carolina. We have never had a more sympathetic and helpful address than the one he gave on Commencement Day, and his presence was very significant as showing the intelligent interest of the best people of the State in the work of Shaw University.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE.—A large amount of work has been done during the year. The hospital has been completed and the surrounding grounds partially graded. All the rooms have not been equipped for lack of means, but we hope that friends will come to the rescue during the next school year, so that in a few more months every room will be in readiness for the reception of patients. New laboratories in the addition to the east end of the Leonard Medical building have been in use and are very satisfactory.

The power house has been enlarged and an additional boiler installed. The heating system has been extended to the Leonard Medical building and the new hospital and has worked very satisfactorily. The blacksmith shop has been thoroughly equipped and facilities provided for giving instruction in masonry. An addition to the south end of the chapel and dining-hall, providing a new kitchen and store-room, was completed just as the new year opened. All the facilities required have not been provided, but, notwithstanding this, the service has been more satisfactory than ever before. It is hoped that during the new year the few things that are needed can be added.

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED.—I again call your attention to the needs of the library. The Carnegie offer of \$15,000 ought to be supplemented at an early date by \$15,000 for an endowment so that the conditional pledge might be paid. The institution is greatly hindered in its work by lack of library facilities.

There is great need of a recitation hall, which will be met in part when the proposed home for the Theological school has been completed. On Wednesday of Commencement week there was a ministers' conference which was largely attended and great interest was manifested. It was heartily and unanimously voted to start a campaign to raise \$12,000 for a home for the Theological department. When this building is erected, one or two recitation rooms can be provided.

The greatest need at the present time is additional facilities for the Leonard Medical School. There has been such an advance in medical education during the last few years, and the requirements of Medical Examining Boards have been raised to such an extent that we cannot keep up our present reputation and make the progress that is necessary unless we have additional teachers, a physiological laboratory, a museum and a Medical library. These are so imperative that we shall soon fall behind without them.

An addition should be made to the Medical dormitory so that all the Medical students can live by themselves in one dormitory instead of taking some of the rooms that belong to the College and Normal departments. There should also be in all of the dormitories a waiting or reception room where students of the respective departments can meet together from time to time, and where they can receive and entertain their callers.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY.—I renew my recommendation for the establishing at an early date of a school of

Dentistry. I had hoped to present in this report the cost of equipment, etc., but I have not yet been able to obtain the desired information with sufficient accuracy to make a report. I hope to be able to do so in my next Annual Report. As this department can be conducted without much additional expense, and as there is a demand for the school, I believe it would be a success from the start.

SUMMER SESSION.—I recommended in my last Annual Report that a summer session be held in most of the departments. I wish, however, to say that I do not see how this can be done unless funds can be provided for the salaries of teachers. It will be all the students who may come can afford to do to meet the expense of board and lodging. It is, however, a very important matter and I believe that as soon as possible it should be generally known that there will be every year a summer session in Theology, Pedagogy, Medicine and Pharmacy.

HIGHER REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION.—I referred in my last Annual Report to the higher requirements for graduation. I am hoping that before many years we can so change our courses of study that the preparatory or preliminary work can be entirely eliminated. There ought to be two courses of study of four years each, combining both literary and industrial work.

HIGHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.—When the condition indicated in the last paragraph can be brought about, the requirements for admission can be appreciably raised. They are considerably higher than they were and some of the lower grades have already been dropped.

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

Financial Report for Year Ended May 31st, 1912

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS :

Tuition.....	\$3600.00	
Old accounts.....	100.00	
All other sources (including transfer \$1900 from Hosp. funds).....	5714.32	
Loans from bank.....	3700.00	
Book Sales	1065.73	
		\$14,180.05

APPROPRIATIONS :

Slater Fund.....	2250.00	
A. B. H. M. S.....	9860.02	
W. A. B. H. M. S.....	600.00	
		12,650.02
		\$26,830.07
Deficit.....		1,884.91
		\$28,714.98

EXPENDITURES :

School Supplies.....	\$3919.09	
Repairs	1400.36	
Special improvements.....	559.31	
Student Labor	7 ⁰⁰ .66	
Gratuities	190.00	
Sundries	6859.47	
Teachers' Salaries :		
Slater appropriation.....	2250.00	
A. B. H. M. S.....	9800.02	
W. A. B. H. M. S.....	600.00	
Other salaries	2346.07	
		\$28,714.98

LAW DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS :

Tuition	125.00	
Deficit	375 00	
	-----	\$500.00

EXPENDITURES:

Salary		\$500.00
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PHARMACY DEPARTMENT

Receipts:

Tuition	\$1200 00	
Old accounts.....	7.00	
	-----	\$1207.00

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	\$700.00	
Gratuities	54.00	
Supplies.....	42.60	
Surplus	410.40	
	-----	\$1207.00

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS :

Tuition	\$6300.00	
Old accounts.....	271.26	
	-----	\$6571.26

EXPENDITURES:

School Supplies.....	\$ 524.55	
Repairs	101.62	
Gas.....	80.25	
Water.....	41.06	
Janitor's services and student labor in grading	192.98	
Gratuities	122.00	
Sundries.....	26.96	
Salaries	5050.00	
Surplus	431.90	
	-----	6571.26

BOARDING DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS :

Students' Board.....	\$21,318.60	
Sale of food supplies	464.83	
	-----	\$21,783.43

EXPENDITURES:

Material for Boarding Dept.	\$14,501.43	
Service.....	2548.18	
Surplus	4733.82	
	-----	\$21,783.43

SUMMARY

RECEIPTS:

Medical Dept.....	\$ 6571.26	
Pharmacy Dept.	1207.00	
Law Dept.....	125.00	
Literary Dept.....	26,830.07	
Boarding Dept.	21,783 43	
Leonard Hospital	326.65	
Balance from 1910-11.....	278.53	
	-----	\$57,121.94

EXPENDITURES :

Medical Dept.....	\$ 6139.36	
Pharmacy Dept.	796.60	
Law Dept.....	500.00	
Literary Dept.....	28,714.98	
Boarding Dept.....	17,049.61	
Leonard Hospital (including equip- ment) ..	3,645.75	
* Balance forward.....	275.64	
	-----	\$57,121 94

*NOTE.--Loan of \$1500.00 from bank.

Actual deficit \$1224.36.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MESERVE,

President

