Washington College  June 1866

Sen't of the Board of Trustees of Washington College

Owing to the impracticability of completing the repairs to the college buildings, and of securing the furniture and apparatus destroyed by the Confederate army in 1863; the exercises of the session did not commence till the 2nd of Oct., 1865.

The regular classes were organized, the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and a preparatory class, composed of young men whose studies had been interrupted by the war, 2 who were unable to proceed with the regular classes. It was expected that this class by extra exertion on the part of themselves, and additional attention on the part of their instructors, would be enabled to join the Freshman class at the beginning of the 2nd quarter, and thus without interruption join the class.

The preparatory class consists of 39 pupils:

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As many of the students were obliged to write in one subject without class, 2 in another with a different class, giving interruptions in their education,
occasioned by hostilities, their names occur on the
different laps rolls, and cause a discrepancy between
the number of pupils and the member of students.
The whole number of students during the lifetime
amounts to 126.

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The Officers of Studies have been continued
uninterrupted during the lifetime; the regular
terminal examination of the classes having been
made on the first of February. The students gen-
erally have been attentive to their duties, many have
exhibited uncommon application and earnest
drive for the acquisition of knowledge. Only a
few have underutilized the opportunities afforded
them to attain an education. I have not fully
inspired their time. There has been no case
acquiring suspension or dismissal, nor has the
application of any for admission been rejected.

The preparatory, freshman, classes, becom-
ing too large to be advantageously instructed in
their class organization, each were divided into
sections, taught at different hours. This arrange-
ment must be beneficial to the purpose of the students.
imposed additional labor on the Professors and assistants, I required their whole time and attention, which has been cheerfully and satisfactorily given.

Religious service has been performed every morning in the College Chapel, which the students attend, the Faculty having regularly attended. The exercises were conducted alternately by the Chaplains of the different denominations in Lexington, who kindly offered their aid towards rendering them more interesting and impressive. The Rev. Dr. Wm. Patton, in addition, volunteered to take charge of the class in declamation, composed of all the students at the College. I have conducted the exercises with judgment and advantage.

A larger Chapel is much needed, the room is too small, and badly adapted to the purpose. It is an immense object for additional lecture rooms, into which it could be conveniently converted.

Philosophical and Chemical instruments were procured at the opening of the term, sufficient to illustrate the common principles of science, which has enabled the Professors of those branches to conduct his courses for the year. They are insufficient for the prosecution of the subjects in the higher classes, or the extended courses proposed. The Professors of Applied Mathematics, of Natural Philosophy, of Chemistry, and Practical Chemistry, should each have a suitable lecture room, laboratory, furnished with appropriate models and apparatus,
to enable them to render their lectures as interesting and improving as possible, and I recommend that measures be taken to provide them as far as practicable.

The library has been moved to the best adapted rooms in the College for the purpose; through the industry of the librarian, Mr. John W. Fuller, about one thousand volumes, which had been scattered through the country by soldiers of the Continent army, have been placed in the College for two literary societies.

Mr. Ralph Field, of Philadelphia, actuated by the most benevolent motives, has presented to the College, a part of the scientific library of his brother, the late Dr. Jos. B. Wilson, consisting of nearly one thousand volumes. Nearly four hundred are yet to arrive, and the donation is even more valuable for the rarity of the books, than for the number of the works. The only condition attached to his presentation, is that the books be properly cared for, and the building in honour of his brother, Mr. Thomas Wilson Contribution to the library of Washington College).

Mr. C. B. Richardson of New York has also given to the College, one thousand dollars worth of valuable scientific works. Some smaller contributions have also been received. Mr. John Carroll Walsh of Md. has sent to the library Sir Walter Scott's history of England in 13 vol., & the Rev. J. B. Plummer of Penn. Some books on theology.
I need not enlarge upon the importance of a good library to the advancement of a property of the College. A useful library institution cannot be maintained without it, and the first step to its acquirement is to provide a suitable building in the preservation of convenient arrangement of the books. It should be well lighted, ventilated, and secure at least externally, against fire, and should contain rooms for storing the works of the College. A brick building occupying the site of the south dormitory, with its gate to the front, extending as far back as the central building of the College, with no ornament than that resulting from its shape, warmed by shams pans, would fulfill these requisites.

Additional accommodation for students' teachers is also much needed. Regular systematic instruction, I fear cannot properly begin without a building corresponding in size and architecture to that proposed for the library, occupying the site of the south dormitory, would furnish lodging rooms for 100 students. The former residence of the President of the College, can be fitted up temporarily for me. Professor, if a suitable house was erected on the lot south of that occupied by the Professor of Mathematics for another, sufficient accommodation might be furnished for the next session.
I recommend that some means be adopted to establish gymnastic exercises, so as to furnish a means of recreation, to promote the health of the students, and that the college grounds be embellished with walks and trees to encourage out-door exercise.

The appointment of a Portiere to take charge of the buildings, grounds, of a Clerk of the Faculty to relieve them of clerical labors, and the establishment of a woodyard, where fuel could be collected during the summer, sold during the winter, to the students at cost, would save expenses, promote the interests of the college.

I have the honor to present a report from each of the professors, showing the course of studies and condition of their respective classes. I ask your consideration of their suggestions and recommendations.

I submit herewith a catalogue of the students of the current session prepared by the faculty. Under the present laws of the college, it cannot be published until reviewed by the Board of Trustees at their statutory meeting. This will permit its being made public, until after the catalogues of other institutions have been distributed some months. I would suggest that some modification of the law in this respect be made. In the present instance, the local board of Trustees ordered it to be printed, in order that it might be distributed as early as possible.
In conclusion, I suggest for the consideration of the Board, the propriety of appointing some person, out of the Faculty, to take charge of the funds of the students, whose parents or guardians desire to avoid the expense of the arrangement; which duty it shall be to perform the parent or guardian of the amount of funds necessary to defray the annual expenses of his son or ward, to have the control of, to account for the same.

In compliance with the requirements of the laws, I have to state that Mr. J. Barclay M'Dowlin, Salmon G. Anderson, of the board of Trustees, attended some days of the Semi-Annual examination in February; that Mr. Barclay attended the Annual examination on the 18th of June; Mr. Anderson, on the 13th, 14th, and 15th; Mr. Christian, on the 25th.

The Annual examination commenced on the 11th of June, and continued every day, except Sundays, to the 25th inclusive.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

[Signature]