
Forty-first 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 31st, 1906.

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

ATTENDANCE. The enrolment and average attendance for the year ended today have been larger than heretofore. The total enrolment for the school session of thirty-two consecutive weeks was five hundred ten. The students have never before entered so promptly or remained in such large numbers. Many were refused admission, and quite a number of those received were admitted nearly a year before the opening of the session. The average age of the student body was twenty-three and one half years, about two thirds of whom were men and one third women. Outside of the professional departments the sexes were pretty evenly divided.

There were thirty-three young men graduated from the Leonard School of Medicine and thirteen from the School of Pharmacy. Ten young men and young women were graduated from the College and Normal departments and twenty-two were granted certificates for completing courses in the industrial departments.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION. In view of the increased attendance for the last few years and our inability to receive all who apply for admission for lack of accommodations and teaching force, and the increase of secondary schools throughout the state, I believe the requirements for admission can be safely raised. I have felt for years that the standard of admission should be raised, but I also saw that an educational plant the size of Shaw University could not meet its running expenses, if the enrollment of students did not reach a certain number. That number has now been reached and passed, and it is no longer necessary to do certain grades of work that are done in the public schools, as well as in the secondary schools of the state. I hereby request that the faculty be authorized and instructed to prepare a course of study with higher requirements for admission to the freshman classes to go into effect Oct. 1st, 1910. This will give sufficient time, through announcements in the catalogs and in the Press, to make known these requirements and enable all who intend to enter Shaw University to make the necessary preparation. Shaw University should not duplicate the work of the public, the secondary and associational schools, nor should they attempt to duplicate the work of Shaw University and other institutions of higher learning. The work of Shaw University should begin where that of these schools ends.

INCREASE IN TEACHING FORCE Attention is again called to the fact that most of the teachers have too large classes and too many recitations a day to secure the best results. It should not be overlooked that the teachers live at the institution and are in the midst of the school atmosphere every moment. Imbued with the highest altruistic motives, they enter actively into the moral and religious life of the institution, and constantly strive to develop the moral and spiritual, as well as the intellectual, life of their students. The teacher of the day school leaves the school atmosphere and environment at the close of the daily session, and, although she carries upon her heart, to her home, a deep interest in the pupils, yet there comes a daily relaxation and a free Saturday and Sunday to which a teacher in an institution like Shaw University is ^aan utter stranger.

There ought also to be one teacher of unusual attainments and preparation who should act as principal teacher or supervisor of the literary and industrial departments. Shaw University has now become so large that the President, who must be the chief executive officer, the chairman of the committee on discipline, supervisor of buildings and grounds, purchasing agent, and financial manager, as well as business agent, cannot possibly find the time to supervise the work of instruction. A principal teacher, who shall teach one or two classes a day, and one additional classroom teacher are urgently needed.

FINANCES A comparison of this with previous annual reports will show that the receipts have been larger than in any previous year. Owing to the increased cost of groceries and other supplies and the higher rates of wages, the expenditures have nearly equalled the receipts, notwithstanding a constant and most careful oversight of expenditures. The utmost economy was practised in all departments, and, had not the winter been unusually mild, the fuel bill would have been sufficiently large to cause a deficit.

In this connection I should remark that we have lost some efficient teachers because of low salaries. The cost of living has greatly increased during the last few years, but the salaries of teachers have remained practically stationary. We have had teachers imbued with the missionary spirit who wished to remain, but could not do so with the low salaries paid on account of others dependent upon them. I do not know how we can retain efficient teachers or secure efficient teachers to fill vacancies with the present rate of salaries.

IMPROVEMENTS I must renew my recommendations for an increase in the size of the chapel, dining hall, kitchen and laundry. The administration of this institution is greatly hampered by inadequate facilities for assembling and feed-

ing the students and friction arises at times that would never occur, if there was more room.

Rev. J. A. Whitted, D. D., the financial agent of Shaw University, is meeting with success and the funds are in hand for the Tupper Memorial building, the erection of which will begin during the summer vacation. If the friends of the institution will continue to uphold his hands, the necessary amount will be available at the close of the current calendar year for the much needed addition to Estey Hall. Other urgent demands are the erection of a new hospital, the conversion of the present hospital into a training school for nurses, and the fitting up of two laboratories in the Leonard Medical Building. As soon as the city extends the sewer through Smithfield Street, connections must be made with the Leonard Medical Building, the Medical dormitory and the laundry.

HOSPITAL The discontinuing of the Missionary training department permitted the converting of the building formerly used by this department into a hospital. The enlarged hospital facilities have proved very satisfactory, and more patients from Raleigh and vicinity, as well as from distant parts of the state, have been received than in any previous year. The change from the old to the new hospital was accomplished with little expense and trouble. The members of the Medical faculty, as well as Dr. M. D. Bowen, the school physician, and Miss Alice M. Emerson, Superintendent, have manifested a deep interest in all features of the work.

COMMENCEMENT The increased requirements of state boards of examiners made necessary the action which you recently took in making the sessions of the Professional departments of the same length as the literary and industrial. This will bring the next commencement of all departments on the same date, viz., May 9th, 1907. Special effort should be made to make this the most attractive commencement Shaw University has ever known and the most far-reaching in its influence for good.

MISSIONARY SPIRIT This report should not close without reference to the moral and religious life of the institution. Special Evangelistic services were conducted for about ten days by one of our graduates, Rev. George O. Bullock, pastor of the Friendship Church, Charlotte. There were a number of conversions and the spiritual life of the institution was quickened. Nearly all of the students are professed Christians. In addition to the regular Sunday services, morning afternoon and evening, the Y. M. C. A. meetings have been maintained, as well as the prayer meeting during the week and special prayer meeting on Sunday. There have been several foreign and home missionary concerts as well as several temperance meetings.

The attendance upon all these exercises has been good, even when it was voluntary, as was the case with the temperance and missionary meetings and the special Evangelistic services. Too much praise cannot be given to the faculty and the older and more advanced students for their hearty cooperation.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$ 2565.00
Board	6197.17
Contributions	501.86
Old Accounts	146.25
Slater Fund	1000.00
J. W. Leonard Fund	250.00
Sundries	52.34
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	\$10,712.62

EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies	\$ 245.10
Boarding Department	3261.67
Repairs	243.59
Additions to Property	56.65
Student Labor	32.44
Salaries :	
Dr. Jas. McKee	\$ 650.00
Dr. A. W. Knox	650.00
Dr. K. P. Battle	650.00
Dr. W. I. Royster	650.00
Dr. R. H. Lewis	325.00
Dr. J. M. Pickel	650.00
Dr. A. W. Goodwin	650.00
Superintendent of Hospital	180.00
Hosp. Attendants	316.45
Janitor Service	153.67
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	4875.12
Gratuities in Rebates	27.00
Sundries :	
Dissecting material, Hospital supplies, travelling expenses, laundry	646.17
Surplus	1324.88
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	\$10,712.62

PHARMACY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$	790.00	
Board		1044.00	
Old Accounts		45.00	
			\$ 1,879.00

EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies	\$	62.31	
Boarding Department		520.77	
Salary : C. B. Crowell		650.00	
Sundries		164.27	
Surplus		481.65	
			\$ 1,879.00

LAW DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$	96.00	
Board		144.00	
Old Accounts		86.00	
Deficit		145.63	
			\$ 471.63

EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies	\$	13.28	
Boarding Department		82.23	
Salary : E. A. Johnson		326.00	
Sundries		50.12	
			\$ 471.63

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$	3309.25	
Board		8999.05	
Contributions		625.96	
Old Accounts		259.33	
Slater Fund		1500.00	
All other sources		587.38	
Deficit		1036.82	
			\$16,317.79

EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies	\$	721.48	
Boarding Department		5783.33	
Repairs		632.35	
Special Improvements		691.14	
Student Labor		820.58	
Salaries :			
M. L. Hamilton.....	\$	400.00	
J. M. Linton, on acc't		300.00	
E. C. Pegues		400.00	
L. K. Miller		400.00	
Four Assistants.....		1085.00	
			2825.00
Other Employees		1389.51	
Gratuities in rebates		344.18	
Sundries :			
Travelling expenses, cuts for printing, etc.		2723.06	
Deficit of 1904-5		627.16	
			\$16,317.79

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

EXPENDITURES.

Chas. F. Meserve	\$ 2000.00
N. F. Roberts	800.00
A. W. Pegues	800.00
M. D. Bowen	500.00
C. R. Frazer	650.00
J. L. Levister	600.00
G. A. Edwards	800.00
Ida J. Brown	500.00
Jennie M. Linton, on acc't	100.00
Lena A. Johnson	450.00
Charlotte Murray	480.00
Addie E. Whittier	400.00
Emily C. Ayer	400.00
	----- \$ 8,480.00

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Medical Department	\$ 10,712.62
Pharmacy Department	1,879.00
Law Department	326.00
Literary Department	15,280.97
Appropriations for Salaries	8,480.00
	----- \$36,678.59

EXPENDITURES.

Medical Department	\$ 9,387.74
Pharmacy Department	1,397.35
Law Department	471.63
Literary Department	16,317.79
Salaries from Appropriations	8,480.00
Surplus	624.08
	----- \$ 36,678.59

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MESERVE,

President.