
Thirty-Ninth 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, 1904.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I herewith submit my tenth annual report, which is the thirty-ninth since the establishment of the institution. The enrollment for the year ended May 31st was 499. This is the largest since I have been connected with the institution, and the largest in any year since the standard of admission was raised. On account of limited accommodations we were obliged to refuse a large number of applicants, and for several months we had a waiting list.

The year has not been satisfactory financially. The weather has been the severest that I have known since I came to the State, and this necessitated the purchasing of a larger amount of fuel than ordinarily. Groceries and other supplies have also been high. These two factors, with a slight increase in wages paid, account for the deficit. It ought to be said in this connection that \$300.00 were contributed at the last State Convention and sent to the Home Mission Society for the benefit of the Theological Department. The collections have been well kept up, and to-day there is but \$308.85 due from the students in all departments.

The Cooking School has been in successful operation during the year, and has been very popular. As only one teacher was employed, instruction could not be given to all the girls, every one of whom was anxious to receive it.

The heating plant has been very satisfactory, and I do not see how we could have avoided closing up some of our dormitories during our severe weather, if the system of heating from a central plant had not been introduced.

Only minor repairs have been made during the year, as the buildings generally were in fairly good condition. The hospital, the shops, and all the tin roofs have been painted, and most of this work was done by our students. The industrial work has been extended by the addition of a masonry and bricklaying department and also house painting. The institution is now in condition to make nearly all repairs that may be called for upon any of the buildings or in any department. Several of the buildings need painting, and this can be done under the direction of the Superintendent of the Industrial Departments during the next school year. During the summer vacation considerable work needs to be done on the walls and ceilings of the dormitories. The most urgent improvements needed are fire escapes on Estey, Shaw and the Medical Dormitory. These buildings are reasonably protected, but there ought to be an additional fire escape upon the east end of Estey. The veranda on the

west end of Shaw should be rebuilt and extended to the fourth story, and there should be fire escapes on both ends of the Medical Dormitory. The Medical Dormitory, like the other two buildings, is fairly well protected, for, above the first floor, there are two flights of stairs, at either end of the building. Long ropes, securely fastened, have also been placed in the west end of Shaw Hall on the third and fourth floors.

The year closing to-day has been one of the most trying in my administration. The large attendance has crowded the dormitories, and the lack of rooms for the teachers has made it necessary in three instances to hire rooms away from the campus. There ought to be a large addition to Estey to provide room for the girls' industrial work and save the crowding in the dormitories. It has been utterly impossible to seat comfortably in our dining-room the large number of students. The laundry has also been unequal to the demands made upon it. It is absolutely necessary to keep the attendance at about the present enrollment in order to meet the running expenses of the institution, and we can not continue our present enrollment in comfort without the additional improvements called for. If there were erected a large central building to contain the chapel, fourteen or fifteen class-rooms, library and offices, the present office building could be devoted entirely to the use of the teachers and the basement of Shaw building could be cut up into dormitories. A large substantial building for the men's industrial department is needed to meet the increased demands. This, together with the other improvements suggested, would relieve the pressure under which we have suffered during the past year. The hospital has been somewhat improved, but we need a larger and better equipped building. The operating room has been completed, and is one of the finest in this part of the country, and none anywhere could be better adapted to the purpose for which it is designed. The chemical laboratory in the Leonard Medical Building has not yet been completed for lack of means. It will be utterly impossible to keep up the standard of our medical school unless the laboratory is provided, and also a biological laboratory where microscopic work can be carried on. We have no laboratory in any of the literary departments, and work in the natural sciences can not be done to meet the demands of the day. The teaching force has also been insufficient for the large number of students enrolled, and some of the classes have been larger than a teacher ought to be required to carry.

I have recently learned that the Trustees of the Slater Fund have appropriated \$2,500.00 for the next year for Shaw. You remember that I stated in my last report that they had increased the appropriation \$500.00 on condition that the institution would raise \$500.00 additional. This we were not able to do, and therefore did not get the increase promised.

The Law Department has been conducted as last year, and has not been a financial drain as it was for several years.

The moral and religious life of the institution during the year has been good. There were special revival services in the early part of the year, and several conversions resulted. Prayer, Temperance and Missionary meetings, and the weekly gatherings of the literary societies have been well sustained. The behaviour of the students in all departments has on the whole been very satisfactory.

I wish to call your attention to the Missionary Training School, which has been conducted as a department of Shaw University for eleven years. The attendance this year has been only nine, and there seems to be a lack of intelligent interest on the part of the people in the work of this department. In view of the lack of interest and the crowded condition of the other departments, I believe it would be best for this department to be discontinued after proper notice has been given to the Women's Society in Chicago. The Missionary Training department has two teachers who have been faithful and conscientious in the discharge of their duties, and the students have also received instruction in sewing in the girls' department. The buildings could be used for a hospital, or they could be made to relieve the pressure in Estey or the office building. I do not make this recommendation because I am not in hearty sympathy with the school or because I do not realize fully the important character of its work. The small attendance shows that there is a lack of appreciation on the part of the people, and for this reason I recommend its discontinuance.

If the recommendations that I have made in regard to improvements and enlargements can be carried out, the efficiency of the institution will be much greater. I do not believe it is best to enroll over five or six hundred students at the most, and I am not aiming at any special increase in attendance. We must, however, provide proper conveniences for a number equal to the attendance of the last two years, or we can not continue to make satisfactory progress. This is a favorable time to inaugurate improvements, for there is a very close sympathy between the people, the State Convention and the University, and there is also a growing recognition on the part of the white people of the service Shaw University is rendering the colored people of North Carolina and the entire South.

In our student body this year we have had representatives from every Southern State and many of the Northern States, as well as Africa, Central America, South America, the West Indies and Canada. More than two hundred and fifty students have already been admitted for the next school year.

At the April Commencement, twenty-one were graduated in Medicine and seven in Pharmacy. At the May Commencement three were graduated from the Missionary Training School, four from the College and Normal Departments, and fourteen in the Industrial Departments were given certificates.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$2063.00
Board	5764.25
Contributions	411.15
Old accounts	69.74
Slater Fund	1000.00
J. W. Leonard Fund	250.00
Sundries	90.98
Deficit	1633.05
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	\$11,282.17

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	\$342.01
Boarding department	2672.75
Repairs	231.34
Additions to property	232.29
Student labor	258.58
Salaries:	
Jas. McKee	\$650.00
A. W. Knox	650.00
K. P. Battle	650.00
W. I. Royster	650.00
R. H. Lewis	325.00
J. M. Pickel	650.00
A. W. Goodwin	650.00
Hosp. nurse	145.93
Hosp. superintendent	148.75
Janitor and stenographer	680.34
Literary teachers' services	1326.13
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	6526.15
Sundries:	
Dissecting material, diplomas, printing, travelling expenses, rebates, etc.	1019.05
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	11,282.17

PHARMACY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$662.00
Board	1010.00
Contributions	50.00
Old accounts	8.00
Deficit	584.13
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	2,314.12

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	\$94.22	
Boarding department	736.36	
Salaries:		
Wm. Simpson	\$100.00	
C. B. Crowell	550.00	
Service of janitor and stenographer	187.44	
Service of literary teachers.....	365.36	
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Sundries:		
Diplomas, etc.	280.75	
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LAW DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$116.00	
Board	218.00	
Old accounts	12.00	
Deficit	292.59	
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EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	\$3.85	
Boarding department	192.00	
Salary—E. A. Johnson	334.00	
Rebate	76.00	
Sundries	32.74	
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LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$2884.62	
Board	8278.79	
Contributions	1462.09	
Old accounts	112.71	
Slater Fund	1500.00	
All other sources	264.56	
Proportional sum from L. M. S.	6432.30	
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EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	222.49
Boarding department	11102.19
Repairs	1332.61
Special improvements	227.33
Student labor	757.03

Salaries:

M. L. Hamilton	\$400.00
J. M. Linton, on account	187.50
A. S. Hayward, on account	112.50
M. M. Roberts	200.00
I. L. Bronson	400.00
L. Riddick, on account	20.00
M. Hamlin, on account	180.00
Five assistants	1120.00
Other employees	1269.05

 3889.05

Gratuities in rebates 339.50

Sundries:

Travelling expenses, printing, diplomas, etc.	1893.03
Cooking school	339.17
Deficit 1902-1903	540.08
Surplus	292.59

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LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS.

A. B. H. M. S.	\$8180.00
Woman's Society, Chicago	680.00

 8,860.00

EXPENDITURES.

Chas. F. Meserve	2000.00
N. F. Roberts	650.00
A. W. Pegues	800.00
M. D. Bowen	500.00
C. R. Frazer	500.00
J. L. Levister	600.00
G. A. Edwards	800.00
Ida J. Brown	500.00
Jennie M. Linton, on account	62.50
Abby L. Williams	450.00
Charlotte Murray	480.00
Martha A. Harris	400.00
Annie S. Hayward, on account	37.50
Emily C. Ayer	400.00
Emma L. Miller	360.00
May C. Hamilton	320.00

 8,860.00

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Medical Department	\$9649.12
Pharmacy Department	1730.00
Law Department	346.00
Literary Department	14502.77
Appropriations for salaries	8860.00
Deficit	2217.18
	\$37,305.07

EXPENDITURES.

Medical Department	4849.87
Pharmacy Department	2314.13
Law Department	638.59
Literary Department	20642.48
Salaries from appropriations	8860.00
	37,305.07

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MESERVE,

President.