
THIRTY-THIRD 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, 1898.*

DEAR BRETHREN: On this closing day of the fiscal year I herewith submit my fourth annual report, which is the thirty third since the establishment of the institution. The enrolment of students for the year ended to day is 352, twelve less than last year. The prevalence of yellow fever in the South last summer and autumn, and the low price of cotton, made the outlook very unfavorable for a large attendance and a good year's work. We have, however, been happily disappointed both in the attendance and the quality of the work done. Instead of a large falling off, we have almost held our own; and, notwithstanding the financial depression, we have closed the year with only a small indebtedness. There is more than enough due from students that will be paid promptly in October to meet this deficit, which amounts to \$138, and was caused by a necessary and authorized purchase of apparatus in the medical department. The deficit does not appear in the appended financial report for the reason that the bill is not yet due.

Largely through help from friends in various parts of the country, we have been able to make some improvements this year. The theological room has been remodeled and is now a neat and attractive room. The two old printing rooms have been converted into a beautiful and well-appointed room for the use of the Young Men's Christian Association. Through the liberality of Mrs. Judson Wade Leonard, of Hampden, Mass., the exterior of the Leonard Medical Building has been painted. The city has curbed South street the entire distance between Wilmington and Blount, and will soon pave the gutters and macadamize the driveway. We shall then be obliged to construct a brick side-

walk the entire distance at our own expense. I am informed that the University will have to pay one-fourth the cost of macadamizing the street, though I have as yet received no official communication relative thereto.

The interior of the Leonard Medical Building and of Shaw Building are greatly in need of repairs. Little, if anything, has been done to the interior of these buildings since they were erected many years ago; \$5,000 ought to be expended at once in refitting and refurnishing. Excellent school-rooms can be fitted up at a comparatively slight expense in the basement of Shaw Hall. As I stated in my last report, we are in need of apparatus and laboratory appliances in both the literary and medical departments. Nothing has been done yet toward providing the steam-heating plant that is so urgently called for.

The greatest need of the professional department is a new hospital building with room for a nurse training school. We have had the largest attendance in the medical department in the history of the institution, and everywhere the standing of the Leonard Medical School is most excellent. There ought to be an outlay of \$10,000 for a well-equipped hospital and nurse training school that should be open for the entire year. It ought also to be well endowed, for it is practically impossible for the colored people in their poverty to pay for their medical attendance, medicine, care and nursing in the hospital.

There ought also to be a larger teaching force in the literary department. In some instances teachers have had a class of forty pupils; with this number it is utterly impossible to do the best work.

I am much gratified at the forward steps that are being taken in our theological work. The new course of study prepared by Dr. MacVicar meets with our hearty approval, and I am sure, with the plans now under way, that we shall make this department even more useful and popular than in the past. We were very much disappointed at the sudden and unexpected resignation of Prof. Scott just after our

last year's commencement. We have been very fortunate, however, in obtaining Prof. A. W. Pegues, Ph.D., who is widely and favorably known through the entire South. He has conducted the department very satisfactorily, and I am pleased to announce that he will continue with us. He has shown himself not only interested in the institution, but also in the New Era Institutes, and has attended many of them, and has thus brought the ministry into a closer touch with his department.

The appropriation from the Trustees of the Slater Fund was continued last year, and Dr. Curry, the agent, informs me that the Trustees have voted the usual amount for the next fiscal year. I would again call your attention to his statement that these appropriations cannot continue unless we do more and better work along the various industrial lines. He is pleased with the character and quality of what we are doing, but it is not being carried on on such an extended scale as he desires. It would be a great blow to the institution should we lose this appropriation. The industrial work in both the men's and women's departments has been carried on very successfully, and much credit is due Mr. Gilbert Tolman and Miss Charlotte Murray, who have had charge of these departments.

The year has been one of unusual care and anxiety on account of the difficulty in securing contributions, and also on account of the increased cost of many of the necessaries of life. It seemed at one time as though we should close the year with a large deficit, but a kind Providence has guided us and touched the hearts of many friends who have rendered us financial aid.

There has been an active and healthy religious interest throughout the entire school year. I cannot characterize the religious life of the institution better than by telling you that almost without exception our students are church members.

This report ought not to close without calling attention

to the excellent spirit that has characterized, as a whole, my fellow-workers in all departments through the entire year.

I herewith append my financial report that has this day been forwarded to Mr. W. P. Plant, Assistant Treasurer:

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand October 1, 1897.....	\$376.43
Tuition	1,024.00
Board	2,377.91
Contributions	1,000.46
Old accounts	72.94
Slater fund.....	1,000.00
J. W. Leonard Fund.....	175.00
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	\$6,026.74

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	\$60.90
Boarding department.....	291.51
Repairs	231.35
Special improvements.....	5.50
James McKee, salary.....	600.00
A. W. Knox	600.00
K. P. Battle	600.00
W. I. Royster.....	600.00
R. H. Lewis	300.00
H. K. Miller.....	550.00
A. W. Goodwin.....	600.00
Nurses at hospital.....	111.65
Paid for students' labor.....	17.00
Material for dissection.....	78.60
Medicines, drugs, etc., for hospital.....	82.62
Diplomas, printing, etc.....	88.75
Traveling expenses	184.30
Surplus	1,024.56
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	\$6,026.74

LAW DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$174 00
Board	196 37
Old accounts	11.63
Contributions	100.00
Deficiency	295.54
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	\$777.54

EXPENDITURES.

E. A. Johnson, salary	\$600.00
R. H. Battle	115.00
For students' labor	18.00
Fuel	36.54
Catalogs and printing	8.00
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	\$777 54

PHARMACY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$145 00
Board	242.00
Old accounts	28.62
Contributions	100.00
Deficiency	222.28
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	\$737.90

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Simpson, salary	\$600.00
For students' labor	12.00
Fuel	100.90
Catalogs, printing, etc	25.00
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	\$737.90

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	\$1,849.61
Board	4,911.72
Contributions	466.44
Old accounts	133.71
All other sources	33.00
Deficiency	506.74
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	\$7,901.22

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	\$ 309.35
Boarding department	4,727.28
Repairs	569.86
Special improvements	786.15
For students' labor	208.50
Salaries	65.00
Gratuities, in money	80.60
Gratuities, in rebates	95.01
Traveling expenses, catalogs, printing, stationery, etc	1,059.47
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	\$7,901.22

SALARIES, LITERARY AND INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation from the American Baptist Home Mission Society	\$7,280.00
John F. Slater Fund	1,500.00
Woman's Society, Chicago	680.00
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	\$9,460.00

EXPENDITURES.

Charles F. Meserve	\$2,000.00
N. F. Roberts	650 00
N. C. Bruce	650.00
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Amount carried forward	\$3,300.00

Amount brought forward	\$3,300.00
M. D. Bowen	500.00
C. W. Jewett	900.00
A. W. Pegues	800.00
Lizzie B. Gibbs	500.00
Margaret L. Hamilton	400.00
Ella C. Pegues	400.00
Ida J. Brown	450.00
Lovina A. Haywood	450.00
Charlotte Murray	480.00
Gilbert Tolman	600.00
Emma L. Miller	360.00
May C. Hamilton	320.00

\$9,460.00

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Medical Department	\$6,026.74
Law Department	482.00
Pharmacy Department	515.62
Literary Department	7,394.48
Appropriations for salaries	9,460.00

\$23,878.84

EXPENDITURES.

Medical Department	\$5,002.18
Law Department	777.54
Pharmacy Department	737.90
Literary Department	7,901.22
Salaries: Literary, Industrial and Missionary Train- ing Departments	9,460.00

\$23,878.84

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. RESERVE,
President.