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OF THE

Baltimore Female College,

TO THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF MARYLAND.

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R E P O R T .

*To the Honorable,
the General Assembly of Maryland :*

The Trustees of the Baltimore Female College, in accordance with the requirements of the General Laws in relation to Schools and Colleges, beg leave to submit to the General Assembly of Maryland their Fourth Annual Report :

This Seminary of Learning, instituted for the liberal education of young ladies, was created a College proper by the Legislature of Maryland, December Session 1849, with authority to confer degrees and endowed with all the rights and privileges of the most favored female institutions. There are two departments of instruction in the College, the Preparatory Department and the Collegiate Department, with their appropriate branches of learning. The course of study in the former is three years, designated by as many different classes; in the latter it is four years, with four regular classes.

The course of instruction is as extensive as in most Colleges for gentlemen, and is intended to develop the intellectual, social and moral faculties, and by imparting a thorough, practical, accomplished and Christian education, fit the pupil for the faithful discharge of the responsible duties that await her in life.

The College is situated on St. Paul street, in a retired, yet pleasant part of the city, near the centre, and has cost in the aggregate for its grounds, buildings, apparatus, furniture and appointments, about \$50,000. The buildings have been arranged with great judgment, and have study and recitation rooms separate, with every convenience for boarding and day pupils. The accommodations are ample for two hundred and fifty pupils and one hundred boarders. There is a fine library of over 3000 volumes, to which the pupils have access, comprising works on antiquities, ancient and modern history, biography, science, voyages, travels, criticism, poetry, the fine arts and general literature. There is also a valuable chemical and philosophical apparatus, cabinets of minerals, gems, coins and medals, with models, globes, maps and other ample means of illustration in the different branches of study.

Under an able and energetic Faculty, the College had achieved an enviable reputation, which attracted a large patronage, not only from Maryland and the adjoining States, but from the South and West amounting in all to 175 pupils. The war interrupted this prosperity, but the institution is again reviving and during the past collegiate year enrolled 120 pupils. The indications are, that during the present year the attendance will be larger.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

Nathan Covington Brooks, L. L. D., President, Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages.

Horace A. Brooks, M. D., Professor of the Mathematics and National Sciences.

Miss Kate A. Bradley, Preceptress, Teacher of English and Belles-Letters.

Miss Zada Haywood, Teacher of the English Branches and Mathematics.

Madame Armand Dubreuil, French Language and Literature.

Mr. R. L. Peet, Professor of the German Language and Literature.

Mr. August Weidneback, Professor of Drawing and Painting.

Mr. John A. Schaeffer, Professor of Instrumental Music.

Miss Harriet Vail Brooks, Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Mrs. A. L. Polster, Instructress on the Piano and Guitar.

Shortly after the institution of the College, a normal class was formed for the systematic and thorough training of young ladies for the useful and responsible duties of teachers. The favor with which this feature of instruction was regarded by the public and the demand for teachers, who had graduated in the College, induced the trustees to seek the extension of the Normal Department by obtaining the aid of the State. Accordingly in 1860, they asked and obtained from the Legislature of Maryland an annual endowment of \$1,500 for the establishment of free scholarships, upon which one pupil from each county in the State, and from the city of Baltimore, without charge for tuition or books, is instructed in all the branches, taught in the College, both ordinary and ornamental, and trained with special reference to the profession of teaching.

In all the other endowed Colleges and Academies of the State, the amount paid by the State for the tuition of each

beneficiary pupil is \$100 per annum, while in the Baltimore Female College, the expense to the State for a pupil instructed in all the expensive branches is but \$68, and by the conditions of the endowment this amount is not paid unless the pupil has been in actual attendance. At this trifling expense to the State, an able body of teachers is thus being reared up whose efficient service in the cause of education will more than compensate the State for the money expended upon their training.

Should the proposed general system of public education be adopted, and it be thought advisable to afford some of the young ladies of the schools who may wish to become teachers the means of instruction in a higher grade of studies than are pursued in the Female High Schools, that may be established, we beg leave respectfully to suggest, that the Baltimore Female College may, to a greater extent, be rendered available to the State as a Normal School, by the establishment of an additional number of scholarships. The College already sustains the relation of a Normal School to the State, and the President, Dr. N. C. Brooks, is not only an educator of great experience and success, but having been for nine years at the head of Public Education in the city of Baltimore, as Principal of the Male Central High School, is also familiar with the wants of the schools, and all the necessary qualifications of teachers.

The expense to the State, of additional scholarships, as suggested, would be but trifling as compared with that of a new State Normal School.

On the foundation of the twenty-two free scholarships, established by the State, twenty-one young ladies have been in attendance at the College during the present year. The appointments are made by the Orphans' court of the several counties. The following are the names of the pupils :

Allegany.—Miss Alice McMichael.

Anne Arundel.—Miss Annie Linthicum.

Baltimore county.—Miss Victoria Holmes, Miss Mary E. Brown.

Baltimore city.—Miss Marian Tindell.

Calvert.—Miss Gertrude Alice Dixon.

Caroline.—Miss Mary E. Hobbs.

Carroll.—Miss Emma V. Shower.

Cecil.—Miss Nannie Thomas.

Charles.—Miss Rebecca Dent Burroughs.

Dorchester.—Miss Mary H. Bayly, (appointed.)

Frederick.—Miss Laura A. Barrack.

Harford.—Miss Sarah L. Webster.

Howard.—Miss Fannie Anderson.

Kent.—Miss Araminta F. Stanley.

Montgomery.—Miss Mary A. Witman.

Prince George's.—Miss Cora A. Medley.

Queen Anne's.—Miss Anne F. Russell.

Somerset.—Miss Lizzie H. Gunby.

St. Mary's.—Miss Francis Fowler.

Talbot.—Miss Annie L. Benson.

Washington.—Miss Alice L. Gray.

Worcester.—Miss E. H. Fleming, Miss Georgiana Mumford.

From Dorchester county Miss Mary F. Bayly was appointed but from some cause failed to attend. We hope to have the vacancy filled at an early day. A vacancy at present exists in the scholarship for Anne Arundel county, but we learn from the Register of Wills that there are several applicants, and we suppose an appointment will be made in a few days.

The young ladies have the privilege either of boarding with their friends or in the College. Of the twenty-one pupils above mentioned, ten board in the College, the rest in the city with their friends.

All of which is respectfully submitted,


on behalf of the Trustees,

WM. HAMILTON,

President Board of Trustees.

JAMES M. LESTER, *Secretary.*

Baltimore Female College, December 31st, 1864.



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