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REPORT.

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of Maryland :

The Trustees of the Baltimore Female College in submitting to the Legislature of Maryland the Seventh Annual Statement of said institution, are happy to report that it is in a flourishing condition, though it has not regained the prosperity it formerly enjoyed, owing to the impoverished state of the section from which it derived its chief foreign patronage.

The college was instituted in 1849, and incorporated the same year by the Legislature of the State. Its course of study is liberal, and calculated to afford students the advantages of a thorough, practical and accomplished education, suited to the character and sphere of woman, with such special training as is necessary to prepare young ladies for the profession of a teacher.

As education became diffused over the State, with an increased demand for teachers, it was of the first importance to the community that the teachers, instead of coming from other States, with sentiments at variance with our manners and institutions, should be reared and educated among us. With these views the Trustees of the college sought to make it instrumental in rearing a body of competent native teachers by asking the aid of the State in establishing free scholarships, upon which one pupil from each county in the State, and one from the city of Baltimore, should be instructed in all the branches of study pursued in the college, with special training to fit them to become teachers. For the education of these young ladies, (twenty-two in all,) the State granted to the college an annual donation of twenty-two hundred dollars. The important service rendered to the cause of education by this normal training may be inferred from the fact that of 174 graduates who have completed their studies in the college, 62 have become teachers, while of the undergraduates 27 have devoted themselves to the same profession.

During the year the different counties have been represented by the following young ladies, six of whom boarded in the college, the rest boarded with their friends :

Allegany County—Miss Alice McMichael.

Anne Arundel County—Miss Kate H. Sprogle.
 Baltimore County—Miss Annie M. Torrington.
 Baltimore City—Miss Marian Tindell.
 Caroline County—Miss Ida F. Vernon.
 Carroll County—Miss Emma V. Shower.
 Cecil County—Miss Charlotte R. Russell.
 Charles County—Miss Lottie G. Cooksey.
 Dorchester County—Miss E. Frazer North.
 Frederick County—Miss Laura R. Barrick.
 Harford County—Miss Alice M. Numbers.
 Howard County—Miss Jennie Latchford.
 Kent County—Miss Lucy E. Miller.
 Montgomery County—Miss Mary E. Higgins.
 Prince George's County—Miss Rose A. Bushell.
 Queen Anne's County—Miss Sarah L. Thawley.
 Somerset County—Miss Henrietta E. H. Griffin.
 St. Mary's County—Miss Mary F. Fowler.
 Talbot County—Miss Annie L. Benson.
 Washington County—Miss Mary E. Hagerman.
 Worcester County—Miss Georgiana Mumford.

Besides the young ladies educated on the free scholarships established by the State, many others avail themselves of the advantages of normal training, with the view of becoming teachers.

The Society for the Education of Southern Children has placed four young ladies in the college to be educated for teachers, who are admitted to gratuitous instruction in all the branches of study pursued in the institution. This consideration seemed due to a section from which the college had formerly enjoyed a liberal patronage.

During the past session of the Legislature a joint committee of the Senate and House of Delegates was appointed to visit the institutions in Baltimore which are beneficiaries of the State, and in their report spoke in commendation of the college, and recommended it to the continued fostering care of the State.

The buildings and appointments of the college are extensive and convenient, and amply sufficient for one hundred boarders and more than a hundred day pupils. The college has a good library of near 3,700 volumes, with chemical and

philosophical apparatus for experiments and illustration, with cabinets of minerals, medals, gems, coins, &c., &c.

During the year 122 pupils have been in attendance, of whom 53 are boarders. Some board in the cottage with the President, others with their friends. Twenty-one of the pupils are from the South, and come from the States of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Texas.

The Faculty of Instruction in the college is as follows :

N. C. Brooks, L. L. D., President and Professor of Ancient Languages.

Thomas Lucy, A. M., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science.

James A. Bartley, A. M., Professor of Belles-Lettres, &c.

M. Von der Hoehl, Professor of German.

August Weidenbach, Professor of Painting and Drawing.

Miss Lydia Fletcher, Preceptress, Belles-Lettres and Physiology.

Miss Sarah M. Wyatt, English and History.

Miss Emma E. Gooding, English Branches.

Madame A. Deubreuil, French Language.

Madame A. R. Bonavita, Piano and Singing.

Mrs. E. A. Polster, Piano and Guitar.

Mrs. Juliet Workman, Vocal Music.

Since the endowment of the college, two new Senatorial districts have been formed in Baltimore city, and the county of Wicomico has been erected, for which we would respectfully ask that new scholarships be established, though in view of the great population of Baltimore—the magnitude of her educational interests, and the amount which she pays into the Treasury of the State, she might justly claim more than a single pupil for each Senatorial district.

As it has not been found convenient to hold annual elections of the Trustees by the stockholders, as provided in the charter of the college, we would ask that it be provided by statute that the present board of Trustees be a permanent body, with power to fill such vacancies as may from time to time occur, by death, removal from the city or resignation.

The vast importance of female education to the State is obvious, yet the number of female institutions under the patronage of the State is small, while there are many academies and colleges for young men endowed by the State. The Baltimore Fe-

male College, as an educational seminary and a normal school, has rendered good service for the patronage it has received, with this peculiarity, that it has not at any time received any money without rendering a due equivalent, for it draws of the annual donation only a *pro rata* amount according to the number of pupils actually educated. We, therefore, beg leave to commend to your support the institution under our charge, as eminently worthy of your fostering care.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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