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First Year

GENERAL INTRODUCTION.—An Outlook over the Field of Theological Study; The Order and Methods of Study, Aids, etc.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.—Greek (*Elective):—Grammatical Exercises and Studies in the Gospels, Acts and Epistle to the Galatians. Introduction:—Origin and History of the Sacred Canon; its Genuineness, Authenticity, Inspiration; Scripture Geography, with Map Drawing, Bible Archæology and Chronology.

ENGLISH BIBLE.—Study of the Books: Introduction and Analysis; Practical Expository Exercises, together with Use of Concordance, Commentaries and other Bible Helps.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY, —Sacred History; Planting and Training of the Christian Church; Historical Introduction and Outlines of Church History.

Systematic Theology.—Psychology; Evidences of Christianity; Being and Attributes of God.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—Introduction to Practical Theology; Lectures on the Office and Work of the Christian Ministry; Preparation for the Work; Elements of Power in the Minister; Character and Sermons of Eminent Preachers; Rhetorical Exercises; Natural Methods of Delivery.

ELOCUTION.—Physical and Voice Culture; Principals of Expression.

^{*}Except for Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

Second Year

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.—Hebrew (Elective*): Harper's Introductory Method and Manual, and Elements of Hebrew. Greek (Elective*):—Studies in Romans and Ephesians. Introduction: Lectures on the Canon, Manuscripts, Versions and other Ancient Authorities; Textual Analysis and Criticism.

ENGLISH BIBLE.—Study of the Books, continued; Expository Exercises.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Church History to the Close of the Reformation; History of Christian Doctrine.

Systematic Theology.—Being and Attributes of God; Trinity; Providence; Doctrine of Man.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—Homiletics: 1. The Idea of the Sermon. 2. The Building of the Sermon:—Text—Sources, Uses, Rules for the Selection and Interpretation of Texts; Introduction; Body of the Sermon—Plan, Divisions, Development, Arrangement; Conclusion; Materials for Sermons; Collection, Preservation, Illustrations, etc. Practical Exercises in the Homiletic Study of Scripture Passages. 3. The Delivery of the Sermon:—Natural Methods, Extemporaneous Preaching and Sermonic Criticism.

ELOCUTION.—Physical and Vocal Culture; Principals of Expression; Reading of the Bible and Hymns, and Delivery of Sermons and Addresses.

Third Year

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.—Hebrew (Elective*): Further Studies in the Pentateuch and Historical Books of the Old Testament. Expository Studies in the Hebrews and Pastoral Epistles; Lectures and Exercises in Interpretation; Advice as to the Selection of Commentaries and other Helps.

ENGLISH BIBLE.—Study of the Books, continued; Expository Exercises.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Modern Church History; Missions; History of Methodism; Ecclesiastical Statistics and Review of Religious Progress.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—Person and Work of Christ; Office of the Holy Spirit; Redemption, its Grounds, Conditions, Provis-

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ions; the Intermediate State; Second Coming of Christ; Resurrection; Judgment; Heaven and Hell; the Church; Sacrements; Christian Ethics; Articles of Religion; Original Constructive Work in Doctrinal Theology; Special Studies in Evidences, Christian Experience, Atonement, or other Doctrines.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—Pastoral Office and Duties:—Pastoral Visiting and Care of the Flock; The Pastor as a Man among Men; His Relation to Reformatory and Social Issues; Church Management and Work; Prayer and Class Meetings; the Conduct of Revivals; the Training of Converts; Benevolences; Church Plans and Building Catechetics: Sunday Schools; Children's Classes; Sermons to Children. Liturgies: Conduct of Public Worship; Public Prayer; Reading of the Scriptures and Hymns; Hymnology; Administration of the Sacrements; Pulpit Decorum.— Ecclesiastscal Law and the Discipline: Charters and Deeds of Church Property; Homiletical Exercises and Preaching.

ELOCUTION.—Reading of the Bible, Hymns, Ritual, and Delivery of Sermons and Addresses.

Note.—When a Study is elected, it must be for the Entire Course, except by special permission of the Faculty.

Special Course

Note.—Attention is called to the "Special Course," designed for local preachers and ministers of limited advantages desiring a brief practical course of instruction in the Bible, Theology, Church History Preaching and the various forms of Church Work. It covers one year or more. Local preachers and other lay workers should avail themselves of its advantages.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.—Methods of Bible Study; Bible Geography, Chronology, Manners and Customs, etc.; How the Bible was Made; Expository Exercises; Studies in the Life of Christ and Acts of the Apostles.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Outlines of Bible History; Outlines of Church History; Studies in the History of Methodism.

Systematic Theology.—Doctrines of Methodism; Outlines of Biblical Theology.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—The Preacher and his work; Sermonic Outlines, and Drills in the Planning and Making of Sermons; the Homiletical Use of the Bible; Bible Readings; Various Meetings and How to Conduct them.

ELOCUTION AND RHETORIC.—Physical and Voice Culture; Principles of Expression; Reading of the Bible and Hymns; Delivery of Sermons, and Rhetorical Exercises.

General Information

Aims and Methods

The aim of this Seminary is to do practical work in helping men to success in the ministry. Its course of study is broad and practical; its ideals are high; its work is thorough; its methods are fresh, systematic, clear and simple. The course of study and methods of instruction will be adapted to the culture and capacity of those who seek its advantages.

We study the Word of God. The Bible is our chief text-book. All our studies encircle the Word. We aim to make its teachings plain, its doctrines luminous, and to furnish the best methods for its exegesis, explanation and illustration to the people. We want to send forth men trained in the Scriptures; men who know their Bible, and can explain its teachings plainly in the light of modern learning, and who are equipped with the best methods of interpretation:—in short, our aim is to send forth able ministers of the Word, who can give clearly defined views of its doctrines and abundantly support them by a "Thus saith the Lord." To teach a biblical theology—to unfold a Christ-centered theology expressed in Scriptural terms—is the aim of this Seminary.

The latest and most approved methods of instruction are employed. The end is not simply to memorize text books, though the best works available are used in connection with the class work. Part of the work is done through lectures, with clear and pointed outlines and thorough reviews. Practical expositions of Scripture, drills by blackboard exercises in the planning and construction of sermons, original work in drawing out schemes of doctrine from the Bible text are much employed. Special atten-

tion is also given to essays and discussions by the class. Through the course there are extempore addresses and sermons by the students, followed by the kind and helpful criticism of the professors.

The design of the Seminary is to send out earnest, practical, evangelical preachers, who shall do intelligent and loyal service for Christ and the Church.

Control and Management

The Seminary is under the general control of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in connection with a special Board of Trustees. It is in the broadest sense denominational—not sectarian—and cordially welcomes minis ers and candidates of all evangelical denominations to the full privileges of the institution. After personal visitation and examination into the character and work of the S minary, the hearty endorsement of the bishops and other leading men of various denominations, has been given to the institution. The fact that during the past year there were eighty-four students in attendance, representing sixteen States, one foreign country and more than a score of institutions of learning, and five denominations, is a testimony to the wide influence and catholic spirit of this central theological seminary of the South.

Admission

Each candidate for admission to the Seminary must bring satisfactory testimonials from the official board or Quarterly Conference of his church, as to his personal religious character and fitness for the ministry. If already a minister he may produce his credentials.

Ministers and candidates of all evangelical denominations are welcome to the full privileges of the Institution. Applicants from

other Churches will bring certificates from their pastors or other church officials.

Candidates must show proficiency in the English branches. Students desiring to avail themselves of the advantages of Clark University, located on an adjoining campus, can do so.

The attention of the Presiding Elders and Pastors is directed to the following provision of the Discipline. Their co-operation is earnestly asked in reference to this law of the Church,

"All candidates for our ministry are earnestly advised to attend one or more of the literary and theological institutions of our Church before applying to an annual Conference for admission on trial."

"Our Theological Schools, whose professors are nominated or confirmed by the Bishops, exist for the benefit of the whole Church, and it is the duty of the presiding elders and pastors to direct the attention of our ministry to the advantages afforded in these institutions."

Free Tuition and Aid

The Seminary grants free tuition as well as free rooms to its regular students. The rooms are comfortably furnished. Books are supplied at a discount of from twenty to thirty per cent. from publishers' list prices.

Aid from loans without interest, and gifts of friends are granted to deserving students who do their utmost in the way of self-help. All aid is promised subject to approval by the Faculty after examination of candidates as to their Christian character and their possession of good natural talents and a fair education. No young man with grace, gifts and energy need be deprived of the advantages now opened to him in this Seminary. Many opportunities are presented for self-support in this rapidly-growing and thriving business city to active and intelligent young men. The numerous missions and churches of different denominations in and about Atlanta give employment to quite a number of ministers in the Seminary.

Through the generous interest of friends eight beautiful cottages of three and five rooms each have been erected on the grounds for the use of married students. It should be distinctly understood

that these cottages are for those ministers only who entered upon the marriage relation before the opportunity for a theological education was opened to them. Formal application for cottages, free of rent, should be made early. Necessary heavy furniture has been provided for these homes.

We gratefully recognize the work that the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church is doing for needy candidates for the ministry, and urge upon pastors attention to its claims.

Expenses

The expenses have always been kept at the lowest possible point consistent with the comfort and health of students. Tuition and room-rent are free. The apartments of students are plainly furnished and no charge is made for the use of furniture and bedding. An incidental fee of sixteen dollars per year (fifteen if paid in advance) is made, which includes the use of the Library and Reading-Room and the expense of steam-heating, lighting and furnishing of the rooms of students and care of public rooms.

Good board can be had at the Clark University dining-hall at eight dollars per month. The entire expenses for a year can thus be brought under the sum of eighty dollars.

Graduation

Students having the degree of A. B., or an equivalent, and who complete the course of study and pass a satisfactory examination, will receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

Students who are not college graduates, but who are far enough advanced to enter and complete the course, will receive the Diploma of the Seminary on graduation.

Those who take a partial course of study covering two years, and pass a satisfactory examination thereon, will receive a certificate from the Seminary to that effect.

Library and Reading Room

Students have free access to the Theological Library of nine thousand volumes, consisting of works in all departments of theology and related branches. It is classified and arranged by departments, in alcoves, for convenient reference, and is rendered available by a valuable card-catalogue.

Through the liberality of numerous friends, we have secured many of the best modern books of reference, and are constantly adding fresh books, as issued from the press.

. We have begun a collection of works relating to the religious history and moral reforms of this section, which embraces already many rare and valuable books, and promises to be one of the most complete of its kind in the South.

For the special collection of works upon Africa and missionary work for Africa, see under The Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, pages 27 and 28.

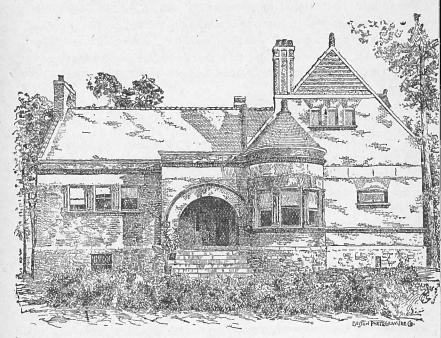
The Rev. Wm. Ingraham Haven, of the New England Conference, has very kindly provided an income from invested funds for securing many of the best modern library requisites; such as desks for Library and Reading Room, cabinets, etc., for card catalogue, and a number of valuable books of reference.

The late Rev. Robert I. Fleming, pastor of Lindell Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Louis, bequeathed his excellent library to the Seminary. It was especially rich in the department of belle lettres, and the 550 volumes contained but few duplicates of works already on our shelves. They were added during the early autumn.

The Reading-Room is supplied with the leading reviews and homiletic magazines, and a large number of religious and secular papers. A special alcove of valuable works of reference, consisting of general biblical and ecclesiastical cyclopedias, commentaries, etc., has been placed in the Reading Room, so as to be easily accessible to the students for constant use. The room is in charge of a curator, who keeps it comfortable and open to students at stated hours.

The Historical Society Department

The faculty have projected the organization of an Historical Society, the purpose of which is to build up, in connection with the Seminary Library, a complete and trustworthy historical department upon the various movements that relate to the Negro and the South. The department is already open and promises to be one of the most unique collections upon the subject in the whole country.



LIBRARY

The Historical Society proposes to extend its work by Conference and local branches and by individual effort throughout the Nation. It is collecting books, pamphlets, addresses, articles, biographical and descriptive, upon the origin, ethnology and history of the Negro; upon the rise, development and destruction of Negro slavery; upon the origin and work of the abolition movement, and is also preserving the literary productions of Negroes. In addition to this, it proposes to collect the history of the ecclesiastical and educational movements of the churches among the colored people, and to compile a statistical record of the progress of the Negroes in wealth, learning, industry, inventions, mechanical art and ecclesiology, and to preserve on file for future study, whatever shall illustrate the history and promote the interest of the colored people.

Literary Society

The Theological Literary Society affords a fine opportunity to the Students of the Seminary for literary culture in connection with their studies. The frequent discussion of questions in theology, and debates on the great moral issues, are especially helpful to ministers. It also gives valuable drill in the knowledge and practice of parliamentary law.

English Bible

In order to increase the efficiency of the Seminary in preparing men to preach the Word, we have added to the work which we are already doing in the English Bible, a course on the Books of the Bible. The course covers three years, and includes the study of the entire Bible, book by book. Such study is coming to be recognized as a necessity in theological seminaries. The object is to give the student a better understanding of the Bible. Hebrew and Greek are not enough. They are valuable and necessary for critical study. It is the English Bible, however, that the preacher of this country must use most. He ought to master it. He ought to know its contents from Genesis to Revelation. He ought to be acquainted with the sources of information for each book. He ought to know the helps and something of the time when each book was written. To give help along this line we have added

this new course. The books of the Bible are divided among the professors, so that each one may have the ones most appropriate to his department.

Special Lectures

Several valuable courses of special lectures by distinguished ministers have been given before the Seminary. In addition to these, occasional lecturers on special topics of great importance to those preparing for the ministry are delivered by prominent and successful ministers, representing different denominations. Atlanta, being the central city of the South, affords unusual opportunities to students to hear the representative ministers and lecturers of the Nation.

Among those who have lectured before the Seminary are the Revs. Bishop Thomas Bowman, Bishop R. S. Foster, Bishop H. W. Warren, Bishop C. D. Foss, Bishop E. G. Andrews, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, Bishop C. H. Fowler, Bishop J. H. Vincent, Bishop I. M. Walden, Bishop I. W. Joyce, Bishop J. F. Hurst; Bishop Atticus G. Haygood, D. D., and Bishop C. B. Galloway, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Bishop H. M. Turner, Bishop D. A. Payne, Bishop B. T. Tanner and Bishop Dickerson, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop J. A. Bebee of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop C. R. Harris of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; James M. Buckley, D. D., C. H. Payne, D. D., R. S. Rust, D. D., E. A Schell, D. D., E. H. Barnett, D. D., Dean A. A. Wright, J. C. Hartzell, D. D., W. A. Spencer, D. D., M. S. Hard, D. D., Zachary Eddy, D. D., W. B. Derrick, D D., Earl Cranston, D. D., R. B. Pope, D. D.

Religious Privileges

Daily prayers are held in the chapel, conducted by the professors. All class exercises are opened with prayer or hymn. The "Devotional Hour," is a service of prayer and consecration that has been held every Tuesday since the organization of the institution. It has been attended with large results in deepening the religious experience and intensifying the spiritual life of the students.

On Sunday morning the professors preach in rotation at the

University Church. All students are expected to attend this service, unless specially excused. The weekly prayer and class meeting of this church, together with the revival and Sunday school work in this and the city churches, furnish unusual opportunities for religious work.

Scholarship and Library Alcoves

Any person or persons who shall pay into the treasury, or bequeath by will, the sum of one thousand dollars, or more, for the purpose of founding a Scholarship, shall have the privilege, not only of naming that scholarship, but also of nominating, during his or their life-time the beneficiaries who are to be placed upon said foundation.

Any person or persons who shall pay into the treasury, or bequeath by will, the sum of one thousand dollars, shall have the right of naming an Alcove in the Library.

Buildings and Grounds

The Seminary is located on the extension of Capitol Avenue, one-fourth mile south of the limits of Atlanta, Georgia. Its campus of thirty acres is composed of rolling land, the highest in the vicinity of the city, and is, for the most part, covered by a beautiful grove of pine and oak. The assisstance of a skilled landscape gardener has been obtained in laying out the grounds, and when the drives, walks, etc., are finished, the campus will have the form of a handsome park. The Street cars run to its edge and its buildings overlook the city. It would be difficult to find a more central, accessible and beautiful site in the South.

The campus already contains Gammon Hall, the Library Building, four commodious houses for professors' families, and eight cottages for married students.

Gammon Hall is a handsome building of a fine modern architectural design. It was erected and furnished at a cost of \$30,000. It is built of brick with stone trimmings, and is one-hundred and ten by fifty-two feet, and four stories high. The students' rooms are large and well ventilated, and each floor is provided with baths.

The Library building is one of the most beautiful structures of

the kind in the South. Its dimensions are sixty-eight by forty-eight feet. Its foundations are of granite, with cut-stone trimmings, The superstructure is of brick, trimmed with heavy rock-faced stone and terra-cotta, with tasteful Roman arabesque ornamentations. On the right is the fire-proof library proper, with two stories of alcoves for books. The library as now arranged will hold about twenty-thousand volumes. In front of the library is the professors' study. In the back part is the large safety vault for especially rare and valuable books. On the left from the entrance hall is the reading room. Below in the basement story, connected by stairway and convenient dumb waiter, is the work-room. The entire building has been thoroughly finished, and is complete and elegant in all its appointments.

Gammon Hall and the Library Building are heated by steam, all rooms being provided with radiators

Stewart Missionary Foundatian for Africa

The Rev. W. F. Stewart, A. M., of the Rock River Conference is establishing in connection with the Seminary a department under the above title. There is reason to believe that this will prove one of the most important events in the recent history of missionary movements in this country.

Mr. Stewart has consecrated for the endowment of this foundation a group of farms of six hundred acres, all under high cultivation in Central Illinois, which he proposes to convey in trust, the income only to be used to maintain this department. In writing to the Faculty, Mr. Stewart thus outlines his purpose.

My hope is that it may become a center for the diffusion of missionary intelligence, the development of missionary enthuiasm, the increase of missionary offerings, and through sanctified and trained missionaries hasten obedience to the great commission to 'preach the gospel to every creature.' In addition to the direct work of the recitation room, I have contemplated other educating means that would reach our schools and missions and the whole membership of the Church. Among the things thought of are:

"1. A system of literary and oratorical missionary prize contests. [These might include prize missionary hymns (who knows but we have a Watts or a Charles Wesley among God's ebony images?), prize missionary essays and orations to be presented in public contests.]

"2. I would also arrange correspondence with all our missions in Africa (if not all others) and invite special reports, the best of which should be awarded prizes.

"3, And I would also extend an invitation to the whole membership of the

Church to write to the department on any feature of missionary work, these papers to be classified and recognition to be made according to the value of the best.

"4. Added to these might be arranged a monthly course of addresses

or sermons

"If a programme so varied and extensive could be carried out, it would turn the thought of the best and most promising students in our schools into missionary lines.

The work has been inaugurated with four series of prizes, an academy, a college, and a theological seminary series, open to the students of institutions for the colored people under the auspices of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and a series open to the churches among the colored people of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There are given in each of the series, prizes for missionary hymns, and for essays or orations on some subject connected with Africa as a missionary field or on missionary work in Africa. In connection with these prizes, there is a free public contest in each institution or church, and a general missionary anniversary in Atlanta or some other center. At the latter the best productions in each series are represented. these different series, only institutions of the same grade are brought into competition; and by a system of graded prizes, all the work of merit is suitably recognized. Whenever practicable an annual convention on Missionary work for Africa, will be held composed of representatives of the educational institutions, the Friends of Africa, and the Missionary Bands for Africa in the churches.

It is believed that the interest which the investigation, thought and public presentation of the productions will awaken, will be used by the Holy Spirit to impress upon some of our most gifted young people the call of God to consecrate themselves to Missionary work in Africa. It will lead others also to consecrate their business and incomes to the support of missions in Africa, so that when the workers are ready the necessary means for transportation and equipment will be forthcoming.

It is desired that there shall be a missionary Band for Africa in every church, whose members shall study and investigate the subjects connected with Africa as a missionary field and our duty to it, and present the results in regular public meetings either

monthly or quarterly. If there is already a Missionary Society, an Epworth League, or other organization in the local church, which will take this as a regular part of its work and devote stated public meetings to it, this society can thus be organized into a missionary band for Africa without an additional organization. It is the purpose that these bands in the churches shall be permanent and shall hold a vital connection with the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa. The latter will furnish from time to time, through circulars, periodicals, etc., valuable information and suggestions, and will offer various helps and incentives for the work.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu deserves great credit for the idea which he conceived and the plan which he initiated some years ago, to organize bands, to be called the "Friends of Africa," among the students of each of our institutions among the colored people. The pledge of these societies includes the promise (1) to pray each day for Africa's redemption, (2) to gain all the information one can concerning Africa, and (3) to be ready at the call of God and the church to go as a missionary to Africa.

The idea and work of the friends of Africa are along the same lines as those for the Stewart Missionary foundation for Africa; and it is the desire in directing the work of the Foundation, to encourage the organization and vigorous activity of a society of the Friends of Africa in each institution. While the Friends of Africa do not exactly correspond among our colored students with the "Students' Volunteer Movement" in general missions, the former will have a similar, though somewhat broader, function.

Over four hundred dollars were given by Rev. Mr. Stewart, this year, through the Foundation, for the purchase of books on Africa, and on Missionary work for Africa, and of curios, stereopticon slides, etc., illustrative of African products, industries and life. This money has been expended at great advantage by President Thirkield, personally in Europe. It is hoped that the few hundred volumes thus obtained will be only a nucleus of one of the largest collections on Africa in this country. It will thus be placed where it can be used in connection with the Foundation to the greatest advantage for the evangelization of Africa. These curios and illustrative apparatus will be used, not only in connect

tion with the Foundation in the Seminary, but also in the other educational institutions and the churches.

It is desired also to gather a circulating library of duplicate works on Africa, general missions and evangelical work, to be at the disposal of those in any of our schools who may desire to use these books in preparing productions under the Foundation. For these purposes donations especially of books are earnestly requested.

The Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa was accepted and adopted by our Board of Trustees at their last regular meeting by the following resolutions:

1. Resolved: That we gratfully accept the offer tendered the Seminary by Rev. W. F. Stewart, and approve the general plan of work proposed by him in his letter printed on page 27 of the catalogue [1894]; and we agree to carry out this plan so far as practicable.

2. That in accepting this trust it is not our purpose to supplant, but to supplement, other efforts being made for the ultimate evangelization of Africa by the Negro race.

The unity of thought on the part of our founder and Mr. Stewart is significant, and is clearly shown in a letter written August 18, 1887, by Mr. Gammon, who, as well as being our founder, was our Elijah, the prophet. He wrote:

"I believe it most thoroughly, as Ethiopia stretches out her hands to God, help must come through your school. Who but you can furnish the thousands of missionaries for Africa? You may as well attempt to understand and comprehend the astronomy of the heavens as the possibilities of your school."

Needs '

Aid for students is greatly needed. The special conditions of our work, the small salaries of our preachers and teachers, and the poverty of the people, give special emphasis to this appeal for aid.

Here is a large number of Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which this is the Theological Seminary. Hundreds of young men are coming up to fill the ranks of these Conferences. Never did a body of religious teachers stand more in need of the practical drill and personal influence and instruction that come through a course of theological training. Here are candidates eager for an education. The church needs them. Upon them the future of our work in the South depends. They are too poor to entirely pay their way. They must preach. Fifty or sixty dollars will help one to a year's training. What better investment for Christ and His Church can be made?

Donations to the library are also specially requested.

Calendar

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May 5,	Sunday, 11 A. M., Baccalaureate Sermon.
May 6,	Monday, Written Examinations.
May 6,	7:30 P. M., Douglass Memorial Address by the Rev
	Professor J. W. E. Bowen, D. D.
May 7,	Tuesday, Written Examinations.
May 7,	7:30 P. M., Alumni Address by the Rev. John H. May, '93.
May 8,	Wednesday, 8:30 A. M., Oral Examinations before
	Conference Committees.
May 3,	Wednesday, 3 P. M., Annual Meeting of the Alumni
	Association,
May 8,	7:30 P. M., Annual Address by the Rev. Earl Cranston, D. D.
May 9,	Thursday, 9 A. M., Annual Meeting of the Board
	of Trustees.
May 9,	Thursday, 2:30 P. M., Commencement.
Oct. 1,	Tuesday, Reception of Candidates for Admission.
Oct. 2,	Wednesday, Beginning of the Scholastic Year.
Nov. 9,	Thursday, Formal Opening Address.
Dec. 23,	Monday, Founder's Day.
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Jan. 30,	Thursday, Day of Prayer for Colleges.
Feb. 12,	Wednesday, Lincoln's Birth-Day.
April 26 to 30.	Commencement Anniversaries.

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- Light, Freedom, Truth, be ever these our own;
- Light to see Truth, Freedom to make it known:
- Our Work God's work, our Wills His will alone.

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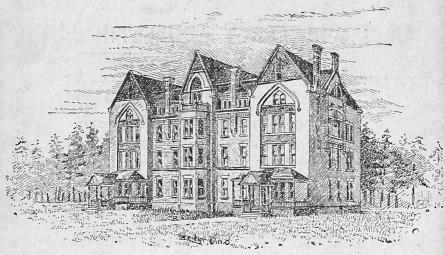
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