

Agnes Scott College

Decatur, Georgia



ANNUAL REPORT
TO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 30, 1930



BUTTRICK HALL

Now in process of erection. To be completed by September 1st. The largest single item of our development program. Built from money given by General Education Board and named for its first President.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1929-1930

Board of Trustees,

Agnes Scott College.

I have the honor of presenting herewith a Report for the Session 1929-1930, with some comments on the general state of the College.

General Education Board Offer

While we received notice of this gift before the annual meeting of 1929, it was too late to be incorporated in the Report of last year, and hence it is mentioned again. The Board was generous to us beyond all precedent. It offered to give us \$500,000 on condition that we raise \$1,000,000 additional; and that alone would have been a noteworthy proposition. It went further, however, in permitting us to use its money for the general purposes of our campaign, without restricting it to endowment as had been the case with us on other occasions and as has nearly always been true with its gifts to others. The most remarkable feature of the offer was that the Board allowed it to be divided so that we might begin to collect on part of its gift before we actually get our full amount pledged. We do not believe that this has ever been done for another institution.

The officers of the General Education Board drew up the two offers as follows: Pledge No. 409 for \$300,000, conditioned on our raising at least \$600,000 by July 1, 1929; and Pledge No. 411 for \$200,000, on condition that we raise \$400,000 not later than July 1, 1931. In each case payments from the Board would be pro rata for those collected from other sources by Agnes Scott. All payments from the Board would be forfeited if not fully met by July 1, 1934.

This appropriation of the General Education Board has created a sensation in the educational world. Since 1922 it has been generally known that the Board has discontinued gifts to colleges. The fact that Agnes Scott has been made an exception not only as to general policy, but also as to

the purposes for which the gift may be used and as to how it may be paid, has aroused tremendous interest, and we have been deluged with inquiries about it. As a matter of fact, it is one of the most noteworthy commendations that the College has ever had, and from the highest source.

Campaign Progress

A year ago we had actually in hand or pledged \$565,000. The pledges of the Board at once nearly doubled this amount, and under the impetus of its interest we reached by July 1st—the required date—a total of \$600,000, which clinched Pledge No. 409 so as to make that part of the contract binding. Our friends made a heroic effort in payments and we were able to show collections totalling a little more than \$516,000. The Treasurer of the Board promptly made its Pro rata payment of \$258,029.20—quite the largest check ever received by Agnes Scott!

We have never had a regular staff of workers. The President of the College and three assistants continued the campaign with fair success until about December 1st when the stock market conditions made campaigning unwise except among the Alumnae, who have special interest in the College. Our subscriptions now total a little more than \$700,000 in addition to that of the Board, and we must raise \$300,000 more in order to claim the balance of the money offered to us.

What Next?

The President is frankly much concerned about the prosecution of the campaign to a successful conclusion. In this matter, it will be necessary to have the best thought and co-operation of all the Trustees. In general it seems wisest to try to win the remaining \$300,000 in a simultaneous effort in the fall. The Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta through its Committee on Campaigns has given formal approval for an Agnes Scott Drive during the first two weeks of October. They will keep other efforts out of the way during that time, and the Community Chest will be postponed until November, if it puts on another campaign. This will

J. T. LUPTON

Personal Account

No. _____

Chattanooga, Tenn. June 4 1919

Counterigned:

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Agnes Scott College

\$500000

Fifty Thousand & no/100

DOLLARS

TO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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J. T. Lupton
James W. Lupton

Agent

.....\$7.50.....

OUR LARGEST TRUSTEE GIFT

To a campaigner, a subscription from any person is cheering, but no other support means quite so much as that from our own inner circle. This splendid check from Dr. Lupton is worth far more than the money itself, fine as that is. He requested no publicity and we are not giving it, but in the family circle of our Annual Report it is proper to record our gratitude for it, as well as for the gifts of all our Trustees.

give us an opportunity to rouse the public in the area of Greater Atlanta, and at the same time we hope that the friends in other sections may be co-operating so as to have one big push for victory. If this should not be feasible, we will have to employ individual solicitors and make a personal canvass, but this is tedious and expensive. It will take some fairly large gifts to win, for we have gotten our easiest money.

Some Improvements

It is to be recalled that the campaign in which we are engaged is a somewhat continuous one, and that it was really started in 1925. The General Education Board was generous in this matter also in allowing us to count land purchases, improvements, etc., already made as a part of our showing to it. The following items were credited by them in our July settlement:

General purchases and improvements-----	\$136,397.61
Endowment and scholarship additions-----	177,689.90
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Total-----	\$314,087.51

Our Steam Plant, Laundry, and Tunnel System have been completed and equipped since the last meeting of our Trustees at a cost of approximately \$130,000. This outfit incorporates the latest methods of engineering and ought to be sufficient to take care of our needs for many years to come. No college in this part of the country is better equipped in this particular, and the buildings are artistic as well as useful. The Laundry Building is really one of the prettiest on the campus just now.

BUTTRICK HALL

Our greatest source of pride and satisfaction is that at last we are to have a first-class Administration and Recitation Building. This has been the greatest material need of Agnes Scott for a long while. We have been ashamed to show our quarters to visitors. The new building will be

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

NO 54680

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Agnes Scott College

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TO THE HONORABLE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK 1921

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A GREAT GIFT

This check represents the largest payment on the largest pledge ever made to Agnes Scott. It is made possible by several thousand much smaller checks which have been given by friends all over the country. This particular check is being used to erect Buttrick Hall. Nearly as much more is waiting for us from the same source if we win in our campaign.

erected largely by money furnished by the General Education Board and by vote of our Trustees will be named Buttrick Hall in honor of the first President of the Board. It is now in process of construction and is expected to be ready by September 1st. It will be four stories in height and will be large enough to take care of our class needs for some years to come. It is built of concrete, brick, and limestone and roofed with antique tile, with a somewhat slate effect. It will contain the administrative offices, committee rooms, faculty offices, space for student activities, the college book store, and about thirty class rooms.

It is planned to have a cornerstone laying for the new building at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, May 30th. The time is set with a special view of having the Trustees present. The exercises will be simple, but important for Agnes Scott people. Hon. C. Murphey Candler, Chairman of our Executive Committee, and a member of our Board of Trustees from the beginning, will make the address of the occasion on the subject, "The Development of Agnes Scott College."

It is planned to have the building dedicated the latter part of October. At that time we hope to have Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to speak of the work of the General Education Board in the South, especially as to Agnes Scott, and President Trevor Arnett, of the Board, to give a brief sketch of Dr. Wallace Buttrick. If these gentlemen will come, we will invite the educational institutions from all parts of the country to send representatives and will attempt to show Agnes Scott's position in the nation's educational program. We would plan for our Campaign efforts to culminate with this occasion.

Other Needs

Among other things that need greatly to be done and which we hope to secure through success in our campaign are the erection of a Chapel, the building of a Day Student Club House, providing an Auditorium and Fine Arts Building, adding another Dormitory, and largely increasing our endowment and scholarship resources.



STEAM LAUNDRY

This is one of the units of our development plan that was completed in September, 1929. It is one of the most attractive buildings on the campus from an architectural standpoint. It is equipped with

Trustees

There has been only one called meeting of the Board of Trustees during the year, but there have been some important committee actions. We are blessed with members who are willing to counsel with us and assist in every way possible.

We are gratified to report that Mr. John McMillan, Stockton, Ala., accepted the nomination made at our meeting in May and was confirmed by the Synod of Alabama as its representative to succeed Mr. P. T. Shanks.

The terms of the following members expire at this meeting: J. S. Lyons, Mrs. C. E. Harman, J. J. Scott, W. A. Bellingrath, R. O. Flinn, E. D. Brownlee, J. B. Campbell, and Mrs. J. S. Guy. All of these have been of great assistance to the College and are valuable members of our Board of Trustees.

Faculty Changes

While we are not able to arrange for regular sabbatical leave for our faculty, we do grant leave of absence with some compensation to those who wish to study or to do research. During the current session, Dr. Mary F. Sweet, College Physician, has been away; and her place has been taken by Dr. Ethel Polk Peters, for many years a missionary in China. Prof. H. A. Robinson, in Mathematics, has been at Johns Hopkins, and his place has been filled by Miss Anna May Baker who was with us last year as a substitute for Miss Gaylord. Miss Philippa Gilchrist, of the Chemistry Department, is away this year taking her Ph.D. degree, and her place is taken by Miss Margaret Whittington, B.A. Agnes Scott.

We are very glad to have back this year Miss Muriel Harn, who spent a year in Germany; Miss Margaret Phythian, who was in France during 1928-1929; and Miss Leslie J. Gaylord, who spent last session at the University of Chicago.

Miss Florence Edler, in History, was on leave of absence, but later resigned, and her place has been taken by Miss

Florence Smith, B.A. Westhampton College, Ph.D. University of Chicago, who was formerly with us for a year.

Miss Margaret Bland, of the French department, has resigned, and her place has been taken by Miss Martha Crowe, B.A. Agnes Scott, who will take her M.A. at Columbia this summer.

Miss Katharine Omwake, in Psychology and Education, resigned to do research work, and her place was filled by Miss Amy Chateauf, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania; but Miss Omwake is now anxious to return, and it has been agreed to interpret her absence as if she had gone on leave, so that she will be back for 1930-1931.

Miss Genevieve White, Librarian, resigned last year, and Miss Lois Bolles, B.A. Agnes Scott and graduate of Atlanta Library School, was elected to take her place. The growth of the library has necessitated the employment of another full time person, and for this place Miss Clara May Allen, B.A. Agnes Scott, M.A. Columbia University, and graduate of the Atlanta Library School, has been chosen.

Miss Agnes Adams, B.A. Agnes Scott and graduate of the Atlanta Conservatory of Music, has been placed in charge of the Violin work of the College.

The question is sometimes raised as to whether we employ too many of our graduates, and "inbreeding" does need to be watched in educational work; but we have been rather careful in distributing our faculty. Our staff represents degrees from 43 first class universities or colleges, and they come from 25 different states.

Students

The student body this year is about the same as during the last session. The prevailing "hard times" are a factor in the difficulty which all colleges are having in keeping up the maximum number of a few years ago. We are more careful than any other institution of our acquaintance in the South in the choice of students.



NEW STEAM PLANT

This attractive plant was completed in September, 1929. It is equipped with the latest steam heating devices, including two 350-horsepower water tube boilers, automatic stokers, and automatic regulation of practically all other machinery.

Our enrollment may be classified in various ways, as follows:

Our students for the year may be classified in various ways as follows:

Seniors -----	96
Juniors -----	67
Sophomores -----	101
Freshmen -----	170
Second Year Irregulars -----	3
First Year Irregulars -----	3
Unclassified -----	5
Special -----	1
Music, Art, Spoken English, only -----	14
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By States they are distributed as follows:

Georgia -----	215	District of Columbia ---	2
North Carolina -----	48	Massachusetts -----	2
Alabama -----	38	Michigan -----	1
Florida -----	29	Missouri -----	1
South Carolina -----	20	New Jersey -----	1
Tennessee -----	19	Ohio -----	1
Virginia -----	19	Texas -----	2
Kentucky -----	18	China -----	2
Mississippi -----	13	France -----	1
Pennsylvania -----	6	Germany -----	1
West Virginia -----	6	Japan -----	2
Arkansas -----	4	Korea -----	1
Louisiana -----	4	Mexico -----	1
Oklahoma -----	3	Venezuela -----	1
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Resident Students -----	344
Non-Resident Students -----	116
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Total -----	460

The denominations have been represented among the students as follows:

Presbyterians -----	215
Methodist -----	94
Baptist -----	70
Episcopal -----	35
Jew -----	8
Christian -----	4

Lutheran -----	4
Reformed -----	3
Catholic -----	3
Moravian -----	2
Congregational -----	2
Evangelical Reformed -----	1
No Church Affiliation -----	4
Not Specified -----	15

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General Impressions

As we view the Session 1929-1930 in comparison with others, it does seem to be really, not conventionally, "the best" we have had. The first test we apply to our results is on the spiritual basis. Agnes Scott has no excuse for existence unless we maintain a strong Christian atmosphere. This year we have enjoyed fine leadership in all our religious activities among the students, and the results are gratifying. Dr. W. Taliaferro Thompson, of Union Theological Seminary, led our week of special services, and these were most helpful.

In educational matters, the year has been characterized by earnest work on the part of both faculty and students. We have had fewer interruptions on account of sickness than for several years; and our Freshmen, for example, show more merit grades and fewer failures than any other class that has ever entered.

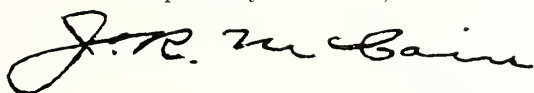
Our financial difficulties keep us humble and mindful of what is needed yet in order to run Agnes Scott on a basis equal to that of the best institutions for women in the country, but we manage to stay out of debt and we do without things until we find the money to pay for them. Since it costs nearly \$1,500 for every school day the College runs, it takes no small care to plan for a debtless year when our budget must be made up twelve months ahead.

This session we have installed typewriting equipment and have arranged to provide stenographic lessons for girls desiring to get better preparation for going into business.

This step has aroused interest and is appreciated. We have also arranged with the City Schools of Atlanta to provide supervised observation and practice teacher training. This will enable our graduates to secure better positions.

The administration of the College is simple and pleasant because of the remarkably efficient staff which Dr. Gaines gathered around him years ago and which continues with us. I do not believe that any institution in the South, or perhaps anywhere else, has a more capable, experienced, loyal, and well-co-ordinated group of officers than ours, with such key people as—Miss Nannette Hopkins, Dean; S. G. Stukes, Registrar; R. B. Cunningham, Business Manager; and J. C. Tart, Treasurer. If Agnes Scott is well run and successful, a very large part of the credit is due to them.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. R. McBain". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

President.