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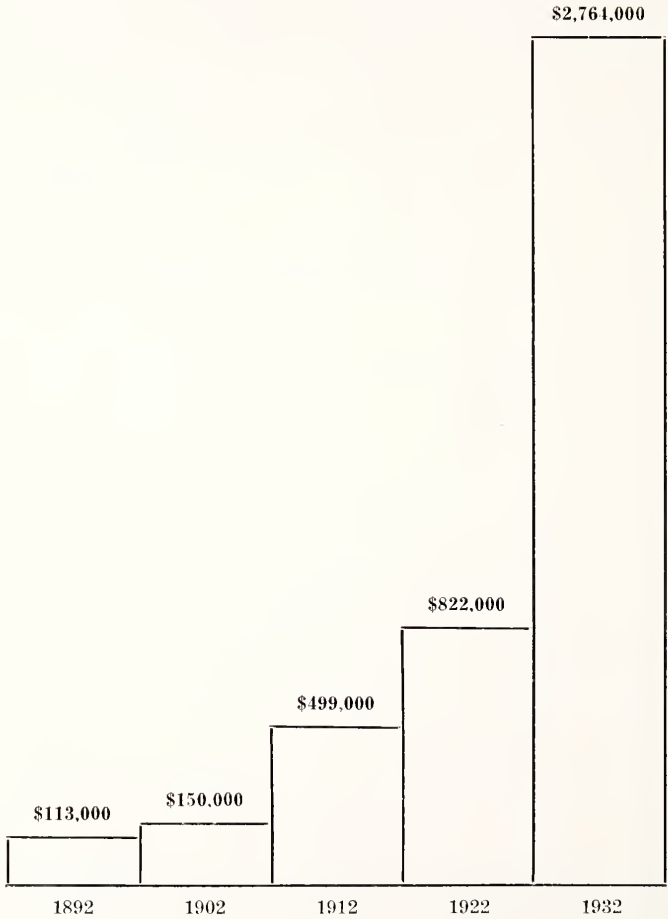
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CHART I

TOTAL ASSETS



THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1932-1933

Board of Trustees,

Agnes Scott College.

I have the honor to present herewith my annual report as President of Agnes Scott College for the Session 1932-1933, and I welcome the opportunity of laying before you general facts that concern our institution.

Ten Years of Progress

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Dr. F. H. Gaines who started the College in 1889 and was its only President until he passed away on April 14, 1923. His influence is still strongly felt in the life of the institution. All our major officers now were selected by him and served with him long enough to gain something of his spirit. Many of the faculty also worked with him and received the impress of his emphasis on high standards and a deep spiritual life for the campus. In a very real sense, the development of the College since he left us is simply his program in process of fulfillment.

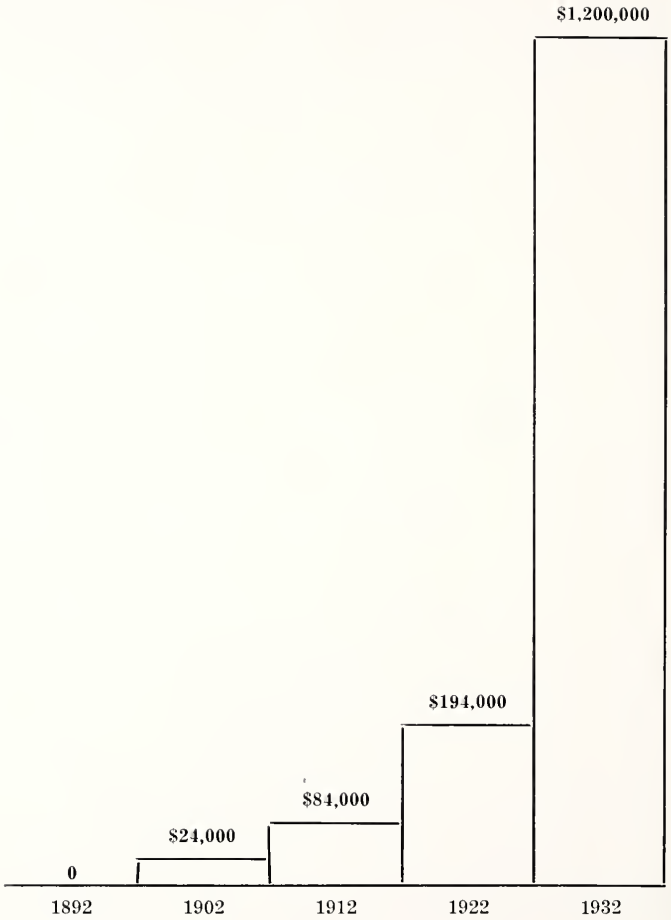
It seems appropriate to record briefly a few of the changes that have come during the decade of my administration. It is not an attempt to show what I have done personally, for it would take very little space to record that; but it does summarize some of the blessings that have come to us through the cooperation of all and the good hand of our God upon us.

We are using charts to indicate some phases of our growth, as these can most easily show relative figures. When I became President and began to take stock of what we then had, it was necessary to use the audit of 1922, the latest available. The audit for the current session has not yet been made, and so for purposes of most comparisons we are using the dates 1922 and 1932. This is helpful also, for it was in 1892 that we got our first Main Building occupied and began work definitely as Agnes Scott Institute, so that we can show four decades on a comparative basis.

As the charts indicate, perhaps our most notable development has been in material things. Our general assets have increased from \$822,000 in 1922 to \$2,764,000 in 1932,

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CHART II
ENDOWMENT



and as a matter of fact have increased also in a gratifying way during the present session. Our endowment has grown during the same period from \$194,000 to \$1,200,000, and our investments in buildings have increased from \$455,000 to \$922,000. Buttrick Hall, the Gymnasium, the Steam Plant, and Laundry are the largest recent investments.

While we are not using a special chart to indicate it, the general equipment of the College has had a growth equally as notable as the endowment or the building assets. The value has increased from \$81,000 in 1922 to \$244,000 last year. For example in the Library, we have spent nearly twice as much for books in the last decade as in all the previous years.

When Dr. Gaines died we were in the midst of collecting the proceeds from the campaign of 1919-1922, and a considerable part of that effort shows in the above growth. We have also had the advantage of the notable legacy from Miss Jennie D. Inman. We are **not** listing in the above assets our outstanding subscriptions to the recent \$1,500,000 campaign, as we count only the cash assets or investments. There is still to be collected on that campaign the sum of about \$450,000.

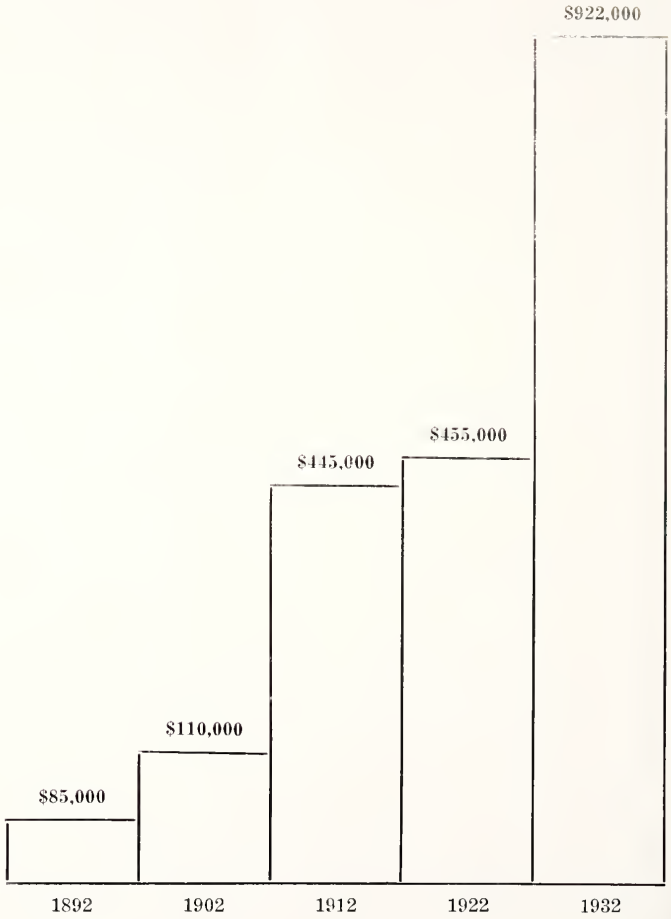
On account of the general financial condition and the necessity of giving more scholarship and loan aid than heretofore, our current income has not shown as great an increase as have our permanent funds, but it has grown from \$230,000 in 1922 to \$295,000 last year. Another factor in the amount of income is the great increase in the number of day students. We now have about three times as many as ten years ago, and they pay \$300 each as against \$700 for a boarder. While our income is not as large as we would like, we still live within our means and incur no deficits or debts.

During the ten-year period, the campus has been enlarged nearly fifty per cent and much improved by drives, walks, and shrubbery. All our wires have been put underground and a very attractive system of lighting installed. Campus improvements are the things most mentioned by returning friends as particularly noticeable.

During the last decade, the student body has not increased as much as might have been expected. We have not enlarged our dormitory capacity because we have preferred to stay relatively small. The increase of students from 435 in 1922 to 481 in 1932 has been largely due to more day students

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CHART III
BUILDING VALUES



from Atlanta and Decatur, as above mentioned. At times during recent years, it would have been possible to more than double our boarders without writing a single letter of invitation, if we had desired an increase in numbers. The most notable thing about our students is the proportion of them that graduate now. The chart shows that in the last ten years we have graduated far more young women than during the entire preceding history of the institution.

The number of faculty and officers has grown from 53 in 1922 to 62, but their training is very much stronger indeed. Ten years ago we had 9 of the faculty with the Ph.D. degree against 22 now. Then we had 11 others with the M.A. as against 17 at present. Then there were 33 with only the B.A. or a certificate, and the number has now been reduced to 23. The salaries of our staff have shown steady growth, from \$81,000 in 1922 to \$152,000 last year. They have been reduced for the current session. When they were at their best, they were not up to the average for institutions of our class.

An earnest effort has been made during the last ten years to stimulate our Alumnae in taking further study. Not one of them had completed the Ph.D. degree in 1922 and very few had taken the Master's degree. Since that time 9 have completed the doctorate and about 70 the master's work, and many others are nearly ready for both degrees.

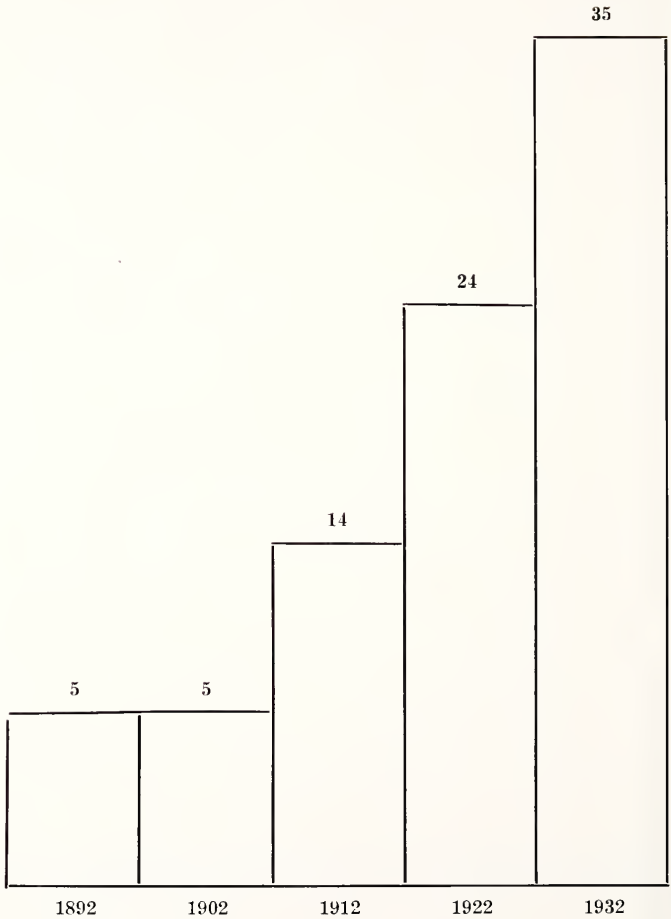
In the field of educational recognition, there has been little more that could be done as Dr. Gaines during his lifetime had done a great deal in the matter. However, in 1926 the College reached the pinnacle of educational approval when a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was installed by the United Chapters of that great society. The College has also been given unusual recognition and responsibility in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and in other similar groups.

During the last ten years, the College has come into close relations with the Synods of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, and now nominates from these groups 11 of our 27 Trustees for confirmation by them. This gives us a very helpful affiliation without sacrificing the control of the institution by our own Board.

During the period 1922-1932, Agnes Scott has had frequent occasion to be inspected and visited by many representatives of educational and philanthropic organizations,

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CHART IV
ACRES IN CAMPUS



and they have been cordial in their approval. It is particularly appreciative of generous gifts from the General Education Board, the Carnegie Corporation, and the Presser Foundation.

While much of the activity of the administration has been centered on material growth and development, we have striven to maintain the spiritual emphasis of the college and to remember that its chief end is the glory of God. There has been no more difficult time in educational history than the last ten years. During that time, the young people have been beset with every kind of temptation known in past years and with many others of recent origin that are both subtle and dangerous. We believe that in spite of these difficult currents of life our students are as fine as in any previous period, and that they are able to combine high scholarship with simple Christian faith, a combination not easy to achieve. In every one of the results accomplished, we feel that God's direct blessing has been manifest and that the praise should be His.

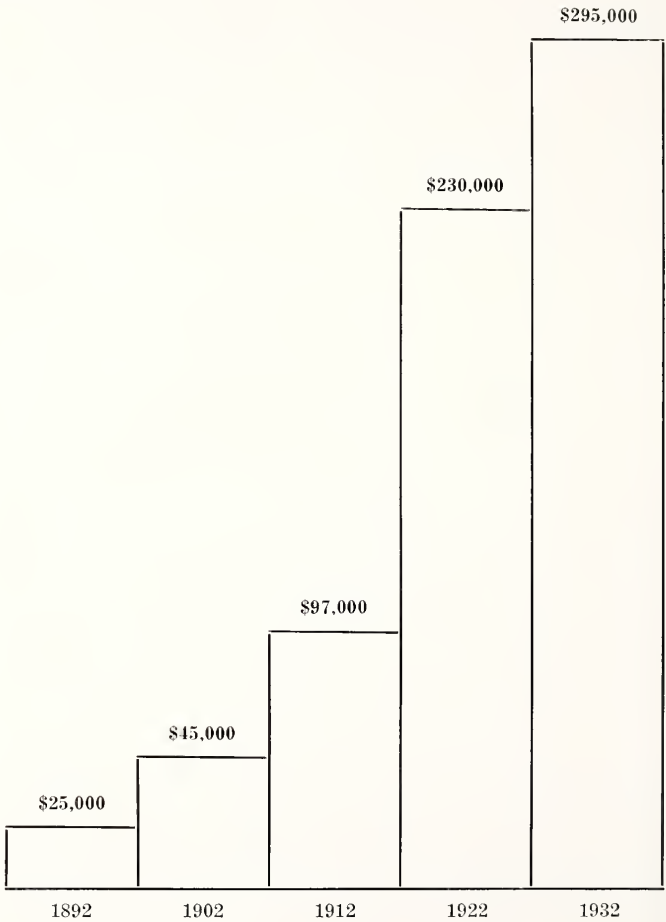
In addition to the Divine aid, as mentioned above, we have had cooperation among several human elements. I have referred to the work of Dr. Gaines. Others who laid foundations on which it has been easy to build were Col. Geo. W. Scott, Mr. Samuel M. Inman, (who was responsible for the fine legacy from his sister), Mr. G. B. Scott, to mention only a few who have passed on. Our present Trustees have been entirely cooperative in every step of progress. The leadership of our Chairman, Mr. J. K. Orr, has been a powerful factor in every campaign. In the charts which accompany this Report, the growth of the last two decades will indicate roughly the almost unbelievable gains of the College under his chairmanship. Other Trustees, especially the chairmen of our active committees, have been most helpful in winning our strong financial position. The faculty, officers, alumnae, students, and the general public have been steadfast in their loyalty and labors, and each and all deserve our sincere gratitude.

The Session 1932-1933

Some aspects of the current year have already been discussed, but there are other phases which should have brief mention. The educational work has been unusually satisfactory and encouraging for this session. The students have given good attention to their duties, and the results are gratifying for all the classes. We will have the third largest graduating class in our history.

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CHART V
ANNUAL INCOME



The religious work also has been gratifying. The attendance on religious services, the voluntary Bible study classes—both among freshmen and upper classes—the Y. W. C. A. program, and the mission interest group, have all proved to be quite above the average.

Our current finances have been watched with unusual care. We were sorry to make a 10 per cent reduction in our salaries, but we could not otherwise have avoided a deficit. We have omitted every unnecessary expenditure. There is some important repair work and painting which ought to be done during the coming summer, but we may have to postpone at least part of it for another year.

Mr. Tart, our Treasurer, has worked unceasingly on the difficult problem of collecting, and it is yet not certain as to whether he can maintain his fine record of 100%. He has done far better than we could reasonably expect.

We have attempted no major building during the current session, and have made only routine campus improvements. Mr. Cunningham, our Business Manager, has been working earnestly to get our lawn into good shape and steady progress is being made from year to year.

Development Program

A year ago we were considering the possibility of starting our Music building and auditorium during the current session. On the request of the Presser Foundation of Philadelphia, who are furnishing half the money for its construction, we have postponed for the present the work on this building. It is anticipated that it will go forward as soon as it is convenient for the contributing Foundations.

Our collections during the last twelve months have been rather light, amounting to about \$54,000. We can easily see that it will be necessary to raise some new money in order to finish the campaign successfully. July 1, 1934, is the official time for the completion of our collection.

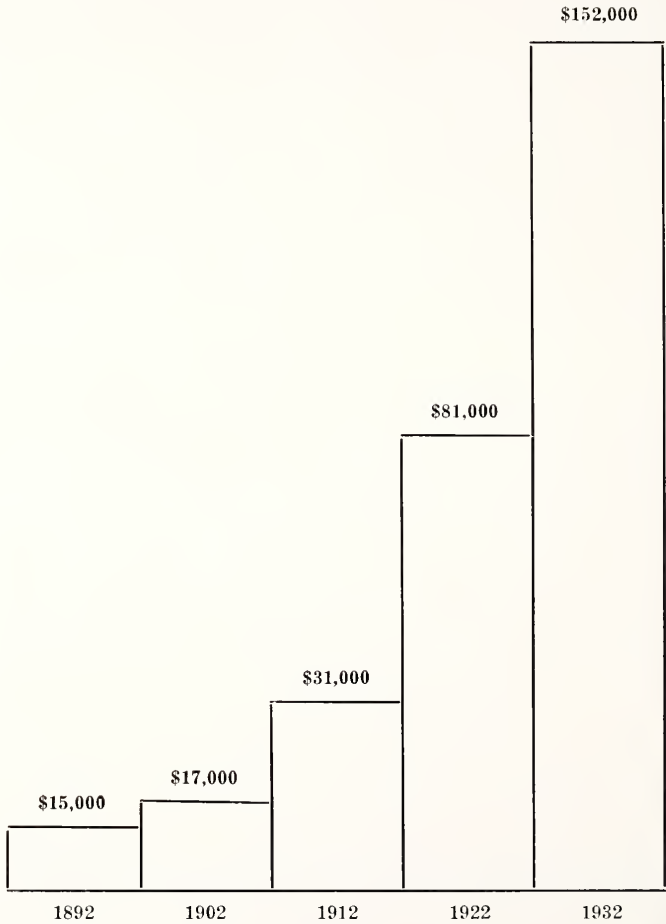
Trustees

Since our annual meeting, we have suffered the loss of one of our members, Mr. Charles Thomas Paxon, of Jacksonville, Florida. We are giving a few facts as to his life.

Mr. Paxon was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1879. He moved with his parents to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1883 and lived there for fifty years. After finishing his education in the public schools of the city he engaged in

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CHART VI
SALARY LIST



business, becoming a partner in the real estate and insurance firm of James and Paxon, with which he was associated until the time of his death. While he was a hard worker in his business, he found time to serve in the City Council for eight years as representative of the Sixth Ward, and he was an active participant in the political and civic affairs of his city and county.

In fraternal circles, Mr. Paxon was a member of Temple Lodge No. 23, F. & A. M., serving at one time as worshipful master. He also held membership in the Florida Consistory as a thirty-second degree Mason, and was a member of the Morocco Temple of the Shrine.

While active in the matters above mentioned, he was even more concerned with religious work and Christian service. He was a charter member of the Springfield Presbyterian Church, and served as the first superintendent of its Sunday School. He was an elder in that church and was influential in building it up to its present position in the city. For a long time he taught a class of young men in the Sunday School, and only gave it up when illness overtook him.

Mr. Paxon was quite active in the movement which secured for the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief the Graham Building in Jacksonville, and he was the active manager of that building for the Committee for a number of years. He was also a leader in the laymen's missionary movement of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

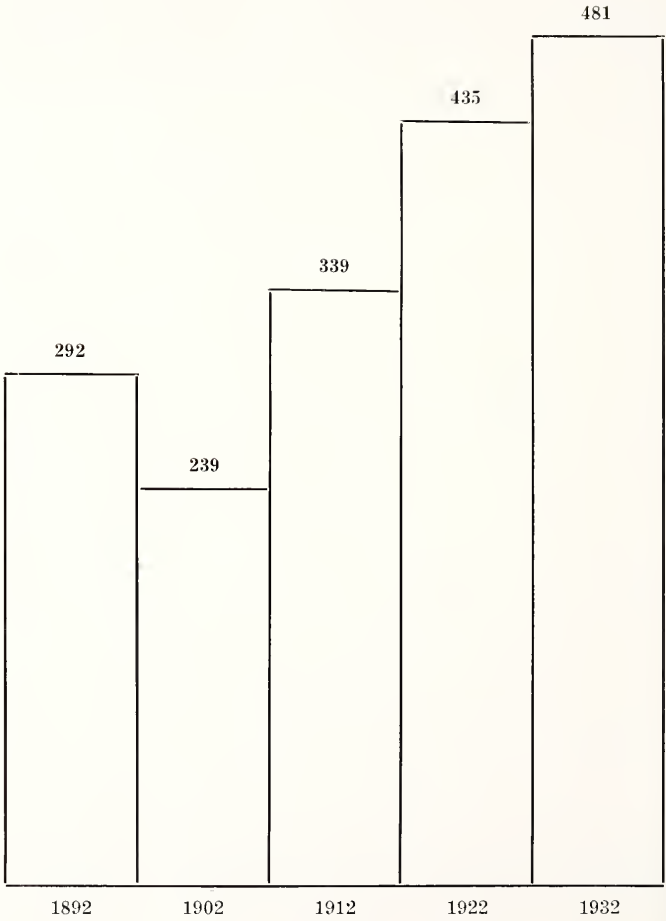
Mr. Paxon became interested in Agnes Scott when his daughter came as a freshman in 1925, and he was elected a trustee in 1926. He has served continuously and has been a helpful member. He has been active in promoting the interest of Agnes Scott in Jacksonville, and has cooperated in every way possible for the welfare of the College.

He is survived by his widow, by Miss Rachel, his daughter, who graduated here in 1929 and by his second daughter, Miss Ruth Paxon. They have the sincere sympathy of all the Agnes Scott friends.

The election of Dr. Warner DuBose, of the Government Street Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama, was confirmed by the Synod at its last meeting and he will be welcomed to his first meeting with our Board. We feel sure he will bring to us a real blessing.

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CHART VII
NUMBER OF STUDENTS



The terms of the following members expire with this meeting: J. T. Lupton, W. C. Vereen, Miss Mary Wallace Kirk, D. P. McGeachy, D. A. Dunseith, John McMillan and George Winship. All of these have been of great assistance to the College.

As there have been no unusual problems to necessitate a called meeting of the Board, the work of the session has been done through committees, some of which have been quite busy. We have missed a great deal this year the presence of Hon. C. M. Candler, Chairman of the Executive Committee and also of that on Buildings and Grounds. He has been absent on account of his health and that of Mrs. Candler, but we are pleased that they are both better and we hope for their return to Decatur soon.

Faculty and Officers

Since the last meeting of the Board the College has lost through death two of its efficient officers, Misses Marian Leatherman and Frances Calhoun. It seems appropriate to give a brief sketch of each.

Miss Marian Leatherman came to Agnes Scott as Librarian in September, 1931, and served two years in this position. She came at an unusually difficult period because we had just received an offer of \$15,000 from the Carnegie Corporation for the purchase of books and it was necessary to give special time and attention to the work in order that a wise investment of the fund should be made. She was most successful in accomplishing this task. Her love of books, her unusual executive ability, and her cooperative spirit made her administration notable at Agnes Scott.

Professionally, Miss Leatherman was well equipped for her position at Agnes Scott. She was a graduate of Cornell University and took her technical training in library work at the Universities of Illinois and Michigan. She had important experience at the University of Illinois, Princeton University, Drake University, Pennsylvania State College, and at other places.

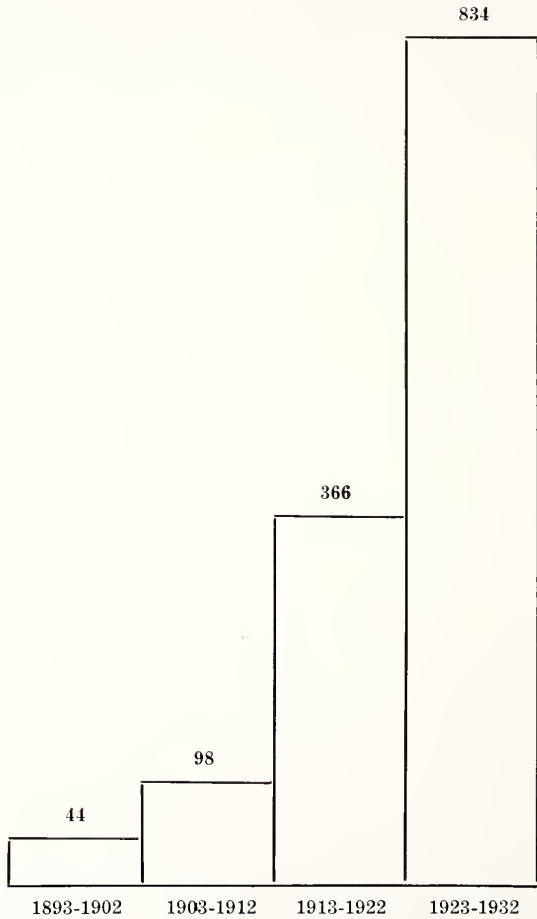
Her sudden death due to illness of very short duration was a shock to the whole College community, and she left a place which was particularly important and hard to fill.

Miss Frances Calhoun, who died on December 18, 1932, had been connected with the College for twenty-three years as Housekeeper or Matron. She was first appointed as a member of the administration in 1909 when she assumed the duties of Housekeeper in Rebekah Scott Hall. Later she

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CHART VIII

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES BY DECADES



served in the same capacity in the White House Dining Room. For the last years of her life she was one of the college Matrons.

She brought to her work a dainty, attractive appearance and the qualities of rare good breeding, dignity and poise, in addition to her outstanding loyalty and cheerfulness in service.

In spite of failing health over a period of several years, she was faithful in the performance of duty and ever ready to help either the students or faculty.

There have been relatively few changes in our faculty for the current session. Dr. Arthur Raper has been giving half time to our Department of Sociology and is rendering good service in getting this work organized. He took his B.A. and Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina and his M.A. at Vanderbilt. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Miss Edna Ruth Hanley was secured just at the opening of College to take the place of Miss Marian Leatherman whose death we have already noted. Miss Hanley has her degree of B.A. from Bluffton College in Ohio, and in Library service from the University of Michigan. She has gotten fine results in spite of the handicaps under which she has labored in coming to the position so late in the season.

Miss Gwendeline Miller, who has her B.A. and B.A.L.S. from the University of Michigan, is serving as Assistant Librarian instead of Miss Clara Mae Allen who resigned to get married.

Miss Annie May Christie, of the English Department, and Miss Ruth Janet Pirkle, of the Biology Department, are away on leave of absence studying for their Ph.D. degrees.

The return of Miss Carrie Scandrett, after leave of absence, to serve as Assistant Dean and the employment of Miss Andrewena Robinson as Secretary to the Dean have given some needed relief to Miss Hopkins, and have enabled her to work out a much better program for service than ever before.

An interesting development of the administrative work has been the employment of Miss Penelope Brown, of the Class of 1932, to serve as Field Secretary of the Alumnae Association, in visiting high schools and alumnae groups. We feel that this is a very effective means of publicity as she has carried with her our moving pictures and has shown

them in more than a hundred high schools throughout the South.

Student Enrollment

Credit for the good attendance this year is due in a large measure to Prof. S. G. Stukes, our Registrar, and to his associates who have the responsibility for correspondence with new students. Much credit is due also to Miss Hopkins and her associates who have contact with the students already in college and who are very influential in keeping them satisfied and happy.

The 480 young women whom we have enrolled this year may be classified in various ways as follows:

Residence

Boarders	259
Day Students	221

Geography

Alabama	19	New York	1
Arizona	1	Ohio	1
Arkansas	5	Oklahoma	2
California	1	Pennsylvania	4
Connecticut	1	South Carolina	26
District of Columbia	2	Tennessee	18
Florida	15	Texas	2
Georgia	297	Virginia	10
Illinois	1	West Virginia	11
Kansas	1	Wisconsin	2
Kentucky	9	Africa	1
Louisiana	3	China	3
Massachusetts	1	Czechoslovakia	1
Maryland	1	France	1
Michigan	2	Germany	1
Mississippi	9	Korea	1
Missouri	1		
North Carolina	26	Total	480

Denominations

Presbyterian -----	197
Methodist -----	110
Baptist -----	96
Episcopalian -----	38
Jewish -----	14
Associate Reformed Presbyterian -----	3
Lutheran -----	4
Catholic -----	2
Greek Catholic -----	1
Christian -----	3
Congregational -----	3
Christian Science -----	2
Reformed -----	1
Disciples of Christ -----	1
Seventh Day Adventist -----	1
United Brethren -----	1
None -----	3
	480

Classes

Seniors -----	99
Juniors -----	89
Sophomores -----	102
Freshmen -----	159
Irregulars -----	6
Unclassified -----	4
Special -----	19
	480

Appropriate recommendations for dealing with the various matters listed herein will be prepared by the various committees and submitted for the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



President.