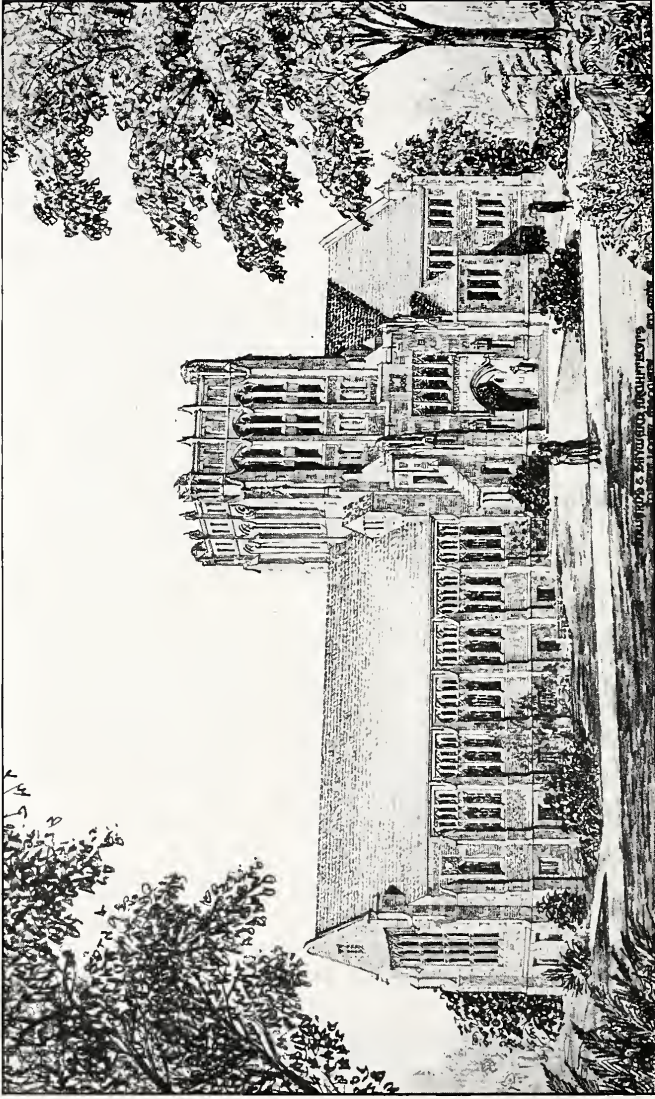


AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE
DECATUR, GA.

ANNUAL REPORT
TO
Board of Trustees



MAY 25, 1935



PROPOSED NEW LIBRARY

Detailed plans have not been drawn for the proposed new Library, but the General Education Board have expressed a preference for a type of construction very similar to Buttrick Hall. It will probably be located just east of Buttrick where West Lawn Cottage now stands.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1934-1935

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 1934-1935, and I am glad to lay before you quite a number of items in connection with the present status of the College.

Development Fund

As explained in the Annual Report of last year, it was impossible for us to complete our Development Program calling for \$1,500,000 by July 1, 1934, when the subscriptions were really due. The General Education Board very readily agreed to extend the time for one year, but they explained that their general regulations prevented them from granting the two-year extension which we had requested.

In the early fall of 1934 it became apparent that we would have great difficulty in collecting our funds unless the Presser Foundation of Philadelphia would pay the \$65,000 subscription which they had made. I visited them in September and laid before them the urgency of our situation. They are interested in helping and gave definite assurance that their money will be forthcoming, but not by July 1, 1935.

In view of the disappointment in this matter and of the generally difficult times, I went to New York to talk again to the General Education Board about extending the time beyond July 1, 1935. As this seemed out of the question, I then proposed that they should give us an extra \$100,000 for a science building in the event we might be able, by heroic effort, to complete our campaign. The replies to this suggestion were most disappointing and discouraging. However, in less than a week afterwards, one of the officers of the General Education Board came to the College and went carefully over our situation, and was convinced of our real need. He permitted us to make a formal application to the Board for the extra \$100,000, but could give no assurance that it would be granted. A little later the President of the Board came himself to check over our situation, and on December 13, 1934, a formal offer of \$100,000 as a bonus for complete success was given to us.

The plan under which we now work in connection with this matter is practically a new set-up which has as its goal \$450,000. This would be divided as follows:

Library Building -----	\$200,000
Science Hall-----	100,000
Endowment — Scholarships-----	100,000
Improvements and Permanent Equipment_	50,000
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Total -----	\$450,000

As a part of the whole development, we are anxious to extend the paved drive in front of Buttrick Hall straight through to Candler Street. We hope then to connect the front drive and the rear one so as to give accessibility through the campus and a much more satisfactory approach to the rear of Main Building. It seems likely that it may be wise to move West Lawn, the cottage where Miss Hopkins lives, to a position on College Place. It is hoped in a number of respects to improve the general landscaping around the rear of our campus.

Progress of the Campaign

When we undertook to secure \$233,000 in cash before July 1, 1935, we realized that it would be a difficult undertaking; but we had no idea at that time of the real magnitude of the task. The getting of subscriptions would not be so difficult, but cash is very hard to get even from people supposedly wealthy.

Just when things were looking most discouraging, the faculty and students on the campus undertook to raise \$15,000 so as to give an impetus to our efforts. The faculty and students had already pledged Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) in the beginning of the campaign and \$20,000 more in the whirlwind effort to complete our subscriptions. It seemed therefore a very difficult undertaking to get \$15,000 additional in the face of all the generosity already shown.

When the gifts were tabulated on April 19th, it was found that the total was almost exactly \$25,000. Every student, every officer and teacher, and every organization on the campus had contributed to make the results one hundred percent representative of the love and loyalty of these groups. It is a tremendous testimony as to the value which those at the very heart of the Institution place upon its worth and growth.

At the present time we have in sight approximately \$123,000 of the amount needed. This leaves \$110,000 yet

to be secured. We have gotten some of our easiest gifts. It is going to take some large gifts in order to complete the campaign successfully. It will also take many small ones.

Fortunately, the General Educational Board allows gifts taken on an annuity basis to count in this effort. While we have always been very conservative in the annuities which we pay, this is a helpful opportunity because it enables the giver to retain the income during life and to establish afterwards a permanent memorial.

It would be impossible for us to carry on this campaign without admirable cooperation from the officers of the College. Messrs. Stukes, Tart, and Cunningham, and Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Ansley are carrying the brunt of the regular college work while I give my time almost exclusively to field work. We have only one paid worker on the campaign staff, and she is visiting largely those who have made subscriptions and have been unable to pay them.

Aside from the importance of winning this campaign from the standpoint of the buildings and other improvements which will be available, it is most important to show to the General Education Board and to our other friends that the Agnes Scott supporters are loyal and devoted to the interests of the College. We believe that success now will mean other important gifts in the future, whereas failure at this time would make later gifts exceedingly difficult.

Development for Other Years

In order that we may keep our perspective through the years, I would like to remind all our friends that the campaign in which we are now engaged will not by any means complete the needs of the College. We will wish to erect, as soon as possible, the Presser Building with emphasis on music and other fine arts and with a very beautiful memorial auditorium to be known as "Gaines Chapel." We would like to transform the present chapel into an attractive dining room. We need very much a faculty house with well arranged small apartments for those who wish to do light housekeeping. One of our greatest needs is for a modern dormitory which will be thoroughly well equipped from every standpoint. We will soon have outgrown our infirmary, and ought to look forward to having a modern hospital. The outdoor amphitheatre which we use for May Day and other events needs to be fully developed with ample permanent seating and with an arboretum and possibly a lake adjoining these grounds. We need attractive gate-

ways for all of our entrances, and extensive planting of trees and shrubs. Most of all, our endowment needs to be increased, both for general purposes and for scholarships.

These items are listed as a reminder that we are a growing college with the accompanying needs of an active organization. It is not our purpose to recommend that we start at once on any campaign to achieve these. I think we will all wish to take a breathing spell before undertaking another big drive for money. We do hope that through wills and individual gifts some of these needs may be met from time to time.

Development of a University Center

The idea of cooperation among the local institutions, with a view to providing better facilities in Atlanta and the adjoining areas, seems to be gaining favor. It is such a large and such an important matter that it is necessary to work somewhat slowly. The faculties of Agnes Scott and Emory have held numerous joint meetings and have been very enthusiastic about the possibilities of closer work. Emory has re-arranged its summer school so as to take care of any students whom we wish to recommend for study when we are not in session. They have suggested that as plans develop further they will cease to take any women who are not definitely registered at Agnes Scott. We are seriously considering operating on a quarter basis instead of on a semester plan in order that our work may fit in more definitely with the course at Emory so that we may exchange teachers, though no plan is yet considered for any exchange of students except as our girls may go to Emory for summer work.

It is planned that our libraries be jointly catalogued so that books in either institution may be available for use by students in the other institution, and so that we may avoid the necessity of duplicating very expensive sets of books and magazines.

Some negotiations have been carried on with the administrative officers at Georgia School of Technology, at the Atlanta Conservatory of Music, and at the High Museum of Art as to the possibility of cooperation with them also; but it will be necessary to bring any such steps to the attention of the Board at some later time.

We are joining Emory University in petitioning the General Education Board for a grant to establish a Graduate School of Social Work at Emory which will be of very great assistance to our graduates who wish to do social service

work and which would strengthen also our Department of Economics and Sociology.

The success of Agnes Scott College in finishing the particular campaign in which we are engaged will have considerable bearing on whether or not the Foundations will take interest in the larger university plan here in Atlanta. I think our success would be a distinct encouragement to the Foundations to do something in a large way.

Trustees

Since the last annual meeting, the elections of Messrs. Bellingrath, Brownlee, and Campbell, and of Mrs. Durrett have been confirmed by their respective organizations. We have never had a nomination of our Board questioned by either the Alumnae Association or by any of the Synods.

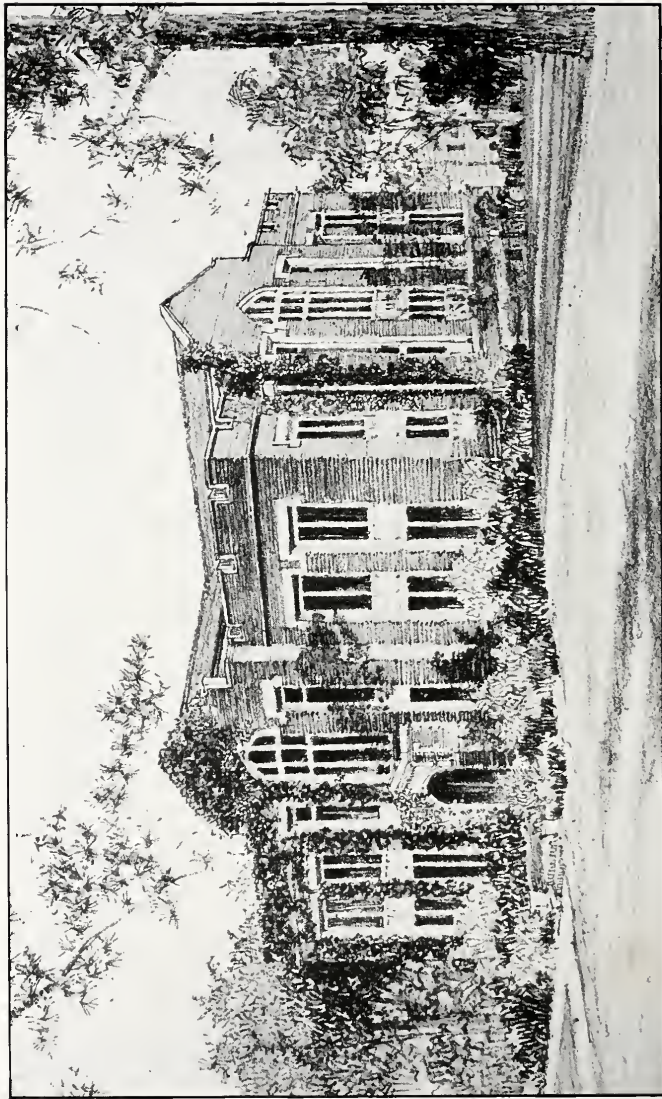
The College Community has been concerned about the serious illness of Honorable C. M. Candler who is completing his forty-sixth year of service on our Board of Trustees. He is the only member of the original Board as it was organized, and he has been active in the service of the College throughout its history, being at the present time Chairman of the Executive Committee and also Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The terms of the following Trustees expire at this meeting: C. M. Candler, J. K. Orr, F. M. Inman, Mrs. Samuel M. Inman, Miss Mary Wallace Kirk, Miss Nannette Hopkins, W. J. Rushton. These have been of invaluable service to the College throughout their years of service.

Through a gift of a friend of the College, we have been able to have painted the portraits of Mr. Samuel M. Inman and Mr. J. K. Orr. This painting has been well done by Mr. Sidney E. Dickinson, of New York City, who also painted a portrait of the President of the College with funds provided by the students, faculty, and alumnae of the Institution.

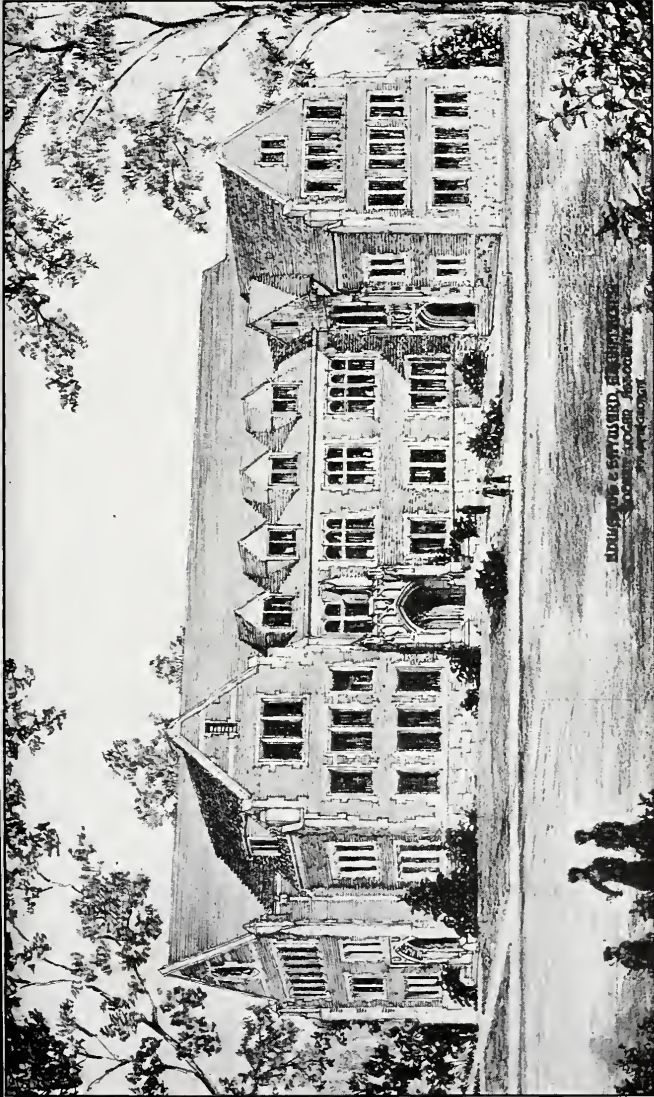
Mr. Inman was Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1903 to 1915 at a very trying period when the Institution was passing from the field of secondary work into that of a real college and when the interest of the General Education Board was first enlisted.

Mr. Orr has been Chairman of the Board from 1915 to the present time, during which period the College has had its most rapid growth and expansion in all fields.



PROPOSED STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUILDING

This picture is quite familiar to Agnes Scott people as the present Library. It is much too valuable a building to scrap, and is to be used for student activities and for general social purposes. It is admirably adapted to such use, and will fill a *great* need in



PROPOSED NEW SCIENCE HALL

The College has quite outgrown also our present Science Building, and the Biology Department will move to the new quarters, giving much more space in the present building for Chemistry and Physics. This new addition will probably also have space for the Department of the Home which we hope to establish in due time.

Faculty

There have been relatively few changes in the staff during the last session. Miss Mary Westall, of the Department of Botany, has been on leave of absence, and has tendered her resignation. Her place is being filled for the present by Acting Associate Professor Thomas W. Whitaker who took his B.A. work at the University of California, and his Ph.D. at the University of Virginia.

Miss Annie May Christie who has been on leave of absence for two years, studying toward her Ph.D. degree, is at her usual work on the campus again.

Miss Raemond Wilson, who has been helping in the English Department, resigned; and her place has been taken by Miss Ellen Douglas Leyburn who took her B.A. degree at Agnes Scott, her M.A. at Radcliffe College, and her Ph.D. at Yale University.

Other additions to the staff or substitutions in minor places have been Miss Eugenie Dozier in Physical Education, Miss Marion Vaughan in Spoken English, Miss Thelma Richmond in French, Miss Margaret Bell as Secretary to the Dean, Miss Elinor Hamilton as Field Secretary of the Alumnae Association, Miss Nancy Rogers as Fellow in Biology, Miss Nelle Chamlee in the Book Store, and Miss Emilie Thomas, as Assistant Nurse.

The faculty and officers have shown a degree of loyalty and of love for the College that excels anything that I have ever found or heard of in any college. Both in time and in the giving of money and in real sacrifice, they make a group for whom we cannot be too grateful.

We were able this year to eliminate the second cut in salaries which was made last session, but we are still ten percent below the very modest normal amount which we really should pay. We have been making a careful study through the year of some possible plan of pension, but we have not yet been able to devise any which would not be burdensome at this time, both for the individual faculty member and for the College.

On March 16th, of this year, Miss Jennie E. Smith passed away after an operation at Emory University Hospital. She was in the service of the College for nearly twenty-five years, being the only Secretary employed by the College for considerable part of that time and serving both the President and other administrative officers.

She was a woman of fine character, and she won the love and respect of the College Community. She gave herself

most generously to the support of her family and to the work here at the College.

Three and a half years ago Miss Smith developed cancer, and has been a continuous sufferer since that time. The College has helped in various ways to give her the needed support and medical attention. With her going, the College loses a faithful employee and a loyal friend.

Students

The enrollment this year has been considerably better than for the last several sessions, and the increase is doubtless due in large measure to the active service of Mr. Stukes in the Registrar's office and to the activity and friendly interest of Miss Hopkins and Miss Scandrett of the office of the Dean. Our 495 students may be classified in various ways, as follows:

Geographical Distribution

Alabama -----	23	Ohio -----	1
Arkansas -----	5	Pennsylvania -----	1
Connecticut -----	1	South Carolina -----	44
District of Columbia--	1	Tennessee -----	20
Georgia -----	294	Virginia -----	15
Florida -----	20	West Virginia -----	6
Illinois -----	2	Wisconsin -----	2
Kansas -----	1	Africa -----	1
Kentucky -----	9	Argentina -----	1
Louisiana -----	3	Chile -----	1
Massachusetts -----	1	China -----	1
Michigan -----	1	France -----	1
Mississippi -----	8	Germany -----	1
New York -----	5	Philippine Islands -----	1
North Carolina -----	25	Total -----	495

Class Enrollment

Senior Class -----	87
Junior Class -----	101
Sophomore Class -----	115
Freshman Class -----	166
First Year Irregulars -----	4
Second Year Irregulars -----	3
Third Year Irregular -----	1
Unclassified Students -----	4
Special Students -----	14
Total -----	495

Residence

Boarders -----	277
Day Students -----	218

Denominational Distribution

Presbyterian -----	194
Methodist -----	134
Baptist -----	92
Episcopal -----	37
Christian -----	8
Lutheran -----	3
Roman Catholic -----	5
Greek Catholic -----	1
Jewish -----	12
Congregational -----	2
Plymouth Brethren -----	1
Christian Science -----	4
Non-members -----	2

The student body has been fine in every way this year. They have done their work in a gratifying manner, have cooperated for the best interests of the College in many ways, and have evinced constructive thinking and planning in regard to various aspects of our work. Student leadership on the campus has been very effective.

The Session 1934-1935

We have continued to operate on a balanced budget, and expect to close the year without a deficit. It is necessary to do without innumerable items of equipment and of comfort which are suggested by various departments and which we would like to get, but for which we do not feel that it is worth while to incur indebtedness.

The problem of scholarship aid for our fine girls is increasingly difficult. We are giving all the assistance which the College can afford to render, and we are trying to do it in a discriminating and helpful manner. The Government aid through F.E.R.A. channels provided help at the average rate of \$15 per month for fifty-one of our girls. This has been of very great value, and we are hoping that the plan of Government aid will be continued next year.

Our Treasurer, Mr. Tart, continues his unbroken record for many, many years in collecting one hundred percent of the fees due from students. This policy has not brought any burdensome pressure on our patrons, but it does take a great deal of care in making the financial arrangements

and constant vigilance and determination in bringing the matter to their attention if there is any indication of negligence.

It is increasingly difficult to know what investments are safe from the standpoint of a college of our character. The matter is given very earnest consideration by the officers of the College and the various members of the Finance Committee, but we are glad to have suggestions from any members of the Board at any time on this or any other subject.

The educational accomplishments for the session are gratifying. Our class work is thoroughly done, and both faculty and students have shown an interest in intellectual life and in educational development which makes us very grateful.

The religious life of the School has also proved to be encouraging. The attendance at chapel, vespers, and other many religious services has been larger than for several years in spite of the fact that we make it largely voluntary. The Y.W.C.A., the Mission Interest groups, and other organizations have worked both through groups and individuals, and we had stimulating religious services led by Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, Jr.

The various committees will doubtless bring in recommendations dealing with many of the matters herein presented.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. R. McBain". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the President.

President.