

AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE  
DECATUR, GA.

ANNUAL REPORT  
TO  
*Board of Trustees*



MAY 29, 1936

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(In order of appointment—with date term expires.)

(1)	C. M. Candler, Decatur.....	1939
	J. K. Orr, Atlanta.....	1939
	W. C. Vereen, Moultrie, Ga.....	1937
	J. S. Lyons, Atlanta.....	1938
	F. M. Inman, Atlanta.....	1939
	Mrs. S. M. Inman, Atlanta.....	1939
	Mrs. C. E. Harman, Atlanta.....	1938
	Miss Mary Wallace Kirk, Tuscumbia, Ala.....	1937
	D. P. McGeachy, Decatur.....	1937
	R. O. Flinn, Atlanta.....	1938
	H. T. McIntosh, Albany, Ga.....	1936
	J. R. McCain, Decatur.....	Ex-Officio
	J. J. Scott, Scottdale, Ga.....	1938
	W. A. Bellingrath, Montgomery, Ala.....	1938
	G. Scott Candler, Decatur.....	1936
	E. D. Brownlee, Sanford, Fla.....	1938
	J. Bulow Campbell, Atlanta.....	1938
(2)	D. A. Dunseith, Clearwater, Fla.....	1937
	Miss Nannette Hopkins, Decatur.....	1939
	John McMillan, Stockton, Ala.....	1937
	W. J. Rushton, Birmingham, Ala.....	1939
	George Winship, Atlanta.....	1937
	Warner H. DuBose, Mobile, Ala.....	1936
	Francis M. Holt, Jacksonville, Fla.....	1936
	Mrs. J. F. Durrett, Atlanta.....	1936

(1) Died August 7, 1935.

(2) Died February 12, 1936.

## THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1935-1936

The 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 1935-1936, and I am bringing to your attention a number of items in connection with the present status of the College and its plans for the future.

### Trustees

Since the last meeting of the Board, we have lost by death two of our members,—Honorable C. M. Candler and Dr. D. A. Dunseith. Committees have been appointed to bring in memorial sketches for these, but a brief mention concerning their activities in connection with Agnes Scott College seems appropriate.

Mr. Charles Murphey Candler was a member of the organization group which started the College under the name of "Decatur Female Seminary." He was a member of the original Board of Trustees, and served continuously for a little more than forty-six years. Shortly before his death he had been reelected for a four-year term which would have brought his service to the half century mark if he had been able to complete it.

No trustee has been more active in the operation of the College than he. For more than twenty years he has been Chairman of the Executive Committee. For fifteen years he has been Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

In the early days of the Institution, he looked after many details of administration, conducted correspondence with prospective students, and arranged for the enrollment of applicants. He was responsible for the awards of scholarships. In times of emergency, he even hauled trunks and kindled fires.

His interest in the College and his devotion to it never wavered. All through the last year of his illness, his thoughts and conversation centered largely about the College and its welfare. The Board of Trustees, and the Institution itself, have suffered a great loss in his passing away, but we have a great deal in connection with his memory for which to be thankful.

Dr. D. A. Dunseith was elected a trustee in May, 1928, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. J. R. Cunningham. For many years he had been a friend of many supporters of the College, and he himself had sent a daughter to the Institution as a student.

In spite of his long distance from Agnes Scott and the inconvenience which the trip necessitated, he was a regular attendant at the meetings of our Board of Trustees, and was cordial and cooperative in all of the work of the College. He gave much time and effort to the question of trying to find wealthy friends who could contribute to the upbuilding of the Institution. He was also constantly interested in sending to the College young women who might profit by its program of education. While his term of service was relatively short, he will be greatly missed.

The unexpired terms of Messrs. J. T. Lupton, George E. King, C. M. Candler, and D. A. Dunseith will be brought to the attention of the Nominating Committee. This Committee, of which Mr. J. K. Orr is Chairman, will be glad to receive any suggestions from any member of the Board.

The terms of the following members expire at this meeting: H. T. McIntosh, G. Scott Candler, Warner H. DuBose, Francis M. Holt and Mrs. J. F. Durrett. All of these have been loyal and helpful members of the Board.

Since our Trustees are widely scattered, and it is very inconvenient to have frequent meetings, the officers of the College have followed the general policy of consulting individual members of the Board about various matters of interest and relying on committee service for the solving of most of the problems.

### **Development Program**

As the Trustees are already aware, we were able by the first of July, 1935, to complete our campaign for \$1,600,000. It was necessary to get some of this money underwritten by friends, and we have not yet gotten sufficient collections on the subscriptions to pay the underwriters in full. It is extremely important that these subscriptions be paid by the first of July.

With the money available from the campaign, the College has proceeded to make improvements in line with the directions of the Board at its last meeting.

The most important item of our improvement is the new Library Building. This will be a very large structure, and perhaps the most beautiful one on the campus. A grant

of money was made by the Carnegie Corporation for the special study of plans for this building, and expert librarians and also architects were consulted in working out the details.

For the first time in American history, so far as I am aware, an institution is building a library which will accommodate at **one time** every student in college.

On the main floor, there is to be a large reading room, equipped informally with davenports, easy chairs, floor lamps, and other devices for comfort and enjoyment while the students read. Books will be in evidence everywhere; and, on cold days, an open fire place will give an added touch of comfort and of cheer.

On the floor below, there will be a room of equal size, though the ceiling will not be so high, and this will accommodate nearly two hundred young women with regulation tables and chairs which will be convenient for study and note-taking.

On the south side of the building will be arranged an open, outdoor reading terrace which can be used most of the year. This will be equipped with outdoor furniture, awnings, umbrellas, and the like, and will be accessible only from the library itself and not from the outside.

On the second floor of the building, there will be a number of seminar rooms which will be available for small groups of students who wish to study together or to have informal conferences between faculty members and student groups. There will also be carrels in the stacks for faculty members or for advanced students who have special investigations to make.

The third floor of the Library will be arranged for a museum. This may not be used immediately, as we do not have funds for the putting in of an elevator at this time. When this can be installed, the Museum ought to be of great value as it will be an attractive room and lighted in approved museum style.

The stack room will have a capacity of more than one hundred thousand volumes. It will be six floors in height, but we are equipping only two floors with actual shelving at this time as this will be ample for our present number of volumes. We have approximately thirty-five thousand books now.

Another item of the Development Program will be the remodeling of the present Library Building for a Student Activities Building. It is planned that this building will

be used exclusively for students and will accommodate most of the clubs, publications, and other organizations which have been so largely homeless in previous years. The main reading room will be an ideal recreation place for students who wish to get together either in large or small groups.

A third item of development has been the removal of the Infirmary and West Lawn to new locations on the campus. This is the fourth location in the history of the Infirmary, and the third of West Lawn. Both of these buildings are very attractive in their new positions and more useful than ever before.

A fourth improvement which has added greatly to the value of the campus is the opening up of the driveway between McDonough Street and Candler Street, and the connecting of this road with the driveway in front of the College. For the first time it is now possible to drive through our grounds and see all of the buildings without alighting from automobiles.

A fifth item in the Development Program has been the purchase of approximately four and a half acres of land just south of our present campus which may be available for the building of a lake, in case we wish to have one in the future, and for a general park and improvement purposes.

A final item of our development activity has been the adding of \$121,000.00 to the endowment of the College through the gift of the General Education Board. The Board elected to give this amount in stocks and bonds, but these were of good quality and have actually appreciated in value since we received them.

### Semi-Centennial Objectives

We are now completing the forty-seventh year of Agnes Scott history. In 1939 we will be ready to celebrate the semi-centennial of the Institution. It seems wise that we should begin to think of the objectives which we should attain, either by that time or as a result of the activities of that occasion. I am venturing to call your attention to some items which seem to me very important.

1. An Auditorium and Fine Arts Building--\$	150,000
2. A New Dormitory-----	125,000
3. Modernizing our Present Dormitories----	100,000
4. New Science Hall-----	125,000
5. May Day Grounds, Lake and Landscaping	50,000



6. Department of the Home, Building and Endowment -----	150,000
7. New Infirmary-----	50,000
8. Additional Endowment	
Library -----	\$150,000
Upkeep of new buildings--	300,000
Faculty salaries -----	670,000
	1,120,000
	\$1,870,000

So far as I can see, every one of these items is necessary for the operation of the College on a high class basis. There are many items which I would like to include: such as, an apartment house for teachers, a separate art museum, and many items of additional endowment; but I see no possibility of getting funds for those purposes in the immediate future. In fact, I do not see where the money may come for the items which are outlined above, but I have the greatest faith in securing whatever funds may be necessary if our friends understand the situation and believe that our needs are reasonable. It is going to be increasingly important to be remembered in wills as a source of progress because individuals are not going to be allowed to accumulate wealth for special gifts under our present Government program.

### University Center

Steady progress is being made in closer cooperation between Emory University, Agnes Scott College, and various units of the University of Georgia System. It is absolutely necessary that we keep definitely in mind that our program does not call for coordination or merging or any close or integral relationship. The word "cooperation" expresses the extent to which we feel that our institution ought to participate.

It is not planned, for the present at least, that there will be any exchange of students between the institutions unless we should decide that we would like to have our Practice Teaching or some other professional element of the curriculum done at Emory rather than to try to carry on the work here. However, in the rearrangement of our program on a quarter basis, in the facilities with which we can exchange teachers where classes are small, in a joint library catalogue for all of the institutions of the community, in planning for summer work, and in other particulars, we feel that progressive and yet conservative ideas are being worked out.

Emory University is celebrating its centennial this year, and is planning to put on a campaign for \$6,000,000 for the development of its Graduate School. We are endorsing the application of the University to the great Foundations, and will help in any way possible to make its local campaign a success, because a Graduate School would be a great assistance to the Agnes Scott work as well as to that of Emory. We would not undertake any responsibility for the operation of it, but our influence would be felt in the standards that are maintained.

### Current Expenses

The report of the Treasurer will give needful information in regard to this topic. We find it necessary to economize in many ways in which it would be comfortable to spend more money. There are unexpected items of expense which come from time to time, such as the repairs to our trees from the damage done by the ice storm at Christmas. We had more than 265 fine campus trees seriously injured, but we have gotten these into very good shape. The collection of all student accounts for the session before May 1st is quite a factor in our being able to meet our bills promptly and protect our excellent credit. This is the eighteenth consecutive year that Mr. Tart has been able to make this fine showing.

### Faculty

There have been no important changes in the Faculty during the past year. Miss Gwendeline N. Miller, Assistant Librarian, resigned; and her place has been filled by Miss Laura C. Colvin who holds her B. A. degree from the College of William and Mary, and her B. A. L. S. from the University of Michigan. She gives her principal attention to catalogue work.

Miss Sarah Bowman resigned as Instructor in Biology, and her place has been filled by Miss Helen Mar Miller, B. A., Goucher College, Ph. D., Johns Hopkins University.

Miss Helen Page Ackerman resigned as Assistant in Physical Education, and her place has been taken by Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, B. A., Alabama College.

The entire Faculty have shown faithfulness and cooperation to just as full an extent as could be asked or expected. They gave sacrificially in our Campaign last year, and the pledges have been paid promptly in spite of the fact that the normal salaries are still reduced ten percent. We are very anxious indeed to restore this cut as soon as possible.



We have made a thorough investigation of possible pension plans for Faculty and Officers, but it does not seem reasonable to undertake a program of this sort until salaries can be restored to the normal amounts.

Agnes Scott is particularly blessed in having a staff of administrators who are not only efficient but who have the interest of the College at heart. In this connection, I would like particularly to mention Dean Nannette Hopkins, Registrar S. G. Stukes, Treasurer J. C. Tart, and Business Manager R. B. Cunningham. All of these officers have been at the College for a longer period than I have been connected with the Institution, and their work is excellent.

### Students

Our enrollment this year has been practically the same as for the last session, but there has been an increase in the number of boarders; and all of our dormitory rooms were filled. It was necessary to reopen and recondition The White House in order to take care of the extra number of applicants.

Our 496 students may be classified in various ways, as follows:

#### Geographical Distribution

Alabama -----	19	Ohio -----	1
Arkansas -----	5	Pennsylvania -----	1
Connecticut -----	1	South Carolina -----	49
District of Columbia---	1	Tennessee -----	21
Florida -----	20	Texas -----	3
Georgia -----	288	Virginia -----	14
Illinois -----	2	West Virginia -----	5
Kansas -----	1	Wisconsin -----	1
Kentucky -----	7	Africa -----	1
Louisiana -----	4	Argentina -----	1
Michigan -----	1	Chile -----	1
Mississippi -----	9	China -----	1
Missouri -----	1	France -----	1
New Jersey -----	1	Germany -----	1
New York -----	3		
North Carolina -----	33	Total -----	496

### Class Enrollment

Senior Class -----	107
Junior Class -----	92
Sophomore Class -----	116
Freshman Class -----	161
First Year Irregulars -----	3
Fourth Year Irregulars -----	1
Unclassified Students -----	2
Special Students -----	14
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Total -----	496

### Residence

Boarders -----	297
Day Students -----	199

### Denominational Distribution

Presbyterian -----	192
Methodist -----	114
Baptist -----	90
Episcopal -----	48
Christian -----	12
Lutheran -----	4
Roman Catholic -----	10
Jewish -----	14
Congregational -----	2
Christian Scientists -----	6
Plymouth Brethren -----	1
Reformed -----	1
Union Church -----	1
Non-members -----	1
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Total -----	496

The students have been very cooperative this year in their various activities as well as in the academic class work. The student leaders are concerned that the high ideals of the College be maintained, and we can always count on their using their influence in the right direction.

### Extra-Curriculum Activities

The religious life of the College has been very quiet and satisfactory through the session. We had Mr. S. D. Gordon, the noted author and lecturer, to conduct a special series of services for a week, and his ministry was quite helpful. The Y. W. C. A., the Mission Interest Groups, and

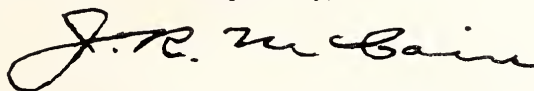
other organizations have contributed to the religious life and spiritual impress of the campus.

Our Lecture Association always brings to the campus some stimulating speakers in the realm of literature or public affairs. This year we have had Robert Frost, perhaps the outstanding poet of America at this time; Thornton Wilder, the well known novelist; and Sir Arthur Willert, the well known publicist and authority on international affairs.

The All-Star Concert Series in Atlanta always attracts a great deal of interest on our campus. The Manager has each year made special concessions to Agnes Scott students so that they could get good seats at less than half the given price. This year approximately 375 of our students took advantage of the reduced rates and participated in the noteworthy concerts.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. R. McBain". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

President.

## TRUSTEE COMMITTEES

### Executive

J. K. Orr, Chairman; J. S. Lyons, W. C. Vereen, F. M. Inman, E. D. Brownlee, W. J. Rushton, and the President.

### Finance

F. M. Inman, Chairman; J. K. Orr, W. A. Bellingrath, J. B. Campbell, John McMillan, George Winship, J. J. Scott, and the President.

### Buildings and Grounds

J. J. Scott, Chairman; J. K. Orr, Mrs. S. M. Inman, Mrs. C. E. Harman, J. B. Campbell, George Winship, Scott Candler, and the President.

### Faculty

J. S. Lyons, Chairman; D. P. McGeachy, R. O. Flinn, Miss Nannette Hopkins, Mrs. J. F. Durrett, and the President.

### Nominations

J. K. Orr, Chairman; R. O. Flinn, H. T. McIntosh, F. M. Holt, Warner DuBose, W. C. Vereen, and the President.

### Health

Miss Nannette Hopkins, Chairman; Mrs. S. M. Inman, Mrs. J. F. Durrett, Miss Mary Wallace Kirk, Scott Candler, and the President.

### Scholarships

J. R. McCain, Chairman; D. P. McGeachy, Miss Mary Wallace Kirk, John McMillan, and F. M. Holt.