

# Lincoln University Herald.

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## The New Library.

The Vail Memorial Library, a cut of which appears on our fourth page, is now completed, and the volumes possessed by the University are being placed in it. It has long been a much desired and much needed possession, and has come in answer to earnest prayer. Wm. H. Vail, M. D., of Blairstown, N. J., has erected it as a family memorial.

It is an expression of the interest taken in the work of Lincoln University by himself and the family he so well represents. The site selected for this building is one which will well display its fine proportions, be in harmony with the other buildings; and be convenient to both professors and students. It is ninety feet by thirty-three; with projections, near the front, on the east, north and south, surmounted by a handsome dome. It is built of brick, trimmed with Indiana limestone, and is intended to be fire proof. It consists of four apartments—a large vestibule or hall way, which opens into a reading room and the library proper. In the rear of the latter is a reference or consulting room. The basement story, nine feet high, contains receiving and packing rooms, so as to relieve the library room proper from dust and disorder in opening boxes of books, etc. And in this basement there will be, among other things appropriate to such a building, a bowling alley, thus giving to students an opportunity of exercising in bad weather.

The formal opening and dedication of the building will take place in one of the spring months, and it is hoped that many friends of the University will take advantage of the occasion to pay it a visit. And now, since such fine library conveniences are possessed, we trust that many donations of books may be received.

## Report of Committee on Freedmen.

In the report of the chairman of the Committee on Freedmen, Rev. Dr. Wills, to the last Synod of Pennsylvania, there was allusion also to Lincoln University. We give the following extract from it:

"In the last report to this Synod, it was stated that 'It is to be feared that many Christian people have begun to entertain the thought that the Freedmen, after thirty years of freedom, no longer need the special care of the Church, and may now be safely left to their social and political and religious sur-

roundings. Such a judgment would be very untimely and disastrous. Well-informed ministers and teachers in the South admit that out of the more than twenty thousand ministers who serve the churches among the Freedmen, not one in five is competent, either by intelligence or piety, for his office. Much as has been done for the amelioration of their condition, there are more than four millions of them not yet reached effectually by an intelligent school teacher or by a competent preacher.' This startling statement emphasizes the urgent necessity for a higher grade of education to qualify this people for the exercise not only of the rights of freemen, but also to preach the Gospel of Christ with simplicity and success. Such literary and moral culture as Lincoln University and kindred institutions furnish is what is imperatively needed. It is to be greatly regretted that this noble institution within our bounds is not adequately endowed. Applicants every year have to be denied admission because the means are not forthcoming. Your Committee is informed that Lincoln could admit one hundred more men yearly within its walls than have appeared on its rolls if it possessed sufficient funds. The Presbyterian Church, with its high educational standard, has now a golden opportunity, and to its educational institutions other denominations are looking for their ministers in the South. Your Committee believe that men and women of means could not do better than to give liberally out of their abundance for the support of our institutions which have for their aim and end the higher education of our colored young men and women. We with pleasure record the fact of the beautiful consecration of the womanhood of the Church to this cause, and also recognize the efficient service rendered by our young people's societies. In view of the growing prosperity of our country, we renew our appeal to the whole membership of the Church to remember this cause in their prayers and their gifts, and that the current year may surpass the receipts of any year in the glorious history of this work."

Many of the young men in the University are often in need of clothing, both under and outerwear, and also shoes. Even second hand will be highly appreciated. It can be sent from Philadelphia via package express over the Pennsylvania railroad, directed to any of the professors, or upon notice to the editor of the LINCOLN UNIVERSITY HERALD at 1328 Chestnut Street he will see to its being sent.

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The authorities of the University felt compelled, in December, at the close of the first term of the year, to dismiss a number of students. This was because of lack of funds for their support, and the fear that if kept considerable debt might be incurred. So numerous were the applications at the beginning of the year that, influenced by the hope of larger contributions, more were admitted than incoming funds justified in keeping. It was a sore disappointment to them to be obliged to give up their studies. They hope to be enabled to return and we trust there are those who will aid by contributing towards their support. As has frequently been stated in our columns, very few of the young men who come to Lincoln are able to pay for their own support. Their parents are generally poor and the opportunities open to them for working their own way are neither as many or as good as those possessed by young white men.

### Report to Synod.

The Synod of Pennsylvania sends an annual Committee to Lincoln University, which makes report to Synod of its impressions.

At Chambersburg last October, Robert Hunter, D. D., of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Committee for 1897, reported having visited Lincoln at the Annual Commencement and having been "accorded a most cordial welcome and afforded every opportunity by President Rendall and his able associates in the faculty for careful observation in regard to the equipment of the institution and methods of work." The report continued as follows:

"That Lincoln has a warm place in the hearts of the people of the Presbyterian Church was evidenced by the presence at the Commencement of large numbers of our best citizens from the cities and towns in the immediate vicinity of the University and some from places far distant. Business, professional men, and statesmen were there watching the proceedings with profound interest, listening with rapt attention, and speaking words of inspiration and encouragement. In

the addresses of the graduates of both departments, we had samples of the finished product of the students' work, and it must be said that for thought, literary form, and oratorical quality these specimens were all of a high order, and some of them decidedly superior. A visitor, who is a man of affairs and who has himself fine literary tastes, remarked to a member of your Committee that 'he never before had heard addresses by students in such correct and elegant literary style and at the same time so thoroughly practical in aim and effect.'

"The graduates in theology showed that they had a firm grasp and clear comprehension of the great doctrines of Christianity, and also of the distinctive principles of our own beloved Church, and displayed ability in clear, forcible, and entertaining statement of the truth.

"It was evident to every one that the study of the Bible had the foremost place in the curriculum of the University.

"The professors are intellectually well equipped for their respective departments and conspicuously self-sacrificing and enthusiastic in devotion to their chosen work.

"Lincoln University is probably doing more to solve the race problem in the South than any other agency in existence by taking the men who have been born and raised there and thoroughly training them for leadership of the best sort among those of their own race who have not been so highly favored, and who have but recently come to the privilege of citizenship, with all its weighty responsibilities.

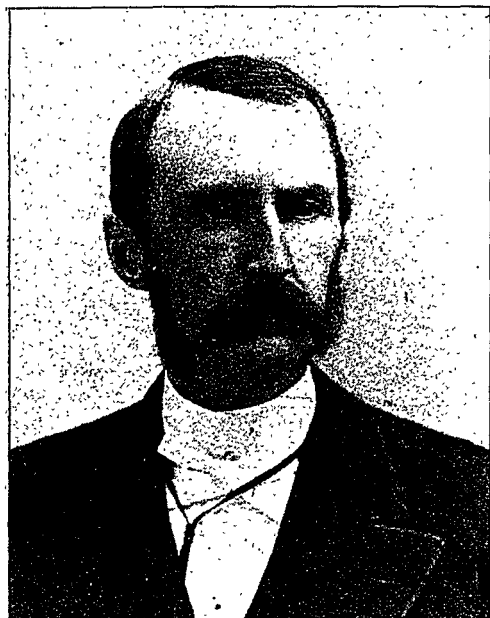
"A very interesting feature of the last Commencement was the announcement of the dedication of one of Lincoln's best graduates to the mission field of Africa, and his willingness to go, trusting to Providence to carry him on his way, although no board had the means to send him. He is at this time in his chosen field and at work.

"Your Committee are of the opinion that Lincoln's possibilities for good have no limit, except that which is caused by limited material resources. No investment in an educational institution could possibly bring larger returns. Every dollar added to the endowment or contributed for current use furnishes immediate increase of usefulness.

"Your Committee would offer the following recommendations:

"1. That the Synod recognizes with gratitude the eminently wise and successful administration of the President and Faculty of Lincoln University.

"2. That the attention of our men of wealth as well as our people of moderate means is called to the University as deserving of liberal assistance in the prosecution of a work unique in its character and so essential for the welfare of our Church and country."



**Rev. Clement Cresson Dickey.**

We are glad to be able to give in this issue of the *HERALD* a portrait of Rev. Clement Cresson Dickey, who from 1872 to 1878 was Professor of Hebrew in Lincoln University. Mr. Dickey was a son of the founder of the University, Rev. John Miller Dickey, D. D., and a brother of J. M. C. Dickey, Esq., one of the present trustees. He was born in Oxford, Pa., August 12th, 1844; graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1866, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1871; was ordained by the Presbytery of Brooklyn and installed over the Tompkins Avenue Church of that city the same year. From 1878 to 1886 he was pastor of the Patterson Memorial Church, Philadelphia, from which he resigned on account of ill health and repaired to Colorado Springs, where he died March 8th, 1893.

### A Much Enjoyed Visitor.

Lincoln University is very glad at all times to welcome those who come to view its work and inspect its equipments, and especially those who bring to it entertainment and instruction in the way of lecture or address. In December, the institution was much gratified by a visit from the eminent missionary and Orientalist, the Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D. He came with his son-in-law, Wm. H. Vail, M. D., of Blairstown, N. J., who has erected the handsome library for the University. Dr. Hamlin is eighty-six, yet in vigor-

ous possession of his faculties, and the students and faculty of Lincoln, together with some invited guests, enjoyed a rare treat in listening to three discourses, or, rather, most interesting familiar talks, from him. They were upon the founding of Robert College, Constantinople, of which he was for a time the President, experience in Industrial Education in the East, and the persecution of the Armenians. The remarkable providence of God in the first, the remarkable success of missionary effort in the second, and the true explanation, as well as horror, of the last, were set forth in such clear and logical manner as to greatly impress and move his audience.

### Y. M. C. A. Hall.

The following letter from the Y. M. C. A. Secretary of Pennsylvania, in reference to the memorial Y. M. C. A. Hall, will be read with interest:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
STATE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,  
HARRISBURG, PA., Jan. 13, 1898.  
PROF. R. L. STEWART, D. D.,  
Lincoln University, Pa.

*My Dear Brother:*—A little while ago, I received a letter from Judge Hinckley, of Danville, enclosing copy of *Lincoln University Herald*, containing the article suggesting a Hugh Beaver Memorial Y. M. C. A. building on college campus.

I was immediately very much interested in the matter, and write you to-day to suggest that in case you decide to erect such a building, I shall be more than glad to lend you any assistance in my power to make the movement effective! It seems to me that it will appeal very strongly to the Association men of the State, and particularly to those who have mutual interest in your Institution and the work of the College Associations.

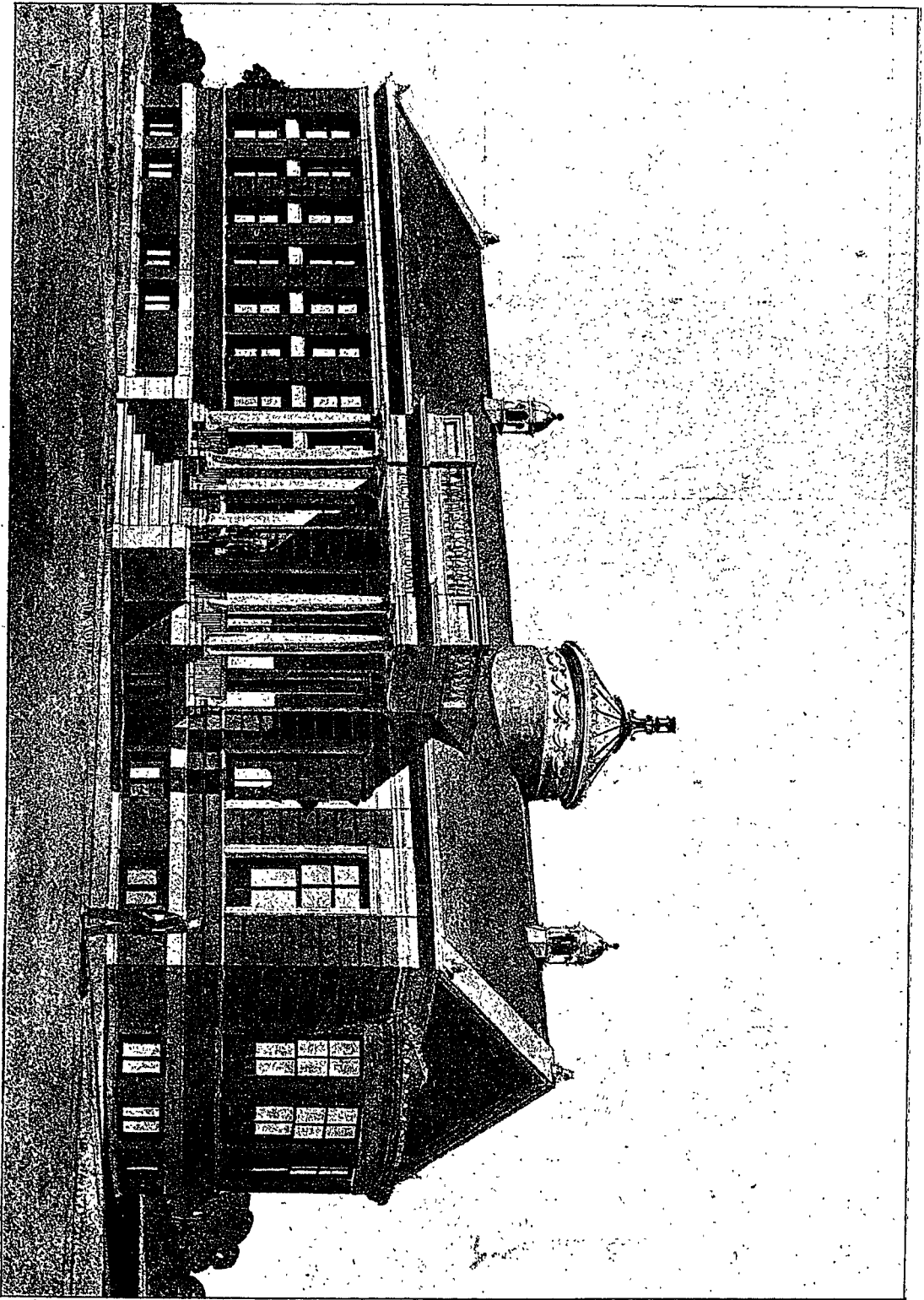
It would certainly be a most fitting memorial for Brother Hugh, who really gave his life for the student body of our State, and I cannot think any man has ever gotten so deeply into the lives of the thirteen thousand students of Pennsylvania in so brief a time as Hugh Beaver did.

Expressions of regret at his seemingly premature death are universal, and so far as our Committee are concerned, we felt for a time as though the place thus made vacant could not be filled; but the Lord has raised up another, who is most efficiently supervising the work of our colleges. I refer to Mr. Harvey.

Trusting that this proposed project will meet with success, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

S. M. BARD.



Vail Memorial Library, Lincoln University, Pa.

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## Notes.

Rev. Edward Webb, of Oxford, Pa., for so many years Financial Secretary of Lincoln University, to whom the Institution owes so much of its financial prosperity, has gone on a visit to Southern California. He was suffering from trouble of the heart, and his physician told him that he would get relief in a warmer climate. By taking a Southern route, he soon gained access to this. Mr. Webb is now in his seventy-ninth year.

THE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY HERALD is published monthly for the purpose of keeping the friends of the institution acquainted with its work, and as a medium of communication between it and the outside world. Through it may also be set forth the progress and needs of colored education; and the especial function of Lincoln University in connection with it. We desire for it a larger paying circulation, that it may support itself, and will be pleased if those receiving it would send us the subscription price, which is only twenty-five cents. No bills will ever be sent out, neither will any one be at any time dunned for a subscription to it.

Help is constantly needed for the support of worthy and promising students in Lincoln University. Their board costs eight dollars per month. Something is needed to pay their laundry bills and for lamp oil and incidentals. They have clothing and shoes to purchase. And for all this many of them have very little money. The Institution must, in most cases, provide for them. But to do this it has very little endowment and must depend upon the collections of friendly congregations and the gifts of friends of the University and of colored education. These it at all times welcomes, and in behalf of which it is obliged to make constant appeal. They may be sent to either editor of this paper.

Scholarship endowments of two thousand, or better, twenty-five hundred dollars, are much desired.

The Students' Volunteer Convention, which met recently in Cleveland, Ohio, was attended by the President of Lincoln University, Dr. I. N. Rendall. An account of this meeting, which in some respects was the most remarkable of its kind which has ever been held, was given the first Sabbath evening of March to the Faculty and students of the University in the Brown Memorial Chapel.

Many more students, especially of the Theological Department, would spend their summer vacation in colporteur work in the South, in establishing Sabbath schools and holding neighborhood meetings and distributing tracts and religious papers, if they could be supported in it. We will be glad to receive funds from friends for this purpose. Different ones may, by a contribution of seventy-five or a hundred dollars, carry on a three or four months' missionary campaign among the colored people in a destitute portion of Maryland or Virginia or North Carolina.

Prof. R. L. Stewart and four of the students represented Lincoln University at the annual State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., which met at York, Pa., February 17th to 20th.

More than six hundred delegates were present, and the sessions from beginning to end were notable for wise leadership and the manifest presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Association in the last decade has been greatly enlarged, and many new avenues of work have been opened up. In the college and railroad branches, the work has been especially fruitful in results during the year.

Forty-three colleges and normal schools are connected with the Association in this State, and most of these were represented in the convention.

The proposal to erect an Association Hall on the campus of Lincoln University as a memorial to the late Hugh Beaver was received with favor on every hand, and much encouragement was given to the delegates by the Secretaries and by individual members. Many of them gave assurance of their approval and willingness to help in case the movement should be fairly started. If two or three of the good friends of Lincoln could now come to the front with a sufficient sum and make a beginning, this project could, no doubt, be carried out before the next meeting of the State Association.

The Rev. John Gillespie, D. D., Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was present by invitation at Lincoln on Sabbath, February 27th, and gave two stirring addresses, which will long be remembered by the Faculty and students. In the morning service, he spoke of the world-wide character of the work; in the evening his subject was Medical Missions. Much interest was developed in connection with these services.

**Lincoln University Herald.****English Bible.**

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**Gifts and Bequests.**

To those who wish to dispose of a portion of their property before their death, or to those who wish to make a bequest to a most worthy object, which will make use of it to further the cause of religion and humanity, we commend Lincoln University. Its interest and aim is the education and christianization of a race that numbers more than eight millions. They are American citizens and they must affect for weal or for woe our common country. No institution is better established or equipped for the work than Lincoln. Gifts to it enabling it to enlarge and improve its plant and increase its facilities will tell many fold more than if given to many another institution or object. New chairs may be endowed; an additional dormitory may be erected, or Christian Association hall; or an electric light and power plant may be established or arrangements made for a better heating system and water supply.

There is opportunity to make Lincoln University an institution for the colored race which shall, to an extent at least, bear comparison with what Princeton and Harvard and Yale are to the white race. Are there not those ready to aid in doing this? The time is ripe for it.

Experience in connection with the Fayerweather and Pierce bequests teaches that it is far wiser to be one's own executor. Much that otherwise may be spent in litigation or in executor's fees and expense accounts will go direct to the benevolent object. If, however, a bequest is desired to be made to us, we here state that "Lincoln University in Chester County, Pa.," is the corporate name of the institution.

On Saturday evening, March 5th, Mr. G. W. Rogers, of Morristown, N. J., delivered a very interesting lecture on his travels in Egypt, in the chapel of the University. His lecture, which was illustrated by a large number of beautiful stereopticon slides, was exceedingly interesting and instructive.

This is a department of study in Lincoln University. It is thus alluded to in the Annual Catalogue:

"The design of the Board of Trustees in establishing this Chair is to secure that no student shall be graduated from the Theological Department of this Institution without acquiring a thorough knowledge of the Bible in the English language.

"To this end the Board of Trustees has enjoined it upon the Faculty of Theology to require the students under the direction of the incumbent of this Chair to read the whole Bible carefully and studiously, and to commit to memory such passages as may be assigned to them with this design.

"Instruction is given on the versions of the sacred Scriptures, especially on the history of the English Version. The four-fold record of the life of Christ, the Epistles of Paul, and the Prophetical Books of the Old and New Testaments are carefully taught. The information is imparted in a practical form, that it may be of service to the young men as teachers, preachers and pastors. Before entering the Theological course, the student is expected to be familiar with the historical and poetical portions of the Scriptures. And while in this department they should read the whole Bible with studious and reverent attention."

Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D., is the professor in charge of this chair.

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• **The Rev. Dr. Woodhull.**

The University has met with a serious loss in the death of its beloved senior professor, Rev. Gilbert Tennent Woodhull, D. D. He was born February 18th, 1827, in Monmouth County, N. J. He graduated from the college of New Jersey in 1852. The same year he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1855. He served for a time as tutor in the college, and became Stated Supply of the churches at May's Landing and Tuckahoe, N. J. On the 10th of November, 1857, he was, by the Presbytery of North River, ordained and installed pastor of the church at Fishkill, N. Y., where he remained until 1867. In 1869, he was made Professor of Latin and Greek in Lincoln University; two years later he was made Professor of Greek, and remained so until his death.

He was thoroughly furnished for these various positions, being a well informed and sound theologian, an educator of high order, a faithful pastor, and an excellent preacher. He was a good specimen of the ministers of the generation now rapidly passing away,

dignified, courteous, and whose character, teaching and conduct always won reverence and love. His sermons were models of homiletical arrangement, full of clear doctrine, with earnest practical application. For several years he seldom preached, save in the chapel of the University, but there, was always listened to with attention and pleasure. The students all testify to his ability and faithfulness in the class-room. He, in a peculiar manner, combined gentleness with great firmness. His convictions of truth and duty were founded on careful study of God's Word, and were expressed modestly yet with unshaken firmness, producing no antagonism, but winning confidence. His child-like and loving faith sustained him joyfully during his last illness. He died as he had lived. He passed from us on the 11th of February. The funeral service was held in the chapel of the University on Monday, the 14th. Rev. I. N. Rendall, D. D., President of the University, and Rev. W. R. Bingham, D. D., made the addresses, and Rev. R. Watson committed the body to the grave at Oxford. A memorial service will be held soon, for which arrangements are being made.

### A Visit South.

The Senior Editor of this paper, who is also a Secretary of Lincoln University, made a short visit during February to several of the Negro institutions of North Carolina, including Biddle University at Charlotte, where two of Lincoln's honored graduates, Drs. Jones and Hargreaves, are professors; Scotia Seminary at Concord, from where many of our graduates' educated wives come, and Livingstone College, at Salisbury, founded by the lamented Price, most brilliant of Lincoln's sons, and now presided over by Rev. Wm. H. Goler, D. D., another graduate who honors his Alma Mater.

Concerning the first two named institutions, we quote from a letter written for the *Presbyterian Journal* as follows:

"Biddle University and Scotia Seminary were established in this section at the close of the war, partly, no doubt, because of the prevailing Presbyterianism, both white and colored. Mecklenburg County, which once included all the district, owed its settlement to the Scotch-Irish wave of immigration which rolled down the valleys and along the eastern mountain slopes of Pennsylvania and Central Virginia into the old North State. It was thought to be a good point, by Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan and his co-adjutors, for the Presbyterian Church of the North to initiate an effort for the higher education of young colored men and women.

"An encouraging degree of success has attended it, and the two institutions above mentioned receive well nigh universal praise for the way in which they have been conducted the past twenty years, and the good which they have accomplished. A visit to them has long been our desire, and we were glad to be permitted its gratification. Their history, site, buildings and faculties are being made familiar to many of our readers North by the stereopticon exhibitions and admirable lectures of Rev. Dr. Weaver, special agent of the Freedmen's Board. From having seen them in that way, we almost felt, when we reached them, that we must have been there before, so familiar did they seem. But it was an additional advantage to be shown over the grounds and through the buildings of Biddle, by Dr. Sanders, and other of the faculty, and to go with Dr. Satterfield into the class rooms of Scotia and hear some recitations, and witness the interest depicted in the dark skinned faces of its 260 girls as they sought to make known the knowledge acquired or to grasp what was sought to be imparted to them.

"We esteemed it also a great privilege to attend the Sabbath evening prayer meeting and Endeavor Society of these young girls and see how admirably they conducted these, and speak to them words of exhortation and encouragement.

"The two institutions, Biddle and Scotia, one at Charlotte for young men, and the other at Concord for young women, are easy of access, both being located on an important line of travel, the 'Southern' Railroad, twenty miles apart, in the midst of the cotton belt of the South. They each have an efficient corps of consecrated instructors, and well located and finely equipped buildings. In both the students do all the work in connection with the care of the buildings and the arrangements and provision for board and lodging. The industrial feature in connection with Biddle's curriculum is helpful and promising. The institution suffered a great loss in the recent death of Prof. Brooks, who was a graduate of Lincoln University, as are two others of the professors—Drs. Jones and Hargreaves, both much attached to their *alma mater*. Those who give to the above institutions may be sure that their gifts are well bestowed. They need larger endowments, that their influence and usefulness may be increased. No greater work confronts the Church to-day than that for the elevation and improvement of the Negro race."

With reference to a graduate of Lincoln University, we have in the same letter the following: "A flourishing colored Presbyterian Church exists in Concord, whose pastor is Rev. F. T. Logan, who is also principal of the graded school and very highly regarded by all classes. He married one of the Scotia

girls and the students attend worship in his church."

### Distinguished Visitors.

Lincoln University has been highly favored this session by the presence of representative men, representing almost every branch and phase of active Christian work.

In addition to those previously mentioned, may be named Rev. Josiah Strong, D. D., of New York, and General John Eaton, of Washington, D. C. Each addressed the students in a most interesting way, and left very pleasant recollections behind them. A universal desire is felt for their return at an early day. Of Dr. Strong writes one: "Some of us had heard him before, but he never appeared to better advantage. Perhaps a responsive audience and the fact that he was speaking to a body of young men who were to exert a wide influence in many parts of our land, may have been an inspiration. Whatever the influence, his marshalling of facts was never more masterly nor his eloquence more burning."

### Educational Work Among the Colored People.

From a review article upon this subject, published some months since, we extract the following:

"The Negroes are showing a great deal of intelligence and acquiring invaluable experience in the conduct of their educational affairs.

"Multitudes of those who enter the schools remain a comparatively short time, for the lack of means of support, or for other reasons, and return to their homes to begin life's work, not with a complete education, to be sure, but often with a fairly good practical equipment, and with their ideas of life in all its relations, privileges, responsibilities and opportunities thoroughly reconstructed. A single year's residence and discipline in a well-regulated Christian school often means very much to such people. An increasing number of the attendants, however, are completing the prescribed curricula, while no inconsiderable number supplement their studies in the Southern schools by longer or shorter residence in Northern colleges. Among the most successful preachers and teachers are those who have graduated from Northern colleges or theological seminaries.

"After thirty years of the work thus briefly sketched, there were among the colored people of the South 20,000 school teachers, 66 academies and high schools taught by colored

teachers, 159 schools for advanced education for training colored pupils—among these seven colleges administered by colored presidents and faculties—1000 college-bred ministers, 150 papers edited by colored men, 250 attorneys-at-law, and 794 physicians.

"The great aim of those who have been instrumental in the prosecution of this educational work among the Negroes of the South has not been primarily the propagation of their distinctive ecclesiastical ideas nor the winning of adherents. The work of the schools is emphatically a work of humanity, a work of philanthropy, a work of patriotism, a work in behalf of a race of eight million destined to become fifty million, a work in behalf of religion, a work in behalf of civilization itself. As such, it appeals very strongly to every lover of his race."

### Literary Societies.

There are two literary societies in connection with the University, the Garnet Literary Association and the Philosophian Society, to one of which every student in the college belongs. They meet every Friday evening in their respective halls for current business and for literary exercises, consisting of essays, orations, and debates. These societies secure an admirable training in self-restraint and self-command, in parliamentary procedure, and in aptness in studied and impromptu speech. All the members are required to take part in these exercises. The societies are governed by laws adopted by themselves, and administered by officers chosen from their own members, under the general supervision of the Faculty of Arts.

### Some Rules.

The following is an extract from the catalogue of Lincoln University:

"In a student struggling with poverty for an education, any luxurious indulgence is a disabling vice. He must conquer it, or it will cripple him in his equipments and in his powers.

"His wise friends may sympathize with him in his trials, but they will not excuse him from the acquisition of self-denial, and thereby of self-control.

"The common judgment is that 'he who will not endure the trial is not worth the help.'

"Cigarette smoking is prohibited.

"All smoking in the halls and public rooms is forbidden.

"The whole tobacco habit is discouraged.

"The use of distilled or fermented liquors is prohibited."



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LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, MAY, 1898.

No 4.

## The Commencement.

An invitation is extended to all readers of our paper to attend the Collegiate and Theological Commencement of Lincoln University, which takes place on Tuesday, June 7th, 1898.

The new Vail Memorial Library will be dedicated the same day. Lunch will be provided all guests at the University.

Lincoln University is located on the Philadelphia and Baltimore Central Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, forty-five miles distant from Philadelphia. A special train will leave Broad Street Station at 8.00 A. M., stopping at Forty-ninth Street, Lansdowne, Morton, Swarthmore, Wallingford and Media.

Returning, it will leave Lincoln University at 5.30 P. M., and stopping at the same stations, will reach Philadelphia at 7.22 P. M.

Tickets can be purchased at the very low rate of one dollar for the round trip, of the Financial Secretary, Rev. W. P. White, at his office, 1328 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. For those not convenient thus to procure them, he will arrange to supply them on the special train. If tickets are purchased at the station offices, an increased price will have to be paid.

The Catalogue of Lincoln University for the academical year, 1897-98, is out, and is a handsome octavo pamphlet of fifty-six pages. It contains many fine cuts of University buildings, including the one of the new Vail Memorial Library, which appeared in the March number of the HERALD. Additional matter to that found in former Catalogues is the very full descriptive statement of the Library and the plan of enlarged endowment adopted by the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of President Rendall. The Catalogue will be sent to all those who request it, and the study of it, on the part of the friends of colored education, will force the conviction that Lincoln University is worthy of all the help that can be given it, and that much more than is now being received would add greatly to its influence and usefulness.

The position of Financial Secretary of Lincoln University, held by the Rev. Edward Webb, deceased, is now held by the Rev. W. P. White, D. D. His office is 1328 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. All those having occasion heretofore to address Mr. Webb may now address Dr. White as above. He will be very glad to answer all communications, to receive funds, to arrange for present-

ing the cause to congregations, and to give such information as may be desired concerning the work.

## Commencement Programme.

Annual sermon to the Theological Department, Sunday, May 29th, by Rev. James D. Moffatt, D. D., President of Washington and Jefferson College.

Anniversary of the Philosophian Literary Society, Thursday, June 2d. Annual orator, Hon. J. C. Dancey, Salisbury, N. C.

Anniversary of the Garnet Literary Association, Friday, June 3d. Annual orator, Warner T. McGuinn, Esq., Baltimore, Md.

Baccalaureate Sermon by the President, June 4th, 11 A. M. Communion, 7 P. M.

Class Day, Monday, June 5th, 10 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

Junior Orator Contest, Monday, June 6th, 2 P. M. Joseph Garner, Maryland; Wm. D. Feaster, South Carolina; Richard P. Johnson, Virginia; Grandison A. Jones, Ohio; Elijah J. Gregg, South Carolina; George L. Davis, Indiana.

Theological Commencement, Tuesday, June 7th, 10.30 A. M. Henry P. Butler, South Carolina, "Christianity Deeper than Science;" Cain P. Cole, South Carolina, "The Gospel for the Masses;" James E. Harper, South Carolina, "Morality the Visible Part of Religion;" Thomas M. Thomas, South Carolina, "True Heroes in the Strife."

Dedication of the Vail Memorial Library, 11.30 A. M. Presentation by Wm. H. Vail, M. D. Acceptance by Rev. Wm. R. Bingham, D. D., President of the Board of Trustees. Address by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., late President of Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey.

College Commencement, 2.30 P. M. Edward B. Terry, Pennsylvania, Latin Salutatory; John H. F. Dwelle, Georgia, Rhetorical Honor; Leonard Z. Johnson, Pennsylvania, Valedictory.

The Rev. Malcom J. McLeod, Pastor of the Third Church, of Chester, Pa., has been very acceptably giving instruction in Greek to the classes in Lincoln University since the lamented death of Prof. George T. Woodhull, D. D.

Professors R. L. Stewart, D. D., and J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D., attended, on behalf of the Theological Department, the General Assembly at Winona, the third week of May, as delegates to the Inter-Seminary Alliance.

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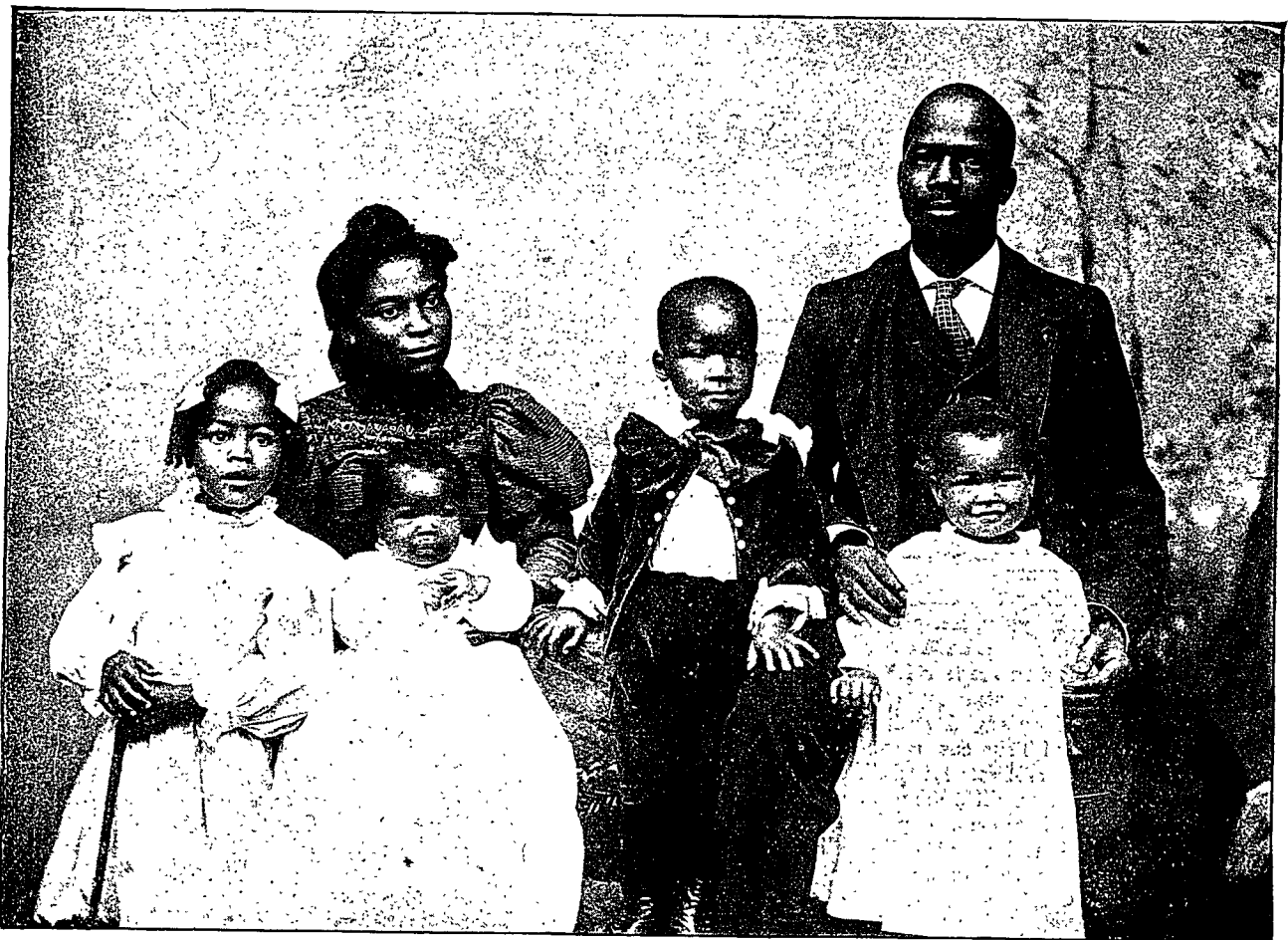
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and from the Theological in 1890. He married a graduate of Scotia Seminary, and has for some years been ministering most faithfully to two churches in North Carolina—Calvary Church, at Asheville, and Livingstone at Victoria, a suburb one mile and a half distant. A much larger church has been built since the picture of the one seen was taken. A few of those gathered every Sunday in the church is shown.

There is great need of such men as Mr. Dusenbury to labor among the intellectually and spiritually destitute colored people of the South, adults and children. Lincoln University has been training such for years, and



REV. C. B. DUSENBURY AND FAMILY, VICTORIA, N. C.

### A Graduate and His Work.

We give in the accompanying cuts a picture of one of the Lincoln University graduates, the Rev. Charles B. Dusenbury, his family and church.

Mr. Dusenbury graduated from the Collegiate Department of the University in 1885,

sending them forth to preach an intelligent Gospel to their people and educate them for usefulness.

Another class will graduate June the 7th. Come and see them, and listen to their addresses, and through a visitation of the University and sight of its plant gain fresh interest in its work.

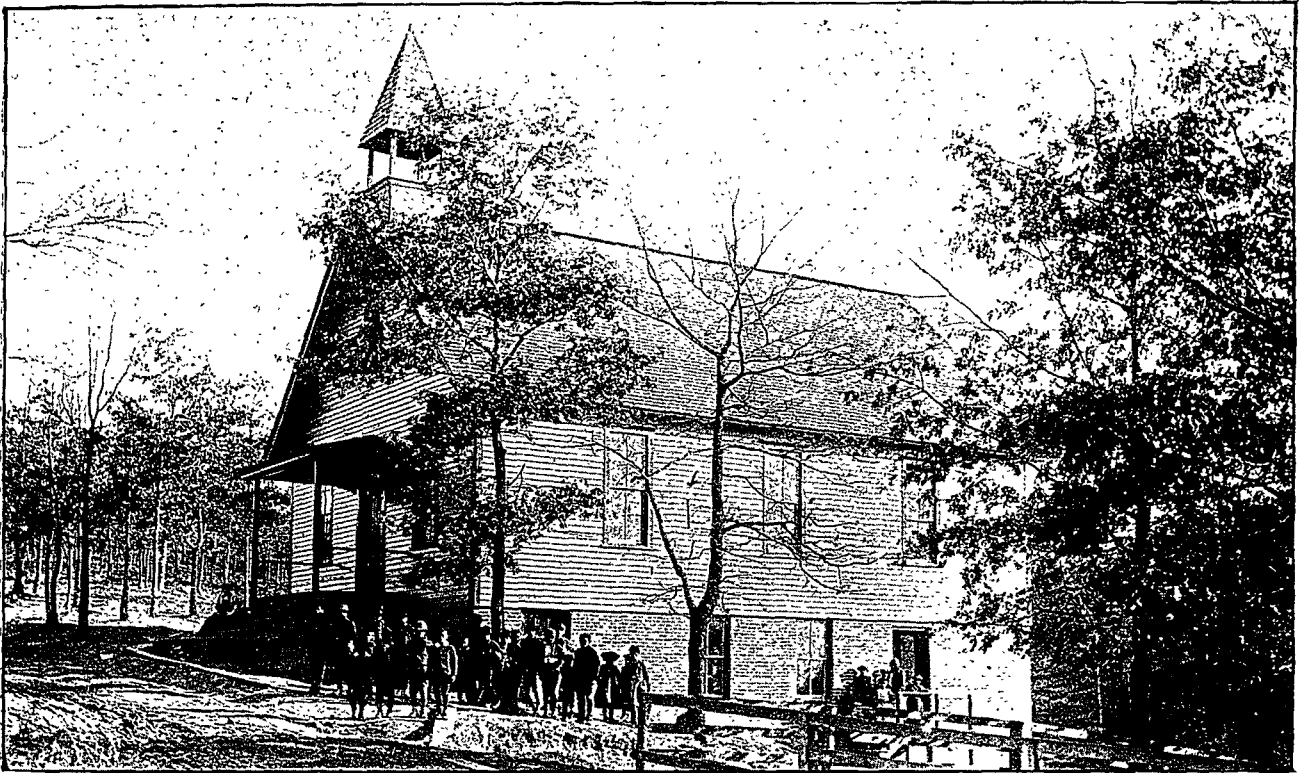
### The Library.

In reference to the family to which is owed the Vail Memorial Library, to be dedicated Commencement Day, a local paper of Newton, N. J., says:

"Long before the Civil War, the late William P. Vail, M. D., of Johnsonsburg, N. J., manifested an active interest in the education of the colored people of the South. This same interest was felt on the part of his son, the late Charles E. Vail, of Blairstown, who afterwards became a Trustee of Lincoln University, an institution that has just been the recipient of a valuable present, in the shape of a memorial library building, erected wholly

### An Appeal.

Funds for the current expenses of Lincoln University during the year nearing its close, and to pay expenditures for the support of the students unable to meet their own bills, are greatly needed. Great anxiety is felt, lest a debt of several thousand dollars for the year remain upon the institution. It is hoped that all those in the habit of heretofore contributing, but who, for some time, have been delinquent, will send their contributions at once, and that others who read this appeal may come to our relief. The Faculty was obliged, in December last, to dismiss a number of students because of lack of means for their sup-



LIVINGSTONE CHURCH.

at the expense of Dr. Wm. H. Vail, of Blairstown, N. J., as a memorial to his parents, and brother, Charles E., and also his sister, Emma E. Vail, whose recent death is still a sad remembrance to her friends."

It furthermore states very truly:

"He could in no way have done a more charitable act for humanity than in the erection and presentation of this building. It at once filled a needed want, and will ever be a remembrance of the great interest that not only he, but his parents and brother and sister, ever manifested in the prosperity of this most commendable philanthropy."

port, and if a debt remains over from this year, still fewer students out of the many who are applying can be promised admission at the beginning of the next term. This will be a sore disappointment to those worthy and promising young colored men who desire to fit themselves for greater usefulness, and for whom there is such demand among their people. When it is considered that three out of five colored ministers in the South are unable to intelligently read the Bible, the urgency of the work of Lincoln University in training ministers becomes more fully apparent. The fields are white for the harvest,

but the laborers are few. Let there be among God's people not only prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send more laborers into His vineyard, but a self-denying, if need be, effort to aid in the preparation of such.

Mr. Booker T. Washington, in writing of Africa as a missionary field, speaks of the gratification it would be to him to know that a large number of the graduates of colored schools and colleges had turned to this field. "But," he says, "no great number of them have done so, and no general disposition to do so has been apparent." In this he is mistaken, as far as Lincoln University is concerned. Sixteen of its graduates have, in the past years, gone as missionaries to the Dark Continent, filled with zeal to preach the Gospel to the heathen African.

A year ago several of the graduating class offered themselves to the work, and there are some in the present class, we understand, who are ready to be sent. The missionary spirit has always prevailed and still prevails among the students at Lincoln. Those interested in evangelizing Africa cannot do better than assist in the educational work of Lincoln University. We invite them to come out to the Commencement next week, and look in the earnest faces of those now ready for active work.

### Flag Raising.

On the 12th of May, a flag, five by twenty feet, was unfurled from a pole eighty-five feet high. The bell was rung and all the students and professors assembled.

Henry P. Butler, of the graduating class in Theology, presided, and patriotic speeches were delivered by Mr. Paris A. Wallace, for the Theological Department, and by Mr. Wm. C. Thompson, of the College, and by the professors.

Seventy-five of the young men have volunteered their services for the war at any time President McKinley may need them.

On the improvised platform was also the old flag of the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment, which led Colonel Shaw's men at Fort Wagner in the great civil conflict.

James A. Burwell, of the Junior Class, after a brief illness, died on the 19th of May.

He was the strongest man in the University, six feet, two inches tall. A good student, and much beloved by all his fellow-students and having the entire confidence of the Faculty. He was a consistent Christian, and beautifully illustrated the fruits of the Spirit.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the 21st, and he was buried in the University lot in the Oxford Cemetery.

### Theological Bureau of Information.

It may be interesting to know that a movement has been started in the Theological Department of Lincoln University for the purpose of creating a deeper interest and zeal in the Presbyterian work among Freedmen.

And in pursuance of this fact, there has been organized, by consent of the Faculty, The Theological Bureau of Information, through which it is hoped to receive definite and useful information as to the missionary activity and prospects of the field.

The object of this "Bureau of Information," as formulated by its organizers, is:

I. To ascertain all possible information concerning the field among Freedmen.

(a) By constant correspondence with our graduates wherever available.

(b) By direct communication with the various Presbyteries, etc., through their Stated Clerks.

II. To bring the Seminary of Lincoln University into direct and closer relations with the work on the field.

By requesting our graduates, Presbyteries, etc., to send in, from time to time, any intelligence concerning vacancies and other prospects for missionary extension under their supervision.

"The Theological Bureau of Information" has been made a permanent organization and each succeeding class is to take it up in their turn. The officers under whom it was organized are:

James E. Harper, President.

S. B. McLamb, Vice-President.

John A. White, Treasurer.

H. P. Butler, Secretary.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of "The Theological Bureau of Information," Lincoln University, Chester Co., Pa.

### The Assembly.

The report of the Board of Freedmen to the General Assembly showed great reduction in the work being done, in order to curtail expenses, and even then a debt of over \$55,000 remained to encounter next year. It has been growing. This is, indeed, to be regretted.

The amount contributed to self-support was \$65,975.01. The Freedmen gave to the support of their own ministers and churches, \$34,562.57; to the support of their own schools, \$31,412.44. The Board received during the year from all sources, \$128,900.

Among those who addressed the General Assembly on the subject were the following graduates of Lincoln University: Rev. John A. Savage, D. D., Rev. Wm. H. Weaver, D. D., and Rev. William Albony.