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NEW COLLEGE DORMITORY

THE NEED OF THE HOUR

Over three hundred and fifty students are now on the Lincoln University campus, housed in dormitories designed to hold not more than two hundred and fifty men, and some of them sleeping in cots in the recitation building. While many more applicants were turned away than were admitted, the pressure of well-prepared men for entrance and the return of students in unexpected numbers have brought the authorities face to face with a serious situation. *A new College Dormitory is an immediate and vital necessity.* No more signal service could be done to the cause of Christian education than the gift of a new Dormitory to Lincoln University.

Commencement Exercises Mark Climax of Seventy-five Years

The Commencement exercises, Tuesday afternoon, June 4, concluded seventy-five years of service for Lincoln University. The day was perfect; Livingstone Hall where the services have been held for many years, was crowded. The Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon 41 young men by Dr. Hallock Johnson, President, who also conferred upon the following men honorary degrees: Doctor of Letters, Principal Leslie Pinckney Hill, of the Cheyney Training School for Teachers; Doctor of Laws, upon Rev. Walter H. Brooks, D.D., Pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; Doctor of Science, upon Austin M. Curtis, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the Howard Medical School, Washington, D. C.; Henry R. Butler, M.D., of Atlanta, Ga.; and Vice-Principal Robert R. Taylor, of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, who is now in Liberia as advisor to the Booker T. Washington Industrial and Agricultural Institute, Monrovia; Doctor of Divinity, upon Rev. Benjamin F. Glasco, of Pittsburgh; Rev. William Lloyd Imes, of New York; Rev. J. B. St. Felix Isaacs, of St. Louis; and Rev. French M. Hedgman, of Ardmore, Pa. All of the recipients of honorary degrees are Lincoln graduates except Drs. Hill, Taylor and Imes.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

The following prizes were announced: the Bradley Medal for excellence in science to Howard M. Jason, of Corozal, Porto Rico; the Annie Louise Finney Prize to the student who best exemplifies in character, conduct and influence the ideals of Lincoln University, to John B. Redmond, of Chicago, Ill.; who was also the recipient of the Coberth Memorial Prize awarded to the member of the graduating

class who has shown the most humanitarian interest in his fellow students.

THE PROCESSIONAL

Promptly at 2:15 the processional made its way toward the platform of the Commencement Hall, where the exercises of the afternoon were conducted under the leadership of Dr. John M. T. Finney, of Baltimore, President of the Board of Trustees. The invocation was made by the Rev. Samuel Dickey, of Oxford, Pa., a relative of the founder of the University. Following a selection by the University Quartette, the salutatory was given by Mark Edgar Parks of New York City.

OWEN J. ROBERTS SPEAKS

Due to a pressing engagement, the Hon. Owen J. Roberts, nationally known attorney, and now a member of the Trustees of the University, was compelled to cut short his address, but graduates, students, and friends were enthusiastic in their praise of his remarks. "You have treasures that no man can take from you for you have them in your heart and head. You have entered to learn, now go forth to serve, and God bless you," was the closing bit of exhortation from one of Pennsylvania's greatest sons.

BELIEVES IN KNOWLEDGE

The Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, D.D., LL.D., Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., followed Mr. Roberts, and in the course of his remarks said that the Church is interested in Lincoln University for two reasons: first, because it believes in knowledge, and second, because it believes in the elimination of prejudice.

PRESIDENTS OF THE PAST

"This is a day of great rejoicing for all who love Lincoln," said the Rev. Hugh W. Rendall, D.D., of Mendham, N. J., son of Dr. John B. Rendall, one of the Presidents and pioneer founders of the institution. He spoke of his

father and his great uncle, Dr. Isaac N. Rendall, as men who devoted their lives and their energy to the education of the Negro with an enthusiastic optimism born of their faith in God.

FROM TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Presented to the audience as a scholar, gentleman, and Christian, the Rev. Martin L. Bethel, D.D., of Tuskegee Institute, brought special greetings from that well known educational institution. "The soul of Lincoln still lives," said Dr. Bethel. "Some ask what distinguishes this soul and the graduates who possess it? It is that the men of Lincoln go forth to serve saturated with the Word of God."

PRaises THE WORK

The last of the invited speakers was Dr. George Cleveland Hall, of Chicago, himself an alumnus of the University and also a Trustee. He expressed the thought that Lincoln University had been endowed with something greater than money, concrete and wood, for it has been endowed with the lives of its great leaders. He had no doubt about Lincoln's future, and he impressed upon the minds of the graduates the fact that they should not announce to the world that they were men, but that they should demonstrate the fact.

TELEGRAMS OF CONGRATULATIONS

President Johnson received the following telegram from President Hoover:

"Congratulate you most cordially upon the seventy-fifth anniversary of Lincoln University, and wish you, and whoever had part in its labor, all success in the future developments of its splendid services in behalf of the education and of the improvement of the conditions of the Negro, and of his relations with other races."

A congratulatory message was also received from Dr. R. R. Moton, of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, who said:

"The nation as well as the race has occasion to feel grateful to Lincoln for the service which her graduates have rendered in all parts of the country, a service that has brought distinction to themselves as well as to their Alma Mater."

The valedictory was given by Howard McLean Jason, of Corozal, Porto Rico.

Following the program there was an informal reception given by the President, at which time the graduates and their friends were received.

MORNING PROGRAM

Commemorative exercises were held in the morning for the late Dr. George E. Cannon, former President of the Alumni Association, who was chosen as the representative of his race to second the nomination of President Coolidge at Cleveland in 1924. A memorial address was delivered by Dr. B. B. Jeffers, of Steelton, Pa. A number of the Alumni made a pilgrimage to the Oxford Cemetery, where wreaths were laid upon the graves of Dr. John Miller Dickey, the founder of the University, and of Drs. Isaac N. Rendall and John B. Rendall, former Presidents. An address was made by Rev. John A. White, D.D., of Trenton, N. J., with a response on the part of the faculty of Dean George Johnson. Dr. R. B. McRary, of Baltimore, is President of the Alumni Association.

During the week of July 3 to 7 a Young People's Conference was held on the campus under the auspices of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. About 50 young men and women were in attendance. Dr. William Chalmers Covert, secretary of the Board, was one of the speakers. Others on the teaching staff were Rev. Bruce H. McDonald, of Baltimore; Mrs. W. H. Howell and Mrs. Matthew Anderson of Philadelphia; Miss Pennybacker of Cincinnati; Mrs. Stauffer of Pittsburgh; Rev. Dr. John W. Lee, '99, and Rev. L. S. Coleman, '23, of Philadelphia; Rev. A. C. Sawtelle of Paterson, N. J.; Rev. Dr. L. B. Ellerson of Newark, and Dean George Johnson. A conference with a more elaborate program and a larger attendance is being planned for next year.

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U. S. Survey Commends Work of Lincoln University

The Survey of Negro Colleges and Universities, issued in 1928 by the United States Bureau of Education in Washington, speaks in high terms of the work which Lincoln University has done during the seventy-five years of its history. The Survey says in part:

"Special recognition has been given the College," the Survey continues in part, "by a number of graduate schools of leading Universities which have received graduates of Lincoln University as full candidates for advanced degrees. Lincoln University is a men's Institution and the geographic distribution of students includes almost every State in the Union.

Methods of handling the business affairs of the Institution have recently been reorganized and are now in charge of a business manager under the direct supervision of the president. The business offices are in good shape and the accounts well kept. An annual audit of the books is made by a firm of outside public accountants. Lincoln University owns 145 acres of land. The campus presents an attractive appearance, with extensive lawns and large shade trees. Both grounds and buildings are kept in a clean and orderly condition throughout.

Throughout its long history Lincoln University has rendered an excellent service to society worthy in every respect of the support that has been accorded it. The institution for many years has been a strong factor in the development of leadership in the Negro race and many of its graduates are churchmen, educators and professional men, who have achieved prominence in their chosen fields.

In its examination of Lincoln University, the survey committee was impressed with the able manner in which the institution was being administered."

Lincoln Men Visit Africa and Asia

Dr. Joseph W. Holley, '00, President of the Georgia N. & A. College of Albany, Georgia, was with another prominent son of Lincoln, Hon. Charles W. M. Williams, '95, of Boston, appointed by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, as a delegate to the Congo Missionary Conference, held in Africa in August, 1928. Dr. Holley was chosen Vice-Chairman of the Conference, and the Lincoln delegates took a prominent part in the proceedings. He preached at Elat before an audience of four thousand people. In the Conference were 190 delegates from England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Africa and America. Dr. Holley has been speaking of his African experiences in the churches of the North, and his address in the Presbyterian General Assembly at St. Paul is spoken of as one of the most notable of that gathering. Dr. Holley's name is being widely mentioned as a possible successor to the late Mr. Francis, U. S. Minister to Liberia.

At the Conference of the World's Student Christian Federation, held at Mysore, India, in December, 1928, Mr. Frank T. Wilson, '21, now Senior Student Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was one of the six delegates from America. Mr. Wilson gave a thrilling account of his experiences in India, where he travelled widely and spoke before large audiences, in the University Chapel last spring.

At the Mysore Conference, there were gathered delegates from thirty different countries. Mr. Wilson was one of the speakers at a dinner at the Aldine Club, New York, given in honor of the delegates to the Mysore Conference on March 18th, 1929.

Death of Dr. W. P. White

Rev. William P. White, D.D., financial secretary of Lincoln University, passed away in Philadelphia on February 22, 1929, after serving the University thirty-three years in this capacity. He was born at Honey Brook, Pa., March 22, 1840, and was a graduate of Amherst College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He held pastorates at Plymouth and Mount Airy, Pa., and was for some years editor of *The Pennsylvania Journal*. Dr. White was widely known as a writer in religious journals and as an authority on the history of the Presbyterian Church. The later years of his life were largely devoted to the interests of Lincoln University. It is hoped that Dr. White's many friends and the friends he has made for the University will continue their interest and generous support of its work.

Alumni Notes

Dr. Walter H. Brooks, '72, pastor of the 19th St. Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., was one of the conference lecturers at the Ministers' Conference at Hampton Institute last June.

Rev. Thomas B. Hargrave, '23, whose father, Rev. Wm. M. Hargrave, '73, is one of Lincoln's oldest graduates, has been chosen as Presbyterian Synodical Evangelist with headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas, and has left his school and church work in Danville, Virginia, to take up work in his new field.

Rev. Samuel H. Giles, '23, after post-graduate work in Theology at the University at Edinburgh, has been elected Dean of the Turner Theological School of Morris Brown University, Atlanta, Georgia. The *News*, issued by Drew University, in giving an account of Mr. Giles states, "The credits of Lincoln University pass in good standing at the various graduate schools, and Mr. Giles had no trouble in matriculating at Drew for his post-graduate work looking toward the Christian Ministry."

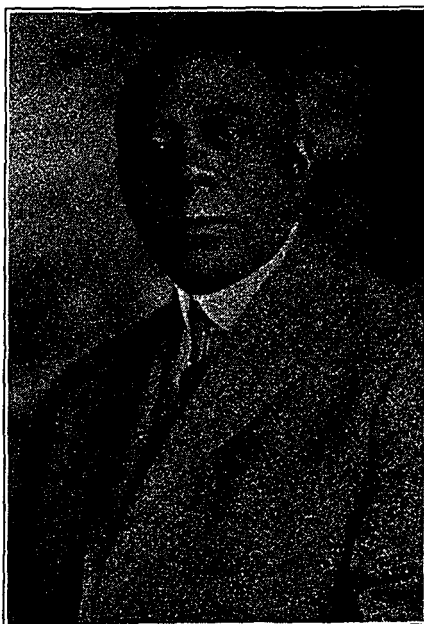
Dr. Norman T. Cotton, '04, was given a testimonial dinner by his friends in Paterson, N. J., on June 20th, and presented with a loving cup. The Paterson *Morning Call* of June 21 says:

During the evening local numbers were sung by Harry Burleigh, noted composer of Negro Spirituals.

Dr. Cotton has made an enviable reputation as a member of the medical profession and has been a leading citizen in every movement for the betterment of the city. He served with distinction as a member of the board of health and his sterling qualities were extolled last night by several speakers and in telegrams from persons unable to be present.

He and Mrs. Cotton sailed during the latter part of August for an extended tour of Europe to be gone for about two months.

Rev. Howard T. Jason, '92, who has sent two sons to Lincoln, Robert Stewart Jason, '24, who has just finished Howard University Medical School, with as high honors as any student ever won in that Institution, and Howard McLean Jason, '29, valedictorian of this year's class, writes from his home in Corozal, Porto Rico, enclosing a generous check for the Endowment Fund, "This, of course does not represent a fractional part of my indebtedness to the University. No amount of money can pay what I owe to Lincoln University for what it has done for me and mine."



DR. GEORGE CLEVELAND HALL, '86

Dr. George Cleveland Hall, '86, has been for several years a trustee of the Chicago Public Library and is serving on some of its most important committees.

Of the three Lincoln graduates who are now bishops in the A. M. E. Zion Church, Bishop Paris A. Wallace, '98, of Brooklyn, was present at the Anniversary exercises on June 4th and pronounced the Benediction. Bishop John W. Martin, '02, of Los Angeles, sent a letter of congratulation saying, "Long live Lincoln. I owe all that I am to Alma Mater." And Bishop Linwood W. Kyles, '01, wrote from Winston-Salem, N. C., "Your letter touched the deepest sentiments of my heart, and created in me a burning desire to return to my Alma Mater on this important occasion." Other engagements made it impossible for him to come.

H. A. Poindexter, '24, graduated in June from the Harvard Medical School. In his last year he was awarded a scholarship in recognition of his excellent work.

Dr. Joseph H. Ellis, '17, is a member of the dental staff of the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. T. S. Burwell, '00, of Philadelphia, is President of the National Medical Association which met in Newark, N. J., in August. Dr. Burwell is connected with the staffs of Jefferson and Douglass hospitals. He initiated a few years ago the annual pilgrimage to the grave of John Brown on the anniversary of the birth of the noted abolitionist.

Beverly Y. Blow, '21, writes from Chester, Pa., "Here in Chester the leading churches have Lincoln graduates as ministers, and all of the four physicians of the race are Lincoln men. The principal of the only Colored Junior High School in this part of Pennsylvania is a Lincoln man, W. K. Valentine, '04, and of the five male members of the faculty three are Lincoln graduates, including myself."

Dr. Eugene S. Browning, '00, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has won an enviable reputation as a specialist in skin and scalp diseases and radium therapy. He has recently been appointed an active member of the staff of the Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

Dr. T. T. Nichols, '11, of Georgetown, British Guiana, has been appointed a member of the Board of Education of British Guiana. He writes that Rev. A. E. Dyett, '11, has for the second time been elected moderator of the Presbytery of the Church of Scotland, and that Rev. D. G. Munroe, '14, is secretary of the Congregational Church Union.

Among those in attendance at the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools held at Fisk University last March were Dean J. Henry Alston, '17, of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.; Dean Howard D. Gregg, '16, of the A. & M. College, Orangeburg, S. C.; Dean Harry W. Greene, '17, of the Prairie View College, Texas. Dean H. D. Gregg has been elected Secretary of the Organization, succeeding Dean R. O'Hara Lanier, '22, of the Florida A. & M. College, Tallahassee.

Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., '17, is pastor of the large Bethel A. M. E. Church in Portland, Oregon. His father, Rev. Daniel G. Hill, '86, presiding elder of the Washington district, and his three brothers, J. Newton Hill, '20, teaching in the Dunbar High School, Washington, Richard H. Hill, '28, who has been speaking in the South this summer in the interest of international peace, and William A. Hill, '29, one of the University Quartet, are all Lincoln graduates.

Mr. Henry Carter Patterson of Philadelphia has been assisting in the Endowment Campaign and has made many friends for the University and its work. He will continue his connection with the University as its special financial representative with offices in Room 328, Witherspoon Building.

Campus News

Rev. Donald G. Barnhouse, pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, conducted a series of chapel services at the University, speaking at morning chapel every day from April 15 to 19 and at three evening services. Dr. Barnhouse showed a peculiarly sympathetic insight into the problems of young men, and he left a deep and it is believed lasting impression upon the religious life of the institution.

Mr. A. Archibald Bullock of Berkeley, California, has been called to the newly created chair of Education. Mr. Bullock has had a successful experience in school administration and has taken post-graduate studies in this department in Columbia University and in the University of California where he has completed a course for a doctor's degree.

Shower baths have been installed in all of the dormitories and other improvements in the way of new flooring and painting have been made.

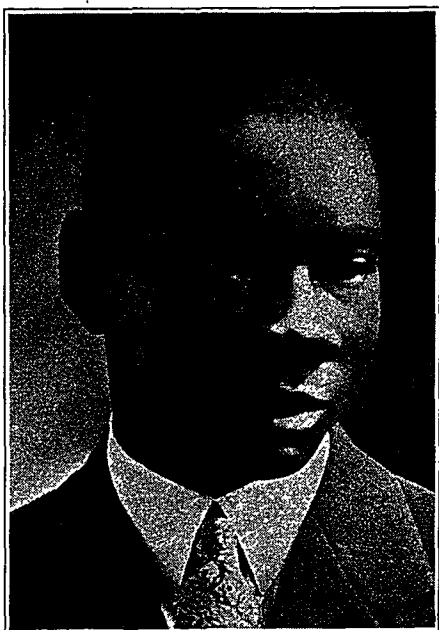
Professor Harold F. Grim has for the past year been taking advanced studies in Biology at the University of Chicago under a fellowship granted by the General Education Board. He has now resumed his work at Lincoln University.

Professor Arthur E. James has been granted a year's leave of absence to study for a doctor's degree in Chemistry in Cornell University. He also has received a fellowship from the General Education Board.

William S. Taylor, '26, has begun his duties as coach and athletic director in September. The football schedule includes a game with Hampton at the Polo grounds, New York, on Saturday, November 2, and with Howard University at the Stadium in Philadelphia on Thanksgiving Day.

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DEAN HARRY W. GREENE, '17

Dean Harry W. Green, '17, of Prairie View State College, Texas, who has completed his work in Columbia University for the master of arts degree in college administration, has published some important articles in educational and other papers and is recognized as a man of growing influence in the educational world. He recently wrote: "We have a student enrollment of 1,214 and a faculty force of 104 instructors and assistants. James C. McMorris, Lincoln, '18, is our College Chaplain, and James H. Law is director of Athletics. Both are doing fine work."

Rev. William P. Finney, D.D., of the Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, is editing for publication a Life of Dr. John Miller Dickey, the founder of Lincoln University. The life of Dr. Dickey was, at the request of the family, prepared some time ago in manuscript by the late Professor George B. Carr, D.D. Dr. Finney was for sixteen years professor of English Literature in the University and is now a member of the Board of Trustees. He will preach at the University on October 13.

Marriages

Dr. Anderson Thomas Scott, '23, was married to Miss Corinne Virginia Beamon on December 22nd, 1928, at Hampton, Va.

Professor Enos Luther Brookes, '23, was married to Miss Stella Lucile Brewer on November 28th, 1928, at Clarke University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. William H. Johnson, '92, was married to Miss Eureka Barbour Wynn on June 23rd, 1928. Their home is at 1161 Cooper St., Camden, N. J.

M. Rowell Kyler, '27, was married on June 30th, to Miss Irma Roberta Thomas of Jacksonville, Florida, and will reside at 2321 Kings Road, in that city.

Obituary

Rev. William P. Todd, '95, died at Indianapolis, December 7th, 1928, after a prolonged illness. He had been for some years a Baptist pastor in Indianapolis and was principal of one of the City Public Schools.

Dr. Norman Lassiter, '05, died suddenly on March 25, 1929, at his home in Newport News, Virginia. Dr. Lassiter enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best dentists in the State and was a man of wide influence and of the highest standing both personally and in his profession. His widow survives him.

We learn with great regret of the death, on May 26th of Dr. William Thomas Amiger, '99, and '03, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tennessee. He had previously been pastor of the Third Baptist Church, Springfield, Mass., and afterward president of Simmons University, Louisville, Kentucky. He was chaplain in the United States Army during the World War, and was the author of several religious books. For a time he was a missionary in Africa. Dr. Amiger was born in Culpepper, Virginia, July 16th, 1870, and in 1892 married Miss Eleanor Green at Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Amiger was widely known as a scholar, preacher, and educator, and in his death Lincoln University loses one of her most distinguished and useful graduates. They had four children.

"Our schools and universities should bear steadily in mind that the main business of Christian education is to train up the children of God for their inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven."

THE GRADUATING CLASS

The graduating class included the following young men:

Hayes J. Burnett, Jr., Montclair, N. J.; George Robinson Charleston, Everett, Mass.; John Milton Coleman, Blackstone, Va.; Elmer Lorenzo Douglas, Philadelphia; Monroe Davis Dowlin, Atlantic City, N. J.; John Robert Hill, Philadelphia; William Allyn Hill, Washington, D. C.; Oscar Elliott Holder, Kinston, N. C.; Carroll Xavier Holmes, Pittsburgh, Pa.; James Langston Hughes, Washington, D. C.; Robert Edward Hurst, Alcorn, Miss.; Howard McLean Jason, Corozal, Porto Rico; Andrew Horace Jenkins, Nutley, N. J.; Leon Alexander Johnson, Boston, Mass.; George Albert Jones, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles Garnett Lee, Baltimore, Md.; John Henry Mackey, Martinsburg, Va.; Stephen B. McIver Mackey, Summersville, S. C.; Julius Fitzgerald Martin, Boston, Mass.; Leonard Jas. Martin, Lincoln University, Pa.; Melvin Wycliffe Mason, Plymouth, B. W. I.; Joseph Thomas Meaddough, Little Rock, Ark.; James Henry Murphy, Baltimore, Md.

Elmer Neal, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mark Edgar Parks, New York, N. Y.; Joseph P. Perkins, Owensburg, Ky.; Harmon Henry Perry, Fayetteville, N. C.; William Baston Polk, Atlantic City, N. J.; John Beverly Redmond, Chicago, Ill.; John Hilliard Robinson, Clifton Forge, Va.; Joseph P. Robinson, Como, N. C.; Ulysses Simpson Tate, Washington, D. C.; Solomon Francis Toliver, Sewickley, Pa.; Arthur Harold Thomas, Philadelphia; Charles Albert Walburg, New York, N. Y.; William Albert Ware, Pleasantville, N. J.; Booker Tecumseh Washington, Bessemer, Ala.; Henry Albert Whittington, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; Joseph Leroy Williams, Portsmouth, Va.; Theodore Charles Williams, Jersey City, N. J.; Ralph Clarke Wright, Washington, D. C.

The Football Schedule for the fall of 1929 follows:

Sept. 27, St. Paul at Lawrenceville, Va.
Oct. 5, Open date.

Oct. 12, Virginia Union at Lincoln.

Oct. 19, A. and T. at Greensboro, N. C.

Oct. 26, Morgan at Baltimore.

Nov. 2, Hampton at New York. (Polo Grounds).

Nov. 9, N. C. College at Lincoln

Nov. 16, Virginia State at Lincoln.

Nov. 28, Howard at Philadelphia (Municipal Stadium).

Campaign for Half Million Endowment Completed

With great pleasure and gratitude President W. H. Johnson was able to announce on July 1st, when the limit of time expired, that the Endowment Campaign for \$500,000 in which the University had been engaged for the past two years had been successfully completed. Cash and subscriptions for \$250,000 have been secured, thus meeting the conditional offer of an equal amount by the General Education Board. The largest subscriptions that were received were \$50,000 from the Julius Rosenwald Fund, Chicago; \$25,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York; \$20,000 from Mr. Pierre S. du Pont, Wilmington, Delaware; \$10,000 each from Mr. Lamot du Pont of Wilmington, and from a friend in Western Pennsylvania. Other gifts from generous friends ranging from five thousand dollars to one dollar made up the full amount. The Trustees and officers of the University have conducted this campaign without the aid of a commercial agency, but have been greatly assisted by the splendid work of the Alumni Association under the leadership of Dr. Robert Baxter McRary of Baltimore, president of the Alumni Association and director of the Alumni campaign, of Hon. Walter G. Alexander, M.D., of Orange, N. J., assistant director, and of Dr. George Cleveland Hall of Chicago, who was recently elected to the Board of Trustees. The Alumni have subscribed directly about \$52,000, more than the quota they accepted, in addition to their help in influential quarters in securing some of the largest subscriptions.

About one-half of the total amount subscribed has already been paid in cash, and the General Education Board is duplicating the cash collections as received. Our generous friends are asked to be prompt in the payment of their subscriptions, and if they can conveniently anticipate the date agreed upon so much the better.