Our University
REPORT of the BOARD of VISITORS of the UNIVERSITY of CINCINNATI, 1906

A MEETING of the Board of Visitors, held in McMicken Hall, April 24, 1906, a committee of the Chairmen of the Departmental Committees was appointed to draw up a general report for the year 1906. This committee met at the residence of President Dabney, May 8, 1906, and prepared the following report:

"The Board of Visitors of the University of Cincinnati notes with pleasure that many of the suggestions made by this Board in its report for 1905 have received attention and in many instances the more urgent needs of Departments have been satisfied. Among the actual needs of the University reported at that time, which for the lack of means have not yet been met, are the following:

Books in the several Departments of the College of Liberal Arts;
Laboratory Equipment in the Department of Psychology;
An Electric Lantern in the Department of History;
Assistant Professors of Political Science and Sociology* in the Department of Economics;
Laboratory Equipment in the Department of Chemistry;
A Building for the College of Engineering;
Additional Cataloguing force in the Library;
Dormitories and a Gymnasium, and the improvement of the attic of McMicken Hall.

*Since this report was adopted, an Assistant Professor in Sociology has been elected."
INSTITUTIONS IN BURNET WOODS:

College of Liberal Arts,
College for Teachers,
College of Engineering.

The Colleges located in Burnet Woods have undertaken to reorganize the system of athletics in which they are principally interested. Athletics are organized upon the plan of general physical development, instead of giving the whole time of the Physical Instructor to football, basketball, and baseball games, in which only a small fraction of the students are enabled to take part. The new plan contemplates an equal distribution of time and effort amongst the various games, including the cross-country run, handball, lacrosse, tennis, golf, fencing, boxing, and other games suited to students of less weight and endurance. A general Physical Instructor aided by a number of Athletic Fellows will take charge of these several departments. It is not the intention to discourage football and baseball, but if these games are extensively developed, the expense of their development will have to be met by their friends among the students, alumni, and the general public; and the Athletic Committee of the University Senate will exercise such supervision as to eliminate from them the objectionable features of commercialism and brutality.

In order that this change, which is in touch with the general opinion concerning college athletics, may be satisfactorily carried out, it is necessary that suitable gymnasium facilities shall be provided. The present gymnasium (a room in the basement of McMicken Hall) is sufficient for the needs of the women only. A new gymnasium is very necessary.
College of Engineering

One of the most urgent needs of the University is a new building for Engineering. The School is rapidly growing, and with the adoption of the Cooperative system of instruction, it will be difficult to find room within the next year for the students of this College. The Cooperative system is a plan, just introduced, whereby young men may work in shops and attend the College of Engineering on alternate weeks. Now that many of the leading manufacturers of Cincinnati have taken an active interest in this development of the College of Engineering, it is to be hoped that suitable conveniences for this important work will be provided.

Graduate School

The Graduate School of the University has shown continuous growth since its establishment six years ago. To attract advanced students from all parts of the country, and more particularly from the territory commercially and industrially tributary to Cincinnati, is quite in harmony with the general ambitions of Cincinnati. In order to stimulate this flow of students from outside the city, it is extremely desirable that a fund should be created, the interest of which should provide fellowships and scholarships for students seeking instruction in the higher branches of learning.†

Library

Books are a necessary part of the equipment for graduate work. The present resources of the University have been sufficient only for a meagre purchase of

† One such scholarship, the Hanna fellowship in Physics, has just been established by Mrs. Henry Hanna and Miss Mary Hanna.
books. Special departments of the Library might be built up by private gifts, as has been done in every university community. The Department of History has great need of a special library which shall include the source material for English History. Special libraries of German, French, and Italian Literature should commend themselves to the attention of persons specially interested in these branches. The Library is desirous of completing its files of English and American periodicals, which are of great value for reference work. In many particulars the Library must ever be dependent upon private donations for its enlargement and extension.

The Library staff has for two years been reduced below its normal efficiency. The present force is not sufficient to complete the cataloguing of the books already on hand, in addition to the other work of the Library.

University Life: Dormitories

It is felt that the full measure of the influence which an institution like the University of Cincinnati should exercise upon the student body and upon the public at large can not be attained until an opportunity is given of grouping students and teachers about a nucleus of university life in a university colony. Therefore it is desirable that as soon as possible dormitories should be erected for students and arrangements made for the residence of members of the teaching force upon the University grounds. This benefit could be obtained, it is thought, with the erection of buildings which would at the same time afford a safe and profitable investment of University funds, affording an income to the University in excess of its other investments.
The Tax Levy

The Hamilton County Delegation having secured the passage of a bill by the recent Legislature increasing the possible tax levy for university purposes from three-tenths to a half mill, the Board of Visitors of the University of Cincinnati, having carefully inquired into the condition and needs of the University, unanimously recommends the granting of the total additional levy, which will amount to $46,500.00. This sum will be expended, if received, toward the realization of many of the suggestions of this Board."

George M. Anderson,  William McKibbin,
Robert Anderson,     Guy W. Mallon,
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