ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of President Titsworth at Washington College Given at the Commencement Exercises Monday, June 15, 1925

The college year just passing into history has been one of quiet and substantial achievement. The dropping of the preparatory department, while it has somewhat lessened our total enrollment, has noticeably advanced our scholastic standards. Washington is now known as a college, not as a mongrel something one-half way between a college and a high school. The moral tone on the campus has been high. The spirit of cooperation between students and faculty excellent. Great credit is due the officers of student government for this situation.

The President would like to express his special appreciation at this time to members of the faculty for the help whch they have given him; to Dean Jones for his continued wise council and support; to Charles M. Jarman president of the student council, and to Miss Rebecca Brown, president of the girls students council and to these people for their fine spirit of helpfulness. The college year has been one of striking success in athletics, the history of which I do not need to detail here. Our success, is due to the skill of individual members of teams and to the ability of Coach Kibler. To Professor William R. Howell, I want to express my thanks for the efficient business like administration which, is graduate manager, he has given the athletic affairs of the institution.

There has been no serious illness among the students or faculty a fact for which we should render most grateful thanks. The college, however, has been bereft of an irreplaceable friend, a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors, Mr. James E. Ellegood, who was killed by a train as he was crossing the railroad tracks near Delmar, January 25, 1925. (The audience was requested to rise and with bowed heads to pay a moments silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Ellegood.) Mr. Ellegood, who was one of the oldest alumni of the institution, was always a faithful friend and a loyal supporter of the college, whose presence at the counsel of the Board has and will be sadly missed, whose spirit, however, we trust is not far from us today.

The college enrollment this year has been 126 divided as follows among the several classes: Seniors, 18; Juniors, 20; Sophomores, 32; Freshmen, 44; Specials, 12; total, 126. This registration is a larger college registration than we had last year.

While I am on the matter of attendance, I should like to say that we are looking forward to putting on an even more vigorous and efficient campaign for students than ever. Already all the high schools on the Eastern Shore have been visited and practically all the high school seniors interviewed. At the present time we have twenty-five new freshmen registrations for next September, a number which equals the new students registration last September. The campaign, carried intensively over the Shore, into Westrn Maryland, southeastern Pennsylvania, and southwestern Jersey should result in a bumper crop of freshmen.

It will be of particular local interest to know that some fourteen out of the twenty-two members of Chestertown high school senior class have already given in their preliminary registration. This fact should be a matter of satisfaction to every one who lives in Chestertown. It certainly is a fine record for the local high school and its principal.

Last November Dr. Albertus Perry became the field vice president of Washington College. With infinite patience and resource, he has been carrying on a publicity campaign for the college through personal interviews and by speches before clubs, associations, and churches. In this period of time he has made some eighty-seven addresses, traveled over eight thousand miles, and made untold calls on friends of the college and upon influential men. Early in his service he saw that the first work to be done in our endowmentcampaign was to get people acquainted with the substantial merits of the college and to gain for it their good will. Sometimes it has been said that what Washington College needs most is money. What Washington College needs most is friends. When it enjoys the confidence and good will of the folks in its own bailiwick, when its natural supporters become convinced that the college is, as we know it is, free of all bias—religious, political, or otherwise—that its scholastic standards are high and and the life on campus and in dormitory sound and wholesome, then the money the institution seeks will be forthcoming.

It is to the work of convincing our constitutency as to the strategic position of Washington College on the educational frontier of the south and as to the institution's soundness, wholesomness, and scholastic worth that Dr. Perry has addressed himself in the few months he has been on our staff. The labor in which he has engaged with resourcefulness and energy has produced for Washington a noticeable increase in the intangbile but fundamental asset of any institution—good will.

Dr. Perry's efforts to bring the college favorably to the attention of the public have been ably seconded by Mr. W. R. Moody and Mr. Thomas D. Bowers, who some months ago became the correspondents of the Baltimore Sun, American, and News, and the Delaware Ledger. They have kept the press informed of the events at and the life of the college. The papers have been eager to use practically everything sent. News items, accounts of games and of social and scholastic activities, special feature articles, and photographs of campus groups and organizations have appeared in tht daily and Sunday editions with satisfying form and frequency. Indedd, the Baltimore papers this year are competing for Washington College news, while last year the college had difficulty in getting any attention from them. Hence the publicity situation now is the complete reversal of that of a year ago.

Nor has the rural press been less eager for college news. Mr. Moody has regularly sent material to the representative Shore papers and frequently at all, from Havre de Grace to Onancock, some forty-two publications. One sheet even went si far as to publish the same college news item twice in the same issue. Perhaps the best piece of newspaper publicity this year is an article on Washington College, a column long, which appeared in the New York Sunday Times for May 31. This was written after an interview between Dr. John H. Finley and Dr. Perry.

You will be interested to know that a chair in physical education has been started to be called the Flying Pentagon Professorship of Educaion. A small fund has already been accumulated which in the course of not too long a time should amount to $30,000. This chair is named in honor of the Flying Pentagon basketball team. This professorship has a distinction of being the first one to be started since the college was founded.

Another interesting development of the year has been the decision of the Old Kent Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to establish for the use of students in Washington College our first student loan fund. The conditions under which these fund will be available, while not yet worked out, will be published before college opens next September. It is a matter of satisfaction to the college administration that this generous benefaction of Old Kent Chapter has taken the form of a loan fund rather than of a scholarship. This fund is to be known as the "Old Kent Chapter of the D. A. R. Student Loan Fund."

In this connection I am also delighted to report that the Old Kent Chapter has indicated its desire to put on the campus of Washington College a marker to memorialize the fact that George Washington received here in 1789 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. This marker will take the form of a stone boulder with a bronze tablet one side. It will be placed upon some conspicuous site on the campus during this summer.

The administration of the college wishes publicly to express its appreciatiin of the kindly and generous thought of the Old Kent Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I wish here to take occasion to express our appreciation to Colonel Hodson, of East Orange, N. J., for his kindly thought in giving us the beautiful marshal's baton for use in Commencement and other precessions.

It is with profound regret that the President announces the resignation of Prof. James W. Johns who for seven years has been the head of the department of education at Washington College. He has become beloved of every student if the institution by reason of his substantial character, his kindliness, and his abilities as a teacher. The college will greatly miss his presence upon the campus and his quiet and wise counsels. Prof. Johns will next year go into secondary school work, a field in which he is preminently fitted by experience and preparation. We be speak for him the best of success.

To take his place the college is fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Fred. G. Livingood, who is an honor graduate of Albright College at Myerstown, and also of Slippery Rock State Normal School Slippery Rock, Pa. Dr. Livingood during the war spent eighten months as "Y" secretary at Camp Eustis, Va. Since then he has been doing graduate work at Harvard University where he received in 1923 the degree of Master of Education and this present month the degree of Doctor of Education. At Harvard he has been the president of the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a national honor society of a graduate students in education. While in Albright Dr. Livingood was a manager of the football team, a member of the college orchestra, and a member fo two years of Albright's victorious debating team. The President has known Dr. Livingood since 1922 and feels sure that he has in him the making of a good Washingtonian.

MARYLAND'S INCOME TAX

State Ranks Ninth Among All Other States.

Maryland, twenty-eighth among the States in point of population, ranked ninth in the amount of income tax paid for the calendar year 1923, according to a preliminary report of statistics of income made public by the Teasury Department. Maryland pald 2.24 per cent. of all the income taxes.

The total number of returns filed for that year was 7,698,321, the total net income, $26,336,337,843, and the toal tax, $703,962,167. In Maryland here were 127,770 returns or 1.66 per cent. of the total; a net income of $539,830,478, or 2.05 per cent. of the total, and a tax of $15,782,160.

Compared with 1922, the figures of the country as a whole show an increase of 910,840, or 13.42 per cent., in the number of returns and an increase of $5,000,125,313, or 23.43 per cent. in the total net income. There was a decrease, however, of $157,095,143, or 18.24 per cent., in the total tax. The 1923 figures were affected by the 25 per cent. reduction provided in the Revenue ast of 1924.

The average net income per return in 1923 was $3,421.05; the average amount of tax was $91.44, and the average tax rate 2.67 per cent. The preportion of the population filing returns was 6.94 per cent.; the per capita net income was $237.27, and the per capita income tax was $6.34.

Eight and one-half per cent. of the population of Maryland filed returns for 1923. The average net income shown by the reports from Maryland —$4,225.02—was higher, with the single exception of Illinois, than that of any other State and compares with an average of $3,421.05 for the country as a whole. The average amount of tax per return, $123.52, compares with $91.44 for the country as a whole and is exceeded only by the averages in the Territory of Hawaii, New York and Rhode Island.

STILL POND

Mrs. Charles Walters has returned home after spending several weeks with her daughter in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. L. P. Atwell, Mrs. Howard Rasin and mother spent Tuesday of this week in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Rachel Parrott is visiting her friend Miss Vennie Bowers near Worton.

Miss Clara Medders is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mathews attended the Commencement at State Normal School Towson, Md., their daughter being one of the graduates.

Mrs. S. J. Stanley is spending some time with her son at Kennedyville, Md.

Mrs. Wm. Hadaway has returned home for the summer.

The Devotional service of the Epworth League was held last Sunday evening by Mrs. Wm. Medders assisted by the Juriors, Mrs. Howard Rasin will be the leader for to-morrow evening.

GALENA

Mr. and Mrs. William Hicks and daughters Misses Minnie, Ella and Hettie, of Chestertown, visited relatives and friends in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCauley and Jack, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Miss Mattie Whitaker, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. George E. Hicks and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll, of Middletown, visited in town on Saturday.

Mr. James Ellis, of Baltimore, is spending some days with Dr. George R. Jones and family.

Mr. Eugene Tuer, of Baltimore, visited relatives and friends in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beck and son, of Clayton, visited her mother, Mrs. C. Nickerson on Sunday.

Mr. Victor Stradley, of Easton, is spending a few days here.

Mr. Louis Cruinkshank who is an instructor in the Friends School in Philadelphia, is spending some days with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Cruinkshank.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Van Sant attended Commencement Evercises at Washington College Monday morning.

Mrs. C. C. Hill, of Smyrna, is spending some delightful days with Mrs. Criickshank.

Miss Helen Van Sant and friend, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Van Sant.

Mr. Howard Claude, of Annapolis, visited Mrs. Eva McCauley on Sunday.

Mr. George Thomas, of Virginia, is spending time with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Ireland.

Miss Kathryn Gilpin who has been teaching the past year in Easton, Pa., visited friends in town on Monday.

Mrs. Richard Lockwoid, of Georgetown, is a patient in the St. Frances Hospital, Wilmington, suffering with the asthma.

Mrs. Alice Woodall was given a birthday dinner by her children on Sunday at the home of Mr. Thomas Cruickshank of near town.

MILLINGTON

Mrs. Lambert Bowers, of Dayton, Md., and Miss Margaret Bowers, of Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., are spending the summer at their home in town.

Mr. Thomas Jacobs, of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., is visiting Mr. James Spear, near town.

Mr. Liston Pennington was the guest last week of his brother, Dr. Lee Pennington, of Havre de Grace, Md.

Mrs. Clara Rolph spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William Rolph, near Chesterville.

Miss Florence Comegys, of Baltimore, is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. S. Comegys.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held last Tuesday evening in the Sunday School room of the Church.

Mr. James Spear, of he Boston Technology Institute, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spear, near town.

Miss Martha Pennington, of Navesink, N. J., is spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Liston Pennington.

Mrs. Lucy Spear, Miss Fannie Hurtt and Mr. F. E. Maddox, of Brooklyn, Md., spent the past week-end with the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. L. A. Hurtt.

Miss Dorothy Taylor, of Hood College Frederick, Md., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

Miss Mary Numbers left on Friday for Morgantown and Asheville, N C., after spending a couple of days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Numbers.

Mr. William Feddeman, of Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Feddeman.

The Children's Day Service held at Asbury M. E. Church, last Sunday evening was largely attended. An interesting program of music, recitation and exercises was given.

The Church was prettily trimmed with roses and ferns. All those on both the decorating and program committee as well as those who took part deserve great credit.

Mrs. James A. Townsend is quite ill at her home near town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin, of Elkton, Md., visited Mr. and Mrs. George Jones last Sunday.

Master Walter Gale, of near Black's, spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Buckingham and little son, Harry, were guests last Sunday of relatives at Newark, Del.

The Ladies Aid Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, was entertained on Thursday evening by Mrs. J. E. Woodall.

Mrs. J. E. Hurlock visited her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Pippin, of Philadelphia, Pa., last week.

Miss Lydia N. Jones, of Navesink, N. J., is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Jones.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Dempsey attended the wedding of Miss Marion Dempsey in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mr. Henry Boggs and Mr. and Mrs. John Hessner, spent Sunday at Woodlan Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson and Miss Mary Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Aliff spent Sunday in Baltimore with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robinson.

The close of school on Wednesday was celebrated with a picnic, which was quite a success.

Mr. George Lane of Warwick spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clendaniel.

Mrs. Staats entertained the Missionary Society of Grace Presbyterian Church and of Georgetown on Thursday.

Miss Harriett Walls has returned from a pleasant visit in Baltimore.

Mrs. Baker, of Chestertown and Mrs. Miller of Worton spent Wednesday with Mrs. Augusta Hessner.

Mr. Marvel Smyth's many friends were glad to see him around town this wek.

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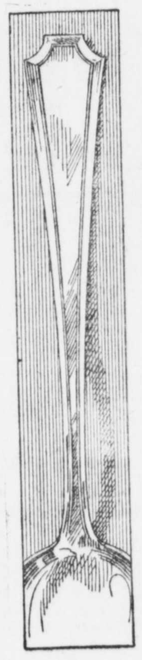
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