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At a Special Meeting of the Trustees of Trinity College holden in the Judges' Room in the Capitol at Hartford, on Saturday, April 13th, 1889.

Present: Bishop Williams Chancellor.
President Smith, Messrs. Clark, Hoadly, Pardee, Graves, Goodwin and Wainwright.

The following report was presented and accepted:

Trinity College,

Hartford, Conn., March 15, 1889.

To the Trustees of Trinity College:

Gentlemen:- The committee appointed at a special meeting of the Trustees of Trinity College, held January 19, 1889, under the following resolution, namely:

Resolved, That the questions proposed in writing by the President of the College at this meeting, respecting the policy of the College, be submitted to a committee of three members, of which the President shall be one, to consider them and report suggestions thereon at the next meeting of the board; and that this report be printed and sent to each member of the board at least two weeks before that meeting takes place,

respectfully report as follows:

The statement made at the meeting of January 19th represents that the College dormitories are practically full, and that the number of students is as large as the present academic staff can properly instruct. The students in the buildings, at the time the statement was made, was 105; the number in college, 118. As the dormitories have room for only 114, and the rooms of seven students are occupied by the caterer, and for a reading-room, it will be seen that only a few places are left for any increase in the number of men. As the College buildings are at a considerable distance from the compactly built parts of the city, the growth of the College in members would call for additional dormitory accommodations. As the professors are already fully occupied, other instructors would be required for a large number of men.

The questions referred to in the above resolution are as follows:

1. Shall the number of students be limited to the present capacity of the College buildings to quarter them, and to the ability of the present academic staff to instruct them; or shall we receive all students who present themselves, and are found qualified?
2. In case the number of students is not to be limited, is it deemed advisable, at this time, to make an effort to increase the endowment funds of the College to enlarge the academic staff?
3. If the number of students is not to be limited, shall action be taken to provide quarters for additional students?
4. If additional quarters are to be provided, shall another large dormitory be built, or shall the experiment

be tried of erecting a house to serve as a residence, with rooms for a small number of students ?

5. Is it advisable to take into consideration the question of providing a library building at once ?

At the meeting above referred to, the first of these questions was considered by the Board, and it was determined that the number of students should not be limited. The committee, therefore, have considered only the other questions, and respectfully report:

That they have held several meetings, and have submitted to the Faculty the questions in regard to instruction, and their reply is incorporated herein.

That for 200 students there would be needed, in addition to the present force,

One Instructor in Metaphysics.

One Instructor in Ancient Languages, to teach both Latin and Greek.

One Instructor in History and Political Science.

One Instructor in English who should also take the work in Oratory and Elocution.

One Instructor in Mathematics and Mechanics.

One Instructor in Modern Languages, to teach both German and French.

One Assistant in Physics, who should be taken from the students and be paid at least \$100. a year in order that his services may be at the command of the professor.

One Assistant in Chemistry, the same as in the department of Physics.

One Instructor in Natural History (the department being now vacant.)

The additional instructors are already needed in the departments of Modern Languages and Mathematics.

The additional Instructors in Physics and Chemistry will be needed in Trinity Term, 1890.

The next departments to need Instructors will probably be those of English, History, and Metaphysics.

The committee are of the opinion that the policy of the College will be best continued by the appointment of permanent Instructors who shall be either Professors, or Assistant Professors.

Considerable additions will be needed to the equipment of the departments of Chemistry and Physics, and some small additions to the apparatus of the other departments.

It is desirable that a larger Chapel be provided, and a larger Dining Hall. A larger Library is already a pressing need.

Additional Recitation and Lecture Rooms will be required, but if a new Library Building can be constructed, and another Dining Hall and Chapel be provided, the rooms thus liberated will be sufficient.

To meet the present needs of the College, your committee respectfully recommend that a house be built on Vernon Street which can serve as a dormitory for any small excess of students over the accommodations provided in the present

buildings, or be rented to a tenant if the College does not require it.

And that a temporary wooden building be constructed at a convenient distance from Jarvis Hall, to serve as a Dining Hall, Kitchen, and Servants' quarters.

They further recommend that measures be taken to secure an endowment sufficient to pay the salaries of the assistant professors and other instructors specified above.

The money required under these recommendations is estimated as follows:

For house to serve as a residence, with rooms for several students,	\$15,000.
For dining-room building and equipment,	20,000.
Additional apparatus in department of physics,	1,500.
" " " chemical department,	1,000.
" " " other "	1,000.
Salaries of six professors at \$1,500. or \$2,000. per annum,	\$9,500.
Two assistants in laboratories,	200.
Instructor in natural history,	1,000.
	<u>\$10,700</u>
To produce this will require a capital sum of	\$250,000.
Increase in annual expenses of department of physics,	\$150.
Increase in annual expenses of chemical department,	300.
	<u>\$450.</u>

Representing the interest on a capital sum of 10,000.

Total \$298, 500.

Your committee further suggest the importance of erecting permanent buildings for the library, chapel, and dining-hall, at an early day, and of increasing the present academic fund with a view to increasing the salaries of the present professors.

They are further of the opinion that every permanent building should also be provided with a fund for its maintenance.

In the erection of buildings for temporary use, such as the dining-hall recommended above, your committee are of the opinion that the grounds which were originally allotted to the permanent buildings which were contemplated, and of which a portion has been erected, should not be encroached upon; but that they be left unoccupied at present, in order to invite the benefactions of those who may desire to erect memorials in connection with the College. Such buildings as a library, chapel, museum of natural history, dormitories, etc., might well bear the donor's name in perpetuity. The same is also true of specific funds given for the endowment of professorships, or scholarships, or for the general purposes of the College.

As one difficulty encountered in the maintenance of the commons is the risk taken by the caterer of losing a portion of the money due from the students, your committee are of the opinion that better service could be obtained in this important department, and better satisfaction would be given, if the board bills of the students were guaranteed by the College. They therefore recommend that this be done.

Your committee present herewith, for consideration,
a form of statement and appeal to the friends of the College.

Geo. Williamson Smith, :
Francis Goodwin, : Committee.
W. E. Curtis, :

Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.,

March ,1889.

The trustees of Trinity College respectfully
represent that owing to the increase in the number of students,
the College is in immediate need of the following funds:

For temporary Dining Hall and equipment,	\$20,000.
For house to serve as a residence, with rooms for several students,	15,000.
For Endowment of Professorship in Mathe- matics,	40,000.
For Endowment of Professorship in Modern Languages,	40,000.
For Endowment of Professorship in the Natural Sciences,	25,000.
	<u>\$ 140,000.</u>

Other funds will be required in the following or-
der for the endowment of

A professorship in English,	\$40,000.
A professorship in History,	40,000.
A professorship in Ancient Languages,	40,000.
A professorship in Metaphysics,	50,000.
For additional apparatus in Department of Physics,	1,500.
For additional apparatus in Department of Chemistry,	1,000.
For additional equipment in other departments	1,000.
To meet the increase in the annual expenses of the Department of Physics, the income of	4,000.
To meet the increase in the annual expenses of the Department of Chemistry, the income of	6,000.

It is hoped that in addition to the above, permanent
buildings will be provided for the Library, Chapel, Dining
Hall and Cabinet, and that the present Academic Fund, from
which the salaries of the present professors are paid, will
be increased by gifts and bequests.

Endowment funds and buildings erected for the use
of the College will bear the names of the donors.

Voted, That a committee of five Trustees be ap-
pointed, consisting of the Chancellor and the President, who
should have power to add the other three, with power to issue
this report, or such part of it as they may judge expedient,
as the appeal of this corporation to the public.

Messrs. Pardee, Morgan and Goodwin were the three
who were afterwards added to complete the committee.