

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY MAY HAVE AFFILIATION WITH MILTON SCHOOL

Basis of negotiations Offered in Semi-Annual Report of President Doney—Finances of Salem Institution Suffer Through War Conditions—Improvements Contemplate New Dormitory For Women and Better Campus

One of the important subjects elaborated upon in the semi-annual report of President Carl Gregg Doney to the trustees of Willamette university at their meeting in Portland Tuesday was that of a proposed affiliation with Columbia college, a junior college, of Milton, Umatilla county. After Dr. Doney had outlined a basis for negotiations the question was referred and is pending.

President Doney's report went into detail relative to the effect of war conditions upon the university. He praised the "fine seriousness which is characterizing both students and faculty," but on the other hand called attention to the decrease caused in enrollment by enlistments and the adverse effect the war is having on the university's financial affairs. As a conservative estimate he predicted that the year would close with a deficit in current expenses of at least \$6000 and declared that provision must be made to meet the deficit.

Improvements Contemplated.
Improvements that are contemplated at the university were mentioned in the report. The president directed the attention of the board to the condition of Lausanne hall and declared it a serious question whether any attempt should be made to use the building after the next semester. He reported the campaign for a new Lausanne hall as progressing slowly with about \$15,000 provided.

Proposed new plans for the campus, the president urged should be procured as early as possible. The president's report follows in full:

"Everything connected with the university is feeling the effect of the war. Nothing is done or proposed which does not regard the new conditions imposed by the world struggle. We have sought for some phase of university activity which has been wholesomely influenced by the war and it appears to me that the only helpful thing about it all is the fine seriousness which is characterizing both students and faculty. The absence of seventy class men and a clear knowledge of why they have gone, the deepening menace which threatens free institutions have produced a reaction that searches to the soul. The result is better conduct and better scholarship; and in both

particulars we have attained a standard that is altogether gratifying.

War Decreases Enrollment.
"The enrollment shows a marked decrease. In anticipation of a decrease, unusual efforts were made last spring and the summer to make this small. Professor Richards and I did our utmost and, in June and July, were supplemented by the help of Professor Matthews and Allum John Gary. Enlistment in various branches of army service of our freshmen, sophomores and juniors, of high school seniors who would have been in college this year, and the necessity for all classes of laborers, have lessened the enrollment, as compared with a year ago, to the following figures:

All Students.
February 13, 1917: freshmen, 105; sophomores, 62; junior, 41; seniors, 32; all others, 97.
January 8, 1918: freshmen, 83; sophomores, 42; junior, 32; seniors, 33; all others, 63.

Men Students Only.
February 13, 1917: freshmen, 59; sophomores, 32; juniors, 19; seniors, 16; all others, 59.
January 8, 1918: freshmen, 37; sophomores, 19; juniors, 8; seniors, 11; all others, 22.

The loss of this number of students has reduced tuition fees as follows: Receipts in fees to February 1, 1917, \$9315.35; to January 1, 1918, \$7321.40. Decrease, \$1993.95.

"Naturally, also, the war conditions have added to the cost of maintaining the university. The overhead charges will probably be \$1500 to \$2000 in excess of last year's distributed among fuel, laboratory supplies, labor, printing and postage. The same conditions make it increasingly difficult to secure gifts for the school. The campaigns for the Red Cross and for the army Y. M. C. A., together with universal high prices of necessities of life, have unusually taxed the financial resources of the people. We will, likewise, find that the normal income from the university's investments has suffered seriously.

Financial Condition Serious.
"The financial condition of the institution is, therefore, very serious. A conservative estimate indicates that the year will close with a deficit in current expenses of at least \$6000

This is both impossible to avoid and impossible to endure. In some manner, provision must be made to secure this sum. At a recent meeting of the executive committee, it was deemed advisable to authorize the taking of subscriptions toward a war emergency fund. These subscriptions are for annual sums to be made until the United States makes peace and for one year thereafter. It is still too soon to try to indicate what may be expected from this method. I recommend that this matter be given the fullest consideration at the present meeting.

"Concerning the faculty, I have only words of approval. There appears to be a fine spirit of co-operation among all the instructors; and within and without the class room they are appreciated by the students. Three professors are new to the university this year. Professor W. A. Darden, succeeding Professor Stauffer in the department of English, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and with the master's degree from Columbia university. Professor Della Crowder Miller succeeds Mrs. Senn in the department of public speaking. She has had extensive preparation and wide experience. Professor Charles South is in charge of violin instruction in the School of Music. All of these instructors are very satisfactory and we feel that they will perceptibly add to the standing of the institution. Miss Junia L. Todd, for three years dean of women, resigned in August to accept a like position in Simpson college, her alma mater. Miss Florence E. Twidwell was secured for this responsible and difficult position and we have full expectation that she will greatly succeed in the work. In view of the uncertain conditions, I recommend that the faculty election await the June meeting.

Faculty Members Lecture.
"The series of lectures and concerts given by the faculty for two seasons past is being continued this year. In addition, members of the faculty give a considerable number of addresses throughout the state during the course of the year.

"The improvements on the campus since my last report include a cement walk connecting Eaton and Waller halls, presented to the university by the class of 1917; a like walk between Eaton hall and the chapel in Waller hall, presented by the class of 1921; and a partial refurnishing and renovation of the chapel auditorium. The last improvement includes a new platform carpet, new lights, a furnace, new floor and repainting. These needed changes were made possible by the gifts of several friends who modestly request their names to be not mentioned; but it is proper to say that their donations amounting to about \$700 have transformed the old room into a beautiful and attractive place. The added

beauty of this center of college life will assuredly react in a wholesome manner upon those who daily meet there. Appropriate exercises were held yesterday, when trustees and alumni were present. It would be possible from time to time, to secure shrubs and walks for the campus if we knew where to place them; therefore, it appears advisable to me that the proposed campus plan be secured and adopted as early as possible.

New Hall Plan Progresses.
"The campaign for a new Lausanne hall progresses slowly. Since my June report, subscriptions have been received amounting to two or three thousand dollars, making a total of about \$15,000. The condition of the present dormitory is constantly becoming worse; the roof is leaking and general deterioration is evident. It is a serious question whether any attempt should be made to use the building after the next semester. I think we should continue the campaign in spite of adverse circumstances, for one cannot tell when the redemptive hour will strike.

"The religious life of the university is encouraged by the daily chapel service, by Christian associations, by Bible study and personal work. Plans for special services are not completed. Apparently, the religious life of the students represents a very high standard and certainly their moral life leaves little to be desired. The interest of the faculty and students in the war fund of the Y. M. C. A. was evidenced by a subscription of over \$1200 when \$500 was the apportionment to the institution. A strong auxiliary chapter to the Red Cross is actively maintained by the university.

"The department of music continues to prosper. The work of Dr. Chase is beyond praise. It was deemed advisable by the executive committee to authorize the purchase of six pianos for the department at a price but little in advance of the annual rental heretofore paid for the instruments, and this has been done.

Paul Wallace Helps Library.
"The law college has suffered the loss of many students who have enlisted. The enrollment will be about two-thirds of normal. To judge by results, the instruction offered is excellent, though the college does not meet the conditions of the American Bar association. The university senate, at its meeting last month, voted not to list in Class A law schools which fall short of these requirements. This will place us in Class B for the reason that students are admitted who are not college graduates and because instruction is given at night. This ruling will have no appreciable effect upon us; and so long as competing schools adhere to present standards, we can do no better.

"The library has received about seventy-five volumes since the opening of the year, the money for which was provided by Paul Wallace, by examination fees and by the Clews fund. Professors and students are constantly hoping that many more books may be secured.

"The museum has received several cases and cabinets for the care and display of specimens. It likewise has been loaned a collection of 500 animal heads, horns and skins.

"It has been stated that some of the endowment funds were given with the understanding that they were to be designated as sustaining professorships. I recommend that such designation be made at this meeting; that the proper notation may appear in the next catalogue, and respectfully desire your consideration and action in a matter arising from the war. The international Y. M. C. A. requests you to grant me a leave of absence for six months in order to go to France to work, to observe, to experience and to learn, and, upon my return, to speak and write as circumstances demand. I seek your wise and prayerful permit and demand. The proposal seeks to have the university contribute my salary while the association will provide for the expenses. Can the university afford it? Is the need abroad such that we must afford it? Will there be something in my going which will be an asset to the university? Many other questions arise judgment.

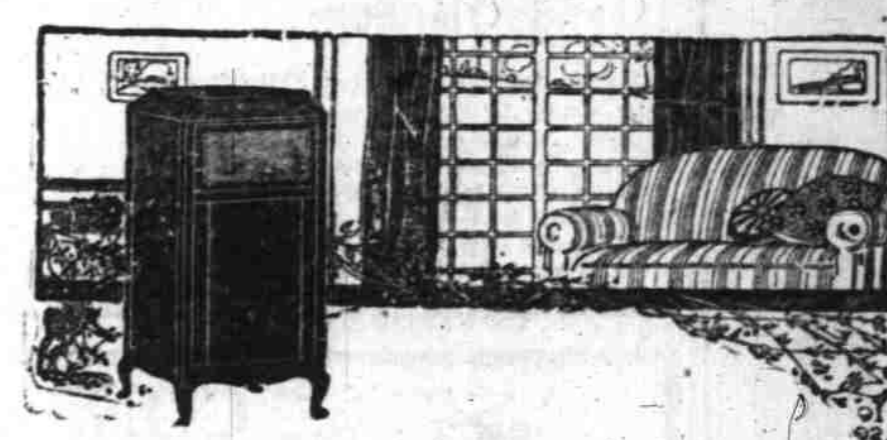
Affiliation is Considered.
"Your attention is called to the reports submitted by the registrar and the committees.

"I also ask your decision relative to an affiliation with Columbia college, Milton, Or. This is a junior college under the control of the M. E. Church South. It was founded in 1900, has a \$50,000 main building, a frame dormitory, ten or twelve acres of ground, no debt, an endowment of about \$25,000, six college students, thirty-two academy students, about ninety in music, business and domestic science. I suggest that a statement something like the following be considered and, if advisable, made the basis of negotiations:

"In the matter of an affiliation between Willamette university of Salem, Oregon, and Columbia college, Milton, Oregon, the trustees of Willamette university present the following statements for the consideration of the governing body of Columbia college:

"1. We welcome any movement which will secure closer action and union between the two institutions of learning.

"2. We suggest that an affiliation be made as early as possible on a basis (a) Wherein one of the trustees of Willamette university elected by the Columbia river conference and one of the trustees elected by the Idaho conference shall be elected by the board of trustees of Willamette university to be trustees of Columbia college, and Columbia college shall elect, in a manner to be determined by said college, two



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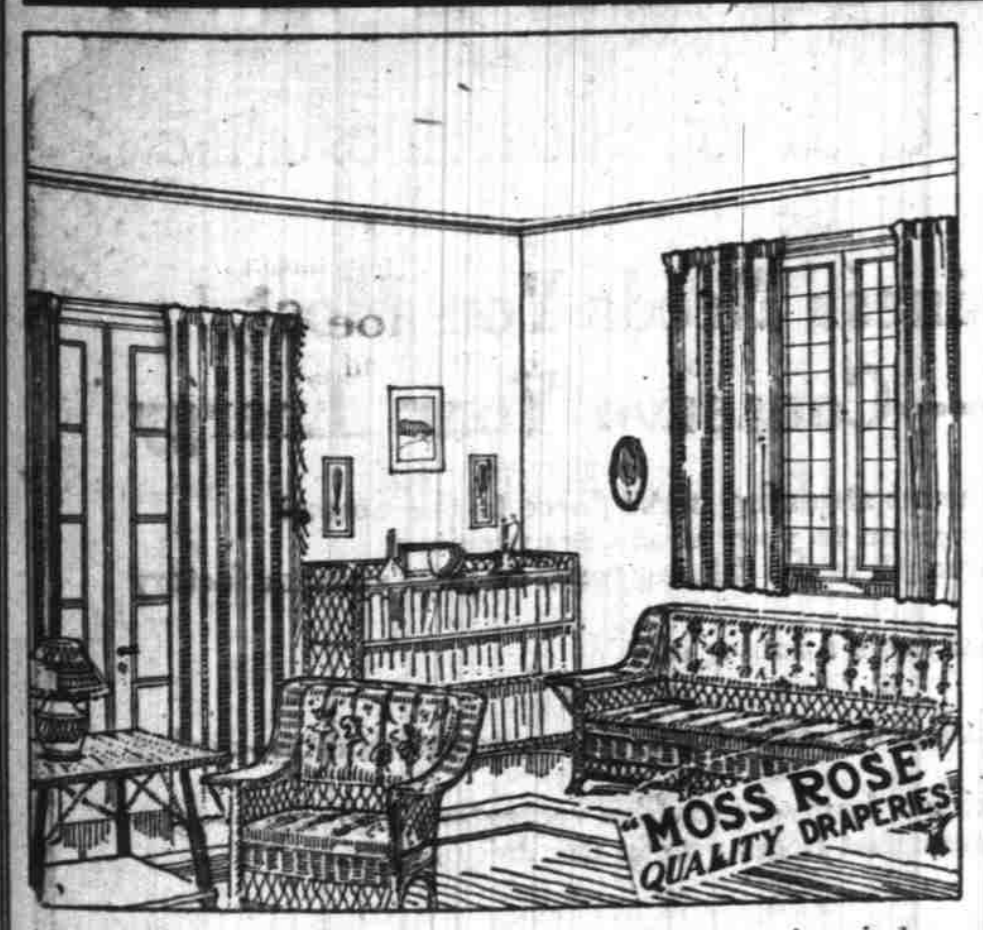
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persons to be trustees of Willamette university. (b) Wherein the curriculum of the academic department of Columbia college shall be equal to that of the standard high school in Oregon and be adjusted to the requirements for admission to the freshman class of Willamette university. (c) Wherein Willamette university will admit to freshman standing, without examination, graduates of the academy of Columbia college. (d) Wherein Columbia college and Willamette university shall remain wholly independent of each other in financial management and responsibility. (e) Wherein Columbia college will announce in its annual catalogue that it is affiliated as an academy with Willamette university and the annual catalogue of Willamette university will make a like statement to the intent in both instances of directing students to the institutions."

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