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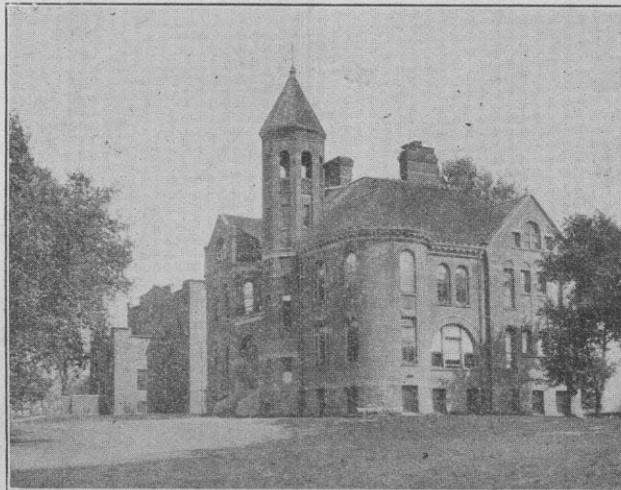
Facts About Northwestern

Northwestern Junior College is the 5th largest Junior College in Iowa.

The N. W. Academy has this year increased its enrollment 40%, and the College has increased 27%.

The institution has only an outstanding indebtedness of \$12,000.

The coming commencement will be the 51st of the Academy and the 6th of the College.



Northwestern Needs

The School is short of space for Classrooms, Library, Chapel, Rest rooms for boys and girls, and Laboratories.

Northwestern Needs a practice Pipe Organ for its Music department. \$1,200 will buy such an organ.

Laboratory and general schoolroom equipment, and especially books for the Library.

N. W. Jr. Coll. and Academy Outgrowing Its Quarters

Another Increase in Enrollment to be Expected Next Year

As is quite well known the Northwestern Junior College and Academy experienced a very splendid growth during this past year. The growth over last year was 44% in the Academy and 27% in the college, and 33% for the entire institution. This situation is in a rather crowded condition so far as classroom space is concerned. All available space is occupied and still there are teachers who do not have regular class rooms. They are forced to use rooms belonging to other professors, during their free periods. One of the major problems of the institution we will have to face, in the future, is the provision of additional space to care for the needs of a growing student body.

The new plan begun during this present year of transporting students to school in busses, is meeting with a great deal of success. The accompanying picture shows the two busses which the school is now op-

Our Financial Number

This number of "The Classic" is intended to be a report to the consistories inasmuch as the usual mimeographed reports to the Classes were not prepared in time this year. It was also deemed wise to include in the paper financial reports of the past couple of years inasmuch as these have frequently been inquired into as a matter of information and for purposes of comparison.

erating, and the students who ride daily from their homes to school and back again in these busses. The one bus operates from Sioux Center and Maurice and the other from Boyden. The plan of using more busses for other communities next year will undoubtedly go into effect. By this means a larger number of students can attend the institution, at less cost, for the cost of transportation is far less than that of board and room, and less expensive and more satisfactory also than using their own mode of conveyance.

The institution is so situated that many of the young people of our Reformed churches can attend college and still live at home.

There are about twenty Reformed churches, (most of them large churches) within a radius of 25 miles of Orange City, and it

may safely be said, that very few of the young people who are in attendance at the Northwestern Junior College would be able to attend college if it were not for this institution. There are more than 50 Reformed Churches within 75 miles of Orange City.

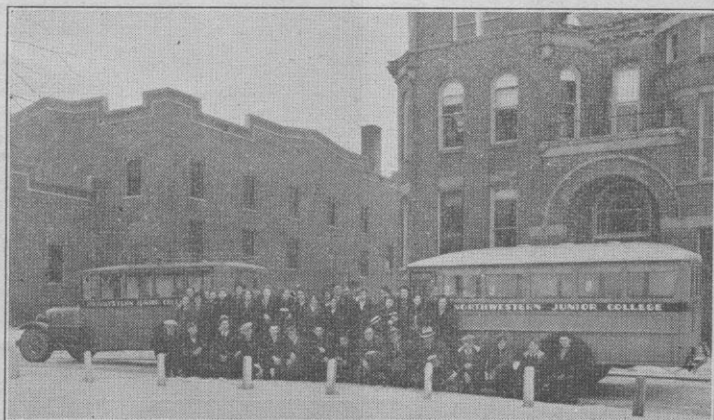
Northwestern Junior College and Academy

There are today 93 Reformed Churches in Northwest Iowa and farther north and west. These churches minister to a total of 26,862 Reformed people according to the latest reports. This section of the Reformed Church comprises the following classes: East and West Sioux, Dakota, Germania and Cascades.

Scattered over a wide area, these churches have, nevertheless, shown a remarkable growth in the past two decades. In the last 20 years the number of families connected with the Reformed Church in this area has nearly doubled, while the membership has more than doubled. The amount contributed for congregational purposes last year was also nearly double that of 20 years ago, but the 93 churches of this area contributed only \$37,938 for denominational purposes last year as compared with the \$36,152 contributed by the 66 churches of this same area 20 years ago.

The Northwestern Junior College and Academy is located in this area, and its progress also is not so much to be measured by financial standards as by other criteria. The Junior College, which is only in its seventh year, has shown a marked growth, and demonstrated the place for such an institution in this section of the church. Twenty years ago the Academy

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enrollment was 82; today the enrollment in the Academy is 61, while the enrollment in the college is 97. The Academy enrollment has fluctuated between 50 and 100 throughout practically its entire history of 52 years. The Junior College seems destined, however, to have a considerable larger enrollment with prospects of continuous growth. Another five years and a return to normal times will undoubtedly see the present enrollment more than doubled in the Junior College department.

Anyone familiar with the fruits of the Northwestern Academy will certainly not doubt its worth or value in the past. It more than any other single factor has helped to create the interest and zeal for missions found in this section of the church, so remarkably demonstrated thru the years. The renewed interest in this school because of the addition of the Junior College department, will in years to come be reflected in a renewed consecration to the program of the church, and especially the cause of missions.

The question is sometimes asked if this expenditure for education by the church is justified. The answer is that the cause of missions would soon be the loser were our school here closed. When some boy or girl coming to the Academy or Junior College and thru the training and inspiration received chooses the mission field, the family relatives, friends and the church from which the boy or girl came has a new interest in missions. Such has happened in the experience of numerous homes and churches in this section of the Reformed Church thru the fact that these boys and girls were sent to the Academy. Our Reformed Church is richer because of the service of this school, and the cause of God's kingdom has been promoted thereby.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES

Sept. 1, 1934, to April 4, 1935

EAST SIOUX

Archer	\$ 6.00
Bigelow	14.39
Boyd	241.00
Middleburg	57.50
Holland, Nebr.	3.01
Hospers	56.15
Ireton	5.29
Matlock	5.00
Melvin	10.66
Newkirk	67.55
Pella, Nebr.	8.10
Sanborn	10.14
Sheldon	46.00
Orange City First	488.40
Classical Col.	9.99
	\$1029.18

WEST SIOUX

Chandler	\$ 15.82
Colton	2.57
Denver	15.48
Edgerton	24.45
Hull, American	15.25
Hull, First	156.07
Maurice, First	5.00
Rock Rapids	6.39
Rock Valley	10.00

Roseland	25.85
Sioux Center, First	247.60
Steen	14.23
Trinity, Orange City	260.47
Classical Col.	10.22
	\$809.40

DAKOTA CLASSIS

American, Orange City	\$205.72
American, Maurice	6.85
Classical Col.	12.85
	\$225.42

OTHER CHURCHES

Meservey, Ia.	\$ 6.00
North Holland, Mich.	5.00
Lynden, Wash.	55.00
First, Grand Haven, Mich.	15.00
Bailsville, Ill.	5.00
Fremont, Mich.	10.00
First, Muskegon, Mich.	10.00
First, Pella, Ia.	10.00
Gibbsville, Wis.	20.00
First, Roseland, Chicago	45.00
Forreston, Ill.	10.00
Fifth, Grand Rapids, Mich.	35.00
Ninth, Grand Rapids, Mich.	5.50
Garfield Park, Grand Rapids, Mich.	10.00
Emmanuel, Chicago, Ill.	12.50
Immanuel, Grand Rapids, Mich.	5.00
Calvary, Cleveland, Ohio	31.50
	\$290.50

Undoubtedly some contributions will be received before this is published, but we can only include here those thus far received. Collections taken upon occasion of Junior College Chorus programs are not listed here.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES FROM SEPT. 1 TO APRIL 1, DURING THE YEARS INDICATED

There is given below a comparative table showing the gifts of various groups of churches for the period from Sept. 1 to April 1, for the years 1932-33, 1933-34, and 1934-35.

This table does not show an encouraging increase in the contribution of churches during this period. May we, therefore, urge churches to send some contributions or additional contribution, if possible, to this institution to meet its urgent need. In the column below the totals are given of the amounts contributed by the Orange City churches. These amounts are also included in the amounts of East Sioux, West Sioux and Dakota Classes, since these churches belong to these Classes. The table is as follows:

	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35
East Sioux Cl.	\$1047.86	\$1258.78	\$1029.18
West Sioux Cl.	749.92	644.01	809.40
Dak. Classis	333.48	205.35	225.42
Other Churches	461.18	325.41	290.50
Totals	\$2592.44	\$2433.55	\$2354.50
O. C. Churches	\$1070.60	\$1212.17	\$954.59

REFINANCING OF THE SCHOOL'S INDEBTEDNESS

In the beginning of the present school year, there was an outstanding indebtedness of approximately \$17,000. During the earlier months of the school year some of this indebtedness was paid through funds which were available for this purpose or reduced in other ways.

A few months ago it was decided that the remaining indebtedness should be refinanced by an issue of 1st mortgage bonds.

The bond issue at first was to be \$15,000., but due to the fact that \$3833 became available from the Antje Miersma estate, the bond issue was reduced to \$12,000. This issue of bonds was made on the 15th of April bearing 4½% interest. \$9000 of these bonds have thus far been disposed of but approximately \$2500 will still need to be used in order that all outstanding debts together with contemplated building repairs, may thereby be covered. The institution's outstanding indebtedness will thus be brought down to approximately \$11,500. To a limited extent, permanent funds of the institution have been used to liquidate some indebtedness. This will of course, also have to be replaced later, but is not actually a debt of the institution. We feel therefore, that the Northwestern Junior College and Academy, is in splendid financial shape. The bonds will be retired serially over a period of years, but should make a splendid investment for anyone who has some money to invest at the present time.

FINANCIAL CANVASSES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR 1933-1934

Mr. Cornelius Landhuis, functioned in the capacity of a special canvasser, for the Northwestern Junior College and Academy, calling upon people individually for contributions.

Last year as we know, was a difficult year financially, for everyone, but Mr. Landhuis conducted canvasses in 13 different Reformed churches, including 9 different communities. The Treasurer's report shows that the contributions that he received from individuals grouped by churches or towns, was as follows:

Orange City	\$514.44
Boyd	101.75
Alton	9.40
Newkirk	44.50
Hospers	17.00
Maurice	81.00
Hull	44.00
Middleburg	44.64
Sheldon	17.50
Total	\$874.23

During the present school year, Rev. B. D. Dykstra has been visiting individuals in five different churches, in which he received the following contributions:

Carmel	\$ 47.78
Rock Valley	47.73
Sanborn	37.00
Sheldon	62.75
Steen	37.33
Total	\$232.59

Although the amounts received have not been large through this effort and the total has not aggregated a large sum, yet it may be said that this additional financial support has helped materially to tide the institution over during these difficult years.

We feel that a great deal more could and should be done in the way of giving people an opportunity to make a small or larger direct annual contribution to the institution; any who may wish to send a gift directly to the school may do so, and it will be most greatly appreciated.

GIFTS OF THE CHURCHES

Sept. 1, 1933, to Sept. 1, 1934

East Sioux Classis

Alton	\$ 32.91
Archer	.51

Bigelow	18.15
Boyden	73.00
Firth	9.50
Middleburg	32.73
Hollandale	5.00
Hospers	59.21
Matlock	5.00
Melvin	8.00
Newkirk	97.00
Orange City, First	1060.79
Pella, Nebr.	9.22
Prairie View, Kan.	4.00
Rotterdam, Kan.	7.00
Sanborn	10.41
Sheldon	80.20
Classical Offerings	21.24
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	\$1533.87

West Sioux Classis

Bethel (Leota)	\$ 10.93
Chandler	6.00
Doon	15.94
Edgerton	8.00
Hull, First	399.28
Inwood	8.20
Maurice, First	25.00
Rock Rapids	5.00
Rock Valley	30.38
Roseland	17.52
Silver Creek	7.64
Sioux Center, First	278.77
Steen	12.09
Trinity, O. C.	319.85
Valley Springs	4.47
Classical Col.	18.06
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	\$1167.13

Dakota Classis

Maurice, American	\$ 5.62
Orange City, American	182.50
Springfield, S. D.	18.43
Westfield, D. D.	23.00
Classical Col.	12.45
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	\$242.00

Cascades Classis

Lynden, Washington	\$25.00
Oak Harbor, Wash.	3.00
Yakima Valley, Wash.	.51
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	\$28.51

Chicago Classis

Chicago, Gano	\$15.00
Chicago, Roseland First	40.35
Morrison, Ill.	4.50
South Holland, Ill.	38.17
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	\$98.02

Germania Classis

Sibley	\$25.00
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Grand Rapids Classis

Fifth, Grand Rapids	\$20.00
Grace, Grand Rapids	25.00
Immanuel, Grand Rapids	10.00
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	\$55.00

Holland Classis

Third-Holland	\$2.17
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Kalamazoo Classis

North Park	5.00
Third, Kalamazoo	10.00
Calvary, Cleveland	25.00
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	\$40.00

Muskegon Classis

Coopersville, Mich.	\$ 5.00
Grand Haven, First	16.00
Musk. Heights Covenant	1.00
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	\$22.00

Newark Classis

Franklin, Nutley, N. J.	\$ 5.75
Trinity Plainfield, N. J.	10.00
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	\$15.75

New Brunswick Classis

Franklin Park, N. J.	\$5.00
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Passaic Classis

Little Falls, Second	\$10.00
Lodi, First	5.00
Passaic, First, Holland	25.00
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	\$40.00

Pella Classis

Oskaloosa	\$5.00
Prairie City	.88
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	\$5.88

Pleasant Prairie Classis

Applington	\$ 5.00
Forreston	10.00
Meservey	5.00
Wellsburg	5.00
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	\$25.00

Rochester Classis

East Williamson, N. Y.	\$9.46
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Schenectady Classis

Guild C. Helderburg, N. Y.	\$4.80
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Long Island Classis

Flatlands, Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$10.00
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Wisconsin Classis

Alton, Wis.	\$25.00
Baldwin, Wis.	10.00
Hingham, Wis.	10.00
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	\$45.00

Other Churches

2nd Chr. Ref., Orange City	\$20.00
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SUMMARY

In giving a summary of the contributions of the churches for the year 1933-1934, we have indicated the gifts according to the source within the congregation itself. The summary will speak for itself and is as follows:

	Church	Aid & Miss. Society	S. S. & B. Cl.	C. E.	Total
East Sioux Classis	\$ 877.45	\$397.93	\$201.49	\$57.00	\$1533.87
West Sioux Classis	788.21	281.64	79.78	17.50	1167.13
Dakota Classis	132.00	100.00	10.00		242.00
All other Classes	308.90	36.46	81.23	5.00	431.59
Other Churches	20.00				20.00
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	\$2126.56	\$816.03	\$372.50	\$79.50	\$3394.59

FORENSIC PROGRAM

Both Northwestern Junior College and Academy are active in State Forensic activities. The Academy the past years has won the right to represent this district in the State Debate contest, but this year took second place in the district. Hence, for the first time for a number of years the Academy debate teams did not go to the State Tournament at Iowa City. The Junior College department however, sent its representatives to the State Forensic tournament for participating in Debate, Artistic Reading, Extemporaneous Speaking and Oratory.

The College was represented by Mr. Benjamin Ver Steeg in Oratory, Mr. Howard Lubbers in Extemporaneous Speaking, Miss Della Beth De Bey in Artistic Reading, and by Howard Lubbers and Adelphos Te Paske in Debate. Mr. Howard Lubbers took third place in the Extemporaneous speaking contest and although the others did not place in the particular activities in which they participated, we were proud of their performance nevertheless. We were especially glad that for two years in succession, our institution has won honors in the State Extemporaneous Contest. Mr. John Van Wyk, last year took first place.

S. R. E.

The S. R. E. or Student Relief Emergency is a department of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, by means of which some financial help is given to worthy college students for whom it is necessary to earn part of their way through school. To each, an allotted amount is allocated by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, but the actual appropriations are made on the basis of semi-monthly reports by the institution of the hours of work done by the students working under this program.

The full allotment of students from the

S. R. E. to the Northwestern Junior College is \$1080. Very nearly this full amount will be obtained by the institution for the work done by its students under the S. R. E. regulations. The institution is exceedingly limited by the S. R. E. in respect to the types of work that students are permitted to do, under the plan. However, in addition to the SRE the institution offers opportunity for earnings to students during the present year, to the total extent of about \$1500. Under this program of work by the students, both of the S. R. E. and of the local institution itself, considerable improvement has been undertaken, and the cleaning and Janitor work has thus been done.

In addition thereto Zwemer Hall has been almost entirely redecorated and renovated on the inside; also a number of outside projects of work have been undertaken.

Though no definite order has been received from the S. R. E. as to its continuance for another year, the Board of Trustees has authorized the continuance of the work program by students upon as an elaborate a scale as shall be satisfactorily possible, and undoubtedly abundance of opportunity will be offered again to students in another year who must necessarily earn part of their way through school, to avail themselves of this opportunity of self-help at Northwestern Junior College.

FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR

Sept. 1, 1934, to April 4, 1935.

RECEIPTS

Churches	\$ 2,960.73
College Tuition	7,801.17
Academy Tuition	923.50
Endowment Interest	435.40
Board of Education	980.70

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR**

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Refunds -----	345.00
Rent -----	112.03
Notes and Legacies -----	1,833.34
Individuals -----	51.00
Back Tuition -----	101.00
Women's Auxilliary -----	106.63
Canvass -----	200.34
Miscellaneous -----	48.58
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	\$15,899.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Sept. 1, 1935, to April 4, 1935

Salaries -----	\$ 9,299.92
Coal -----	909.21
Telephone and Light -----	234.37
Insurance -----	420.39
Interest -----	645.38
Janitor Supplies -----	76.25
Gen. School Supplies -----	105.04
School Equipment -----	334.82
Laboratory Supplies -----	343.52
Music Supplies -----	36.67
Printing -----	13.00
Plumbing and Heating -----	310.85
Lighting and Wiring -----	38.78
Building Material -----	7.30
Hardware -----	47.83
Freight and Express -----	17.46
Library -----	150.00
Student Activity Refund -----	1,036.50
Summer Expense -----	174.83
Stenographic Work -----	27.65
Collection Expense -----	66.50
Paint and Wax -----	120.03
Back Salaries -----	20.00
Old Debts -----	25.00
Legal Expense -----	26.25
Note Paid -----	1,000.00
Miscellaneous -----	63.12
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	\$15,550.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending Sept. 1, 1934

RECEIPTS

Churches -----	\$ 3,367.88
College Tuition -----	5,958.62
Academy Tuition -----	1,076.85
Back Tuition -----	549.04
Board of Education (Acad.) -----	1,083.09
Board of Education (Jr. Coll.) -----	1,181.13
Endowment Interest -----	457.63
Individuals -----	253.75
Landhuis Canvass -----	884.23
Rent and Sales -----	78.50
Organizations and Benefits -----	289.98
Insurance -----	200.00
Refunds -----	36.03
Academy Quartet Trip -----	41.94
Classical Collections -----	26.71
Women's Auxilliary -----	163.17
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	\$15,648.55

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries -----	\$10,537.05
Fuel -----	938.27
Telephone and Light -----	314.23
Insurance -----	78.60
Interest Science Hall -----	471.15
Interest Current Loans -----	354.46
Janitor Supplies -----	190.10
Office Supplies -----	116.64
Classroom Supplies -----	73.59
Laboratory Supplies -----	338.33
Music Supplies -----	19.40
Printing -----	135.00
Plumbing and Heating -----	76.46
Lighting and Wiring -----	19.54
Building Material -----	180.00
Hardware -----	47.96
Freight and Express -----	23.84

Library -----	51.15
Student Activity Refund -----	450.00
Other Refunds -----	23.60
Practice Teaching -----	75.00
Summer soliciting and Expense -----	210.16
Stenographic Work -----	42.40
Collection Expense -----	314.08
Labor -----	249.50
Back Salaries -----	150.00
Back Debts -----	10.00
Miscellaneous -----	158.04
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	\$15,648.55

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending Sept. 1, 1933

RECEIPTS

Churches -----	\$ 3,064.99
Academy Tuition -----	1,485.50
College Tuition -----	5,055.24
Individuals -----	178.50
Rent -----	87.00
Refunds -----	68.05
Board of Education -----	1,869.05
Auxiliary -----	234.00
Endowment Interest -----	569.50
From Capital Funds -----	786.05
Legacies -----	1,324.13
Back Tuition -----	99.85
Pledges Paid -----	78.00
Alumni Fund -----	25.00
Westra Canvass -----	43.25
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Total -----	\$14,966.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries -----	\$ 9,423.33
Fuel -----	713.45
Telephone & Light -----	256.76
Insurance -----	142.08
Interest Science Hall -----	483.75
Interest on Current Loans -----	200.15
Janitor Supplies -----	85.71
Office Supplies -----	82.13
Classroom Supplies -----	57.12
Laboratory Supplies -----	159.15
Music Supplies -----	40.21
Printing -----	24.55
Plumbing and Heating -----	276.61
Lighting and Wiring -----	28.85
Lumber and Building material -----	95.19
Hardware -----	40.62
Freight -----	35.44
Library and Office Expense -----	210.00
Student Activity Fund Refund -----	652.50
Other refunds -----	55.00
Practice Teaching -----	200.00
Summer Work -----	77.40
Stenographic Work -----	47.20
Collection Expense -----	8.25
Labor -----	24.65
Back Salary -----	310.00
Back Debts -----	523.93
Miscellaneous -----	23.63
Payment on Notes -----	688.45
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	\$14,966.11

THE PRESENT NEED

Again it appears impossible to complete the school year without a considerable sacrifice on the part of the faculty. Last year the faculty received only 75% of their salaries, and being on a non-guarantee basis, simply had to forget about the rest of it.

It was hoped that this year we might be able to do considerably better, but as the end of the school year approaches, it appears that special efforts will have to be made if the faculty are to receive even the same amount that they did last year. With living costs going constantly higher it

places many of the members of the faculty in an exceedingly embarrassing position when they find that the salary they receive is insufficient to meet the living costs with even the strictest economy.

Such being the situation we indeed hope that churches and friends will come to the assistance of the institution, so that certainly as much, and if possible, a little more may be paid to the faculty this year. With that object in mind the following letter was recently sent to the secretaries of the womens societies throughout the church. If any of these letters were misdirected, or for some other reason did not reach the society for consideration, we trust that this reprint of the appeal will be sufficient to bring the matter before you.

Orange City, Iowa, April 23, 1935.

Dear Society Members:

On the 23rd. day of April, 1934, my record shows that a letter on behalf of the Northwestern Junior College and Academy was addressed to your society, as also to many other societies. Many societies responded to that appeal on behalf of our institution and this letter is addressed to you in the hope that it also may be read to your society and receive some measure of consideration.

The Reformed Church in America maintains a number of educational institutions, seminaries, colleges and academies. The Northwestern Classical Academy is now in its 52nd year, and hence is the oldest of the existing Academies of our church. The Junior College department now connected with this Academy is however, the latest venture of the Reformed Church in the field of College education. This department has shown a very remarkable growth so that our institution now, as an Academy and Junior College, is rapidly outgrowing its quarters, and is in need of additional space and a larger faculty.

In the per-student cost of education our institution is doing its work at an exceedingly low figure. I have not been able to find another institution doing a similar grade of work that is able to show a lower per-student cost at the present time. This institution serves the young people of our Reformed Church in a section where there is deepest interest in missions and where we believe the interest of the Kingdom of God especially requires such an institution of the church. The Northwestern Junior College and Academy numbers among its alumni of less than 700 graduates, 120 ministers, 22 foreign missionaries and 17 missionaries on our Indian and Kentucky fields.

May I ask that your society recognize this great contribution to the church and the work of the Kingdom of Christ, and also that you encourage this institution in this 52nd year of its work through some contribution for its urgent needs. If your society has already made its contribution to the instituton will you accept our thanks for your gifts, your interest and prayers. If your society has not as yet given during this year, will you encourage the faithful servants of the church who are on the faculty of this institution, laboring at an exceedingly meager salary, and not even being guaranteed that, and in fact, only receiving a portion thereof.

Let us remember that the missionary program of the church also requires that which this institution does in the preparation of missionary leadership.

Yours in the work of the Kingdom.

(Signed) JACOB HEEMSTRA,
President.