PROSPECTUS

OF THE

STATE COLLEGE

FOR

COLORED STUDENTS

DOVER, DELAWARE,

1908

AND

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

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CALENDAR.

FALL TERM, 1908.

October 1, Thursday Entrance Examinations
October 2, Friday morning First term begins
December 18-19 Examinations
December 19, Saturday First term ends

WINTER TERM, 1909.

January 5, Tuesday.			 	Second term begins
March 19-20			 	Examinations
March 20, Saturday .			 	. Second term ends

SPRING TERM, 1909.

March 23, Tuesday	Third term begin
May 26-27	Examination
May 28, Friday Comm	nencement Exercise

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STUDENTS.

SENIORS—1908.
Elizabeth Sarah Auld New York City Jeannette Banning Donovan Dover Ida Beatrice Ellegood Bridgeville Samuel Thomas Jenkins Trappe, Md. Lillian Lorinda Lowber Barclay, Md. John Henry Purnell Trappe, Md. George Ernest Robinson Philadelphia William Alexander Wainwright Clara, Md. Emma Ethelbert Williams Smyrna
NORMALS.
Clarence Layton Aiken Dover Effie Elizabeth Aiken Dover Ella Zinia Clifton Townsend Ethel Irene Grinage Philadelphia John Henry Horner Greenwood Laura Virginia Hutchins Philadelphia Alonzo Shockley Argo Olivia Bertha Young Leipsic
JUNIORS—1909.
Katie S. Barnes Oxford, Md. Laura May Davis, Dover Walter Douglas Washington, D. C. William A. C. Jones Viola Florence May Kenly Philadelphia Blanche Lankford Philadelphia Priscilla Shockley Argo Estella Terry New Castle

Robert M. Tribbitt							
SOPHOMORES—1910.							
Charles A. Brady	Salem, N. J Melitota, Md Philadelphia Lincoln City Milford Berlin, Md Wilmington Philadelphia Chester, Pa Philadelphia						
Clarence Woodland	Philadelphia						
FRESHMEN-	—1911 .						
Virginia Wilby Campbell Rebecca Edmonia Crawford Elmer E. Dashields Edith E. Goodall Florence Higgins Mary Susanna Jason *Nannie E. Johnson Theresa Long Harrison Caldwell Molock Bethenia V. Noble Clarence Polk Davis W. Shockly Charles C. Showell Ralph B. Thompson							
Mary Olivia Tribbitt	D . 151						
Harold Wilson	Philadelphia						

Bernard Young	Lincoln City
SECOND YEAR PREPA	ARATORY.
J. O. Alexander	Detroit, Mich.
Theresa Armistead	
William T. Bantom	
Clementine Benson	Dover
Ellis Blocksom	Sewickley, Pa.
Oliver H. Bond	
William Brown	
Carroll Bryan	Philadelphia
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Louis A. Cephus	East New Market, Md.
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James T. Dickerson	Bridgeville
William Dustance Earle	Melitota, Md.
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Ella May Fisher	Philaldephia
Cecelia Handy	Leipsic
Ada Hargrow	Atlantic City, N. J.
Maggie Hutchins	Barclay, Md.
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Burton Mosley	
Edythe E. Prattis	Felton

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Lillian A. Rochester	Barclay, Md.
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Martha Evelyn Rogers	. Parsonsburg, Md.
Samuel Louis Simpler	
Frnest Showell	Frankford
Nellie Durvee Thomas	I madeipma
Idella Thompson	Atlantic City
Roland White	Leipsie
James Preston Woodard	Leipsic
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John Baker	Trainer, Pa.
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Mary Flizabeth Hill	Licwes
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Horry Holmes	Baltimore, Mu.
Lena Wright Jason	. Corozal, Porto Rico
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Mr. Tillian Caulabuer	Illiaucipina
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Charles Vinciant	Illiaucipina
*Aja Warrick	Philadelphia
*Expelled. †Deceased.	

HISTORY AND RESOURCES.

The State College for Colored Students was established under the Act of Congress of 1890, and under the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware on May 15. 1801. By the former, money is appropriated to the several States which "shall establish and maintain" colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts. By the Act of the General Assembly of Delaware this money is divided between Delaware College at Newark, and the State College for Colored Students, at Dover, the latter receiving one-fifth, upon the basis of proportion of colored persons to the total population. The Act of Congress stipulates that the money appropriated by it shall "be applied only to instruction in agriculture, the mechanic arts, the English language and the various branches of mathematical, physical, natural and economic science, with special reference to their application in the industries of life and to the facilities for such instruction," Land cannot be purchased nor buildings erected with this money. The Legislature of Delaware has accordingly made appropriations for these purposes: in 1891, \$8000; in 1893, \$1000; in 1807. \$4000; in 1901, \$6000; in 1903, \$4000; in 1905, \$6000; in 1907, \$5000.

The State is pledged by the terms of its acceptance of the Federal appropriation to "maintain" the College—to provide from time to time the money to supply its necessities.

By the articles of incorporation the control of the College is vested in a Board of Trustees, six in number, appointed quadrennially by the Governor. The Trustees elect the members of the Faculty and through their committees attend personally to all the business.

With the first appropriation by the State a tract of about one hundred acres known as the Loockerman farm, situated two miles north of Dover, was purchased; alterations were made in the buildings, new building erected and furnished, and the doors opened for the reception of students in February, 1892.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

LOCATION.

On the Delaware-Maryland Peninsula between two large bodies of water, near the State Capital, in the midst of a grain and fruit producing region of wide repute and within seventy-five miles of three large cities—Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore—the College has few superiors for attractiveness, healthfulness and convenience of location.

THE BUILDNGS.

THE MAIN BUILDING is supposed to have been erected over a century ago of imported brick. This is a large structure which was remodeled when the property was purchased for school purposes. A frame addition has been placed in the rear. In this building are recitation rooms, dining rooms, kitchen, bath room, and twenty-two sleeping rooms for the male students.

THE GIRLS' DORMITORY, erected in 1901, is wholly of brick, has twenty-two large, well ventilated sleeping rooms, with bath on third floor, library, reception hall and matron's rooms on first floor, and laundry in basement.

THE BOYS' DORMITORY, erected in 1905, has fifteen rooms of convenient size, two shower baths, and modern conveniences.

THE CHAPEL, built of brick, mainly by student labor, is the old slave quarters transformed into a house of prayer and praise, and is the result of voluntary contributions from the colored people of the State and their friends.

All of these buildings are heated by steam, each from a separate plant.

THE PRESIDENT'S COTTAGE is an attractive frame building of ten rooms.

THE WORKSHOP is a two story frame structure 30x64 feet, situated in the rear of the Main Building.

THE FARM BUILDINGS, for housing stock, machinery and crops are six in number and are models of neatness and convenience of arrangement.

OTHER STRUCTURES

visible from the outside are a 45 ft. brick stack, a windmill and pump located at the barns, and a 10,000 gallon tank erected on a structural steel tower at an elevation of 62 feet.

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

for the Chapel and recitation rooms are of home manufacture, consisting of seats and tables made by the students. The sleeping rooms are provided with iron beds with woven wire springs, also with chairs, bureaus, washstands and mirrors. All necessary bedding is also provided.

The Chemical and Physical Laboratories contain all appliances ordinarily used in teaching those objects.

The Library consists mainly of reference works and a fair amount of general literature.

The Workshop contains an excellent assortment of tools and machinery for teaching carpentry, wood turning, blacksmithing, machine work, engineering and mechanical drawing.

The dining room has been recently enlarged so as to seat comfortably over one hundred persons and the table is supplied with wholesome food largely from the products of our own farm.

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STUDENTS

are under the immediate and constant supervision of careful instructors who lived in the buildings with them and eat at the same table.

While in no sense a reformatory or prison, it is the constant care of the school to guard the physical and moral health of our students, and rarely are our young people better protected in their own homes than here.

There are comfortable accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five boarding students.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

are held every morning at eight o'clock before the recitations begin and all students are required to be present. The roll is called and a record kept of attendance.

Wednesday evening a prayer-meeting is conducted by one of the Faculty or an older student. This service has been a valuable aid toward keeping up the spiritual interest of Christian students.

The Sunday-school is regularly organized with proper officers and holds a weekly session for the study of the International Sunday-school Lessons at half past ten every Sunday. Attendance is required.

The Sunday school elects a committee of Public Worship whose duties are to secure the services of ministers to preach in the Chapel Sunday afternoons. For several years this plan has worked well and the students have had the privilege of hearing some of the ablest preachers of both races.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meets at 7 p. m. Sunday evening for a service of song and praise which is usually well attended.

Special revival services during the Winter Term are always attempted and sometimes with remarkable success in winning converts. A majority of our students have always been Christians and the moral tone is excellent.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

This is an important feature of the school work. Two societies have been merged into one—the Douglass-Morrill Literary Society, to which all are admitted who desire. Students are encouraged to avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded to gain practice in the art of public speech. All needed assistance and advice is cheerfully given by the Faculty, but the management of the Society in all its details is in the hands of the students. This plan has been productive of good results.

SOCIAL CLUBS.

Several such organizations exist and promote a spirit of fraternity among the members and wholesome rivalry to high standards of deportment and scholarship.

THE CADET CORPS.

The male students are organized into two companies and required to spend two hours a week in military tactics and drill. Prof. Cogbill has charge as commandant of this department. Unless excused by the Faculty, every student is expected to provide himself with uniform and report for this duty.

SPORTS.

Manly and healthful sports are encouraged but not allowed to interfere with regular work. Foot-ball and base-ball teams

of the past two years have been popular and creditably successful.

ACCESS.

Dover is seventy-five miles south of Philadelphia on the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the main line of traffic between New York and Norfolk, Va. There are seven trains in each direction daily. Persons who advise us beforehand of the time of their arrival will be met at the station by conveyance. Those coming unannounced can secure transportation from town to the College for 25 or 50 cents. The school is two miles north of town.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

Applicants for admission to the College Classes must be not less than fourteen years of age and able to pass a satisfactory examination in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, English Grammar, and History of the United States. Those entering the Classical Course must be examined also in Rhetoric, Algebra to quadratics, and in English Classics.

None are admitted to the second year of the Normal Course who are not qualified to pass the examination for admisson to the Freshman Class of the College Course.

No examination is required to enter the Preparatory Classes, but only such work will be assigned as the student is able to perform satisfactorily.

AMOUNT OF WORK.

The minimum of any student is three studies averaging fifteen periods a week. Students in regular course are required to take four subjects of five periods each per week, or their equivalent.

SHOP WORK.

In addition to the work indicated in the schedules, all

male students are required to take a course in shop work, or its equivalent in work in agriculture and horticulture, averaging two hours a day. Male students are also required to receive instruction in military science or tactics unless excused by special arrangements with the Faculty.

Female students will spend the same time in Sewing, Laundry or Cooking classes and at such other tasks as may be assigned by the Matron.

EXAMINATIONS

for entrance to the several classes are held at the beginning of the school year. Those entering during the term are assigned to classes for which they are qualified, after special examination. The work of each term is tested by examination at the close of the term, and no student is advanced who is absent from, or who fails in such examination. An opportunity to take the examination at another time may be given for cause.

GRADING.

The standing of the student is obtained by grading on a scale of 100; the daily average in any student and in the examination at end of term must be 70 at least or credit is not allowed.

Credit for work done in any class may not alone entitle the student to promotion when in the judgment of his teacher he is not prepared for advanced work.

EXPENSES.

A matriculation fee of \$2.00 is charged each student on entering.

Board is furnished at a cost not exceeding \$2.00 perweek, or \$8.00 per month.

An incidental fee of \$1.00 per month is charged to cover cost of light, fuel, laundry, etc.

Rooms furnished with beds, bedding, chairs, tables and lamp are free.

All text books are provided free, but a deposit may be required to insure the safe return of books to be taken away from the school.

Tuition is free to all Delaware students. Those from other States, unless by special arrangement, will be charged \$8.00 for the first term, \$6.00 for the second term, \$6.00 for the third term, or \$20.00 for the year in addition to amount charged for board.

Day scholars are charged 25 cents per week for incidental expenses. Time is reckoned not by days of actual attendance, but from date of taking text books till their return.

All bills are payable monthly in advance.

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES.

The rules are few and simple. Some things entirely proper under other circumstances are forbidden because experience has proven them harmful to the objects of the school.

Students are not allowed:

- 1. To leave the premises without permission.
- 2. To be absent from recitation without a satisfactory explanation to the teacher.
- 3. To leave their rooms during the hours of study without the consent of an instructor.
- 4. To converse or correspond with members of the opposite sex except at times and places known and approved by the Matron.
- 5. To use tobacco on the school premises or intoxicating liquors anywhere.

Students are required:

- 1. To be prompt at meals and all exercises.
- 2. To present a neat and cleanly appearance.
- 3. To work two hours daily at whatever task assigned.
- 4. To attend chapel services daily and Sunday-school on Sunday.
- 5. To present their grievances in a respectful manner to the President and avoid contentions with any member of the Faculty.

These are a few specifications under the general rule that all must be diligent, attentive to duty and considerate of the rights of others. Enrollment is considered as a pledge that all known rules will be kept.

Those who disregard these instructions and others which may be given, will be subject to demerits of from one to twenty marks and these deducted from their deportment which should always be 100. When the deportment falls to 70 the student is suspended.

Occupants are responsible for all articles in the rooms, and breakage or damage to furniture beyond reasonable wear must be made good.

An attractive library and reading room are free for the use of students under proper regulations.

PRIZES.

At the close of the school year the following prizes were awarded to deserving students:

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE, \$10.

For the highest average in all studies for the year.

Ralph B. Thompson, Dover, Del.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN SHOP WORK, \$15.

J. H. Purnell, Trappe, Md.

J. T. Wallace, Nanticoke, Md.

Ellis Blocksom, Sewickley, Pa.

FOR ENGLISH DECLAMATION, \$15. First Prize, \$0, Herman G. Pitts, Berlin, Md.

Second Prize, \$5, Mary O. Tribbitt, Denton, Md.

Contributions to the prize	fu	nd	W	ere	e re	ce	ive	ed	fre	om		
Hon. T. N. Rawlins												\$1.00
Entertainments by students												7,24
Mrs. B. J. Carney												5.00
The Alumni Association, Sci												

\$23.24

COURSES OF STUDY.

There are three courses of study of four years each—Scientific, Agricultural, Engineering.

THE NORMAL COURSE embraces three years, the last two years of which are nearly parallel to the first and second year of the College Course.

PREPARATORY CLASSES are divided into First Year and Second Vear.

Students not sufficiently advanced to enter the regular classes in the College Department are admitted to the Preparatory Department are admitted to the Preparatory Department, graded according to proficiency and carefully instructed to the point where they may enter such classes.

DEGREES.

The Engineering Course leads to the degree of Bachelor of Engineering; the Agricultural Course to the degree of Bachelor of Agriculture; and the Scientific Course to the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Those completing the *Normal Course* will receive a certificate, recommending the bearer as a proper person to teach in the public schools of the State.

INDUSTRIAL COURSES of two years each: Wohd-working, Iron-working, Blacksmithing, Masonry, Printing, Cooking, Sewing and Dressmaking.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY

TO THE

President and Members of the Board of Trustees, for the year ending June 1, 1908.

GENTLEMEN:

The work of the school has been carried on with the usual freedom from embarrassments due to friction among the workers. Only words of grateful appreciation may be spoken for those who have shared with me the duties of instruction and the responsibilities of administration. Without their cordial support and enthusiastic loyalty to their trust results would have been far less satisfactory. To this we owe the privilege and pleasure of reporting another year of progress and prosperity.

In the enforcement of discipline, especially among young people, some unpleasant experiences are inevitable. There is always some dissatisfaction and complaint, but as the end of the session draws near and they become considerate and reflective, our students almost without exception prize the advantages here enjoyed, approve the methods adopted for their well-being and commend the motives by which these methods were inspired.

Classes in the several Academic courses were conducted as heretofore by Professors Conwell, Gordy, Cogbill, Brown, Miss Laws, Miss Parker and myself, each teacher having not less than four and sometimes five recitations daily. Some of the preparatory classes were so large as to necessitate division

and were heard in two sections. The courses as outlined in catalogue were followed as closely as possible, but some of the work was omitted from lack of power to adjust the classes to suit the convenience of all.

Graduates from the College-department numbered nine (four men and five women); from the Normal department, eight (three men and five women), making a total of seventeen, the largest class in our history. This class will be remembered not alone for its size, but for the noteworthy fact that for three successive years some one of its members was awarded the prize for scholarship.

Industrial classes were under the direction of Mr. Cogbill and Mr. Brown in the iron and woodworking shops. The work of students in these classes was fully up to the excellent standard of former years. Finished articles on exhibition at commencement tell only a part of the story of how our boys learn the art of handling tools effectively. Miss Laws conducted a class in sewing and directed the efforts of those engaged in other branches of domestic science with good results. Miss Parker gave attention to a small class in type-setting and printing.

Under the present management the farm remains a model for beauty and fertility. Mr. Deputy is a man of varied accomplishments. He has done considerable repair work on the buildings and about the farm, displaying a knowledge of bricklaying, plastering, carpentry and painting. The property under his immediate care is in excellent condition.

The re-election of all the present faculty for another year of service is a source of personal gratification and they desire me to express their appreciation of your confidence and favor.

Our total enrollment was one hundred and eighteen. Forty-eight of these were in the College classes—twenty-six

males, twenty-two females; eight were in the Normal class—three males, five females; sixty-two in the Preparatory classes—thirty-seven males, twenty-five females. These represent some of the best homes among our people on the Peninsula and their general deportment was a matter of favorable comment by those who had occasion to observe them in school and neighboring community.

Though it does not properly come within the limits of time covered by this report, I beg to mention the summer school of methods for teachers held during the month of July. Prof. A. R. Spaid, Supt. of Schools for New Castle County, secured by personal effort the money necessary to provide for the expenses. These were reduced to the minimum by the permission of our Board of Trustees to use the college property without charge, and by the kindness of Prof. J. E. Carroll, Supt. of Kent County, and Prof. J. D. Brooks, Supt. of Sussex County, who with Prof. Spaid taught several classes without compensation. Other instructors were: Mrs. Alice M. Dunbar of Howard School, Wilmington, and Prof. T. R. Parker of Morgan College, Baltimore. A course of study of four weeks' duration was offered and twenty-two students were enrolled. All agree that the experiment was most successful. The need for such an addition to the educational system of the State was demonstrated, as was also the fact that this institution is the convenient and proper centre for the supply of that need. It is hoped that the summer school will be perpetuated with increased facilities and greater achievements.

With the increase in the appropriation from the National Government, it is very desirable that the scope of our work be enlarged to include a commercial course, several trades not now taught and more attention given to agricultural instruction such as will meet the requirements of the farmer of small

means. The introduction of one or two short courses and the holding of several institutes each year for the farmers' benefit are suggestions.

A marked addition was made to our equipment by the installation of automatic desks and seats in three rooms at a cost of \$214.

Provision has been made for placing fire escapes in two buildings, in the form of metal chain ladders.

All the buildings are now being painted, greatly to the improvement of the property.

Following the example of many other schools, we have tried the experiment of holding sessions on Saturday and taking Monday for the weekly holiday. This has worked well; most obviously to the advantage of those who go home regularly at the week's end. Others who also could not formerly return after a Sunday absence in time for the first classes Monday, appreciate the change.

As a supplement to the report of the Treasurer, I append a statement of the money which has passed through my hands during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. JASON.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT For the year ending June 1, 1908.

RECEIVED.	
By checks from Treasurer \$4,054 50-	-\$4,054 50
For board, cash 4,111 44	
Labor credited on account for board . 1,045 08	
Dues from day scholars 70 75	
Matriculation 58 00-	5,291 27
Berries sold	
Peaches sold	
Vegetables sold 6 96	
Calf sold	
Pigs sold	
Furniture sold 3 75	
Sales from sewing class 5 00-	<u>63 40</u>
Board for horses 91 85	
Entertainment 4 99	
Contributed for prizes	115 09
Contributed for prizes :	to really the
Total	\$9,524 26
PAID.	41051 50
Salaries \$4,054 50-	\$4,054 50
By check to Treasurer 4,078 87-	4,070 07
By check to Treasurer	1,045 00
Tahor cash	
Traveling eynenses 43 20	
Postage and box rent 39 60	
Postage and box rent	
Freight and express 34 28	
Commencement bills	Carlot Harrison
Threshing 226 bushels of wheat 8 40-	273 53
Husking corn 17 00	
House cleaning 7 5°	
Telephone bill 4 20	
Seed potatoes	
Turkeys (56 lbs.)	
Peach baskets 4 00	
Sundry items	<u>72 28</u>
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Total	\$9,524 26