

PROSPECTUS
OF
STATE COLLEGE
FOR
COLORED STUDENTS,
DOVER, DELAWARE,
For the year 1898-1899
AND
REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY
FOR THE YEAR 1897-1898.

CALENDAR.



FALL TERM 1898.

October 3, Monday Entrance Examinations
 October 4, Tuesday morning First term begins
 December 22-23 Examinations
 December 23, Friday First term ends

WINTER TERM 1899.

January 3, Tuesday Second term begins
 March 29-30 Examinations
 March 30, Thursday Second term ends

SPRING TERM 1898.

April 3, Monday Third term begins
 May 28-29 Examinations
 May 30, Wednesday Commencement Exercises

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PREPARATORY—SECOND YEAR.

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Joseph E. Shockley Argo

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Ethel E. Brown Wilmington
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John H. Penry N. C.
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Sarah V. Weston Dover
Den Cisco Thompson Lewes
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Laura Scott Federalsburg, Md.

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J. Winfield Thomas Baltimore, Md.
Mae F. Cornish James P. O., Md.

UNCLASSIFIED.

Fred. Tindley Wilmington
Louvenia Mosley Dover
Katie H. Cook Dover
William Woods Orange, N. J.
Ernest A. Reese Cheswold
W. H. Thompson Dover
William Elsey Wilmington

GENERAL STATEMENT.



The State College for Colored Students is situated two miles north of Dover, Delaware. The equipment consists of a farm of 100 acres under good state of cultivation; one large brick building used for recitations, reading room, library and 9 rooms used as dormitory for girls; a two story frame addition containing dining room, kitchen, laundry and bath rooms, with 10 dormitory rooms for male students, all heated by steam. The president's cottage is a three story frame building, a part of which may also be used by students. The industrial department has a workshop two stories high, 30 x 64 feet, containing excellent assortment of tools, machinery for teaching carpentry, wood turning, blacksmithing, machine work, engineering and mechanical drawing. The chemical and physical laboratories are in good condition containing all the appliances ordinarily used in teaching those subjects and a good set of surveying instruments. The farm buildings have been recently erected, and are models of their kind, with improved implements for farm use. The grounds are neatly fenced and graded, with extensive lawn and ample shade. An abundant water supply is insured by two driven wells and an open well 35 feet deep.

On the Delaware-Maryland peninsula between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, 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.

COURSES OF STUDY.



LITERARY.

Classical Course—4 Years.
Scientific Course—4 Years.
Agricultural Course—4 Years.
Engineering Course—4 Years.
Normal Course—3 Years.
Preparatory Course—2 Years.

Students not sufficiently advanced to enter the regular courses of study in the Collegiate department are placed in grades according to proficiency and carefully instructed to the point where they may enter such courses.



INDUSTRIAL.

2 Years each.

Wood-working.
Iron-working.
Blacksmithing.
Printing.
Sewing and Dressmaking.

REMARKS ON COURSES.



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

Each course contains a variety of subjects carefully selected with a view to securing the most practical outline of a thorough and liberal education. The distinctive features of the several courses are so arranged that some one line of study and investigation must be pursued carefully and consecutively. This insures the necessary mental discipline and gives also special preparation for the chosen occupation or profession.

The Scientific and Agricultural courses are alike in their essential features during the first two years. By this arrangement the student is allowed a longer time to decide upon which course he will pursue. Changes from one course to another will not be permitted during the term. When a change is made the student must give satisfactory evidence of his proficiency in the previous studies of the course he finally adopts.

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 may also be required to receive instruction in military science or tactics unless excused by special arrangement with the faculty.

Female students will be given instruction in other branches of domestic economy as soon as facilities for the formation of such classes can be secured.

Laboratory practice and experimentation are prominent features of all instruction in botany, zoology, chemistry and physics. English composition and declamation are regular requirements during Freshman and Sophomore years, and essays and orations during the Junior and Senior years.

DEGREES.



The classical course leads to the degree of *Bachelor of Arts*; the engineering course 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION.



TERMS OF ADMISSION.

Applicants for admission to college classes must be at least fourteen years of age, and must furnish evidence of good character, and be able to pass a satisfactory examination in reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, English grammar, and history of the United States. Applicants for admission to the classical course must also be examined in rhetoric, algebra to quadratics, and in English classics. Students are admitted to the preparatory and normal departments without examination and are graded according to proficiency in the subjects required for admission to the several classes.

EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations are held at the beginning of the school year, but students may enter at any time during the term and are assigned to such classes as they are qualified to enter after special examination.

Students leaving school before the end of any term are not advanced in the studies pursued by their classes without a thorough examination.

The average standing of the student is obtained by grading on a scale of 100, and the average in any study in recitations and examinations must be at least 60, or the student is not allowed to pass.

EXPENSES.

Tuition is free to all Delaware students. Those from other States unless admitted by special arrangement, will be charged for tuition \$8 for the first term, \$6 for the second term, and \$6 for the third term.

A matriculation fee of \$2 is charged each student upon entering college.

Board is furnished at the college at a cost not exceeding \$2 per week to students who agree to work two hours daily. Others will be charged \$2.50 per week.

Rooms furnished with beds, bedding, chairs, table and mirror, are free.

The total necessary expense is limited to about \$8 per month.

Students doing laboratory work will be required to pay a small sum for materials used in experiments.

Day students are charged 25 cents per week for use of text books and incidental expenses.

All bills are payable monthly in advance.

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES.

The rules are few and simple. Decorous deportment is required of all persons at all times. Students who board at the College are not allowed to leave the premises without permission and no student may be absent from recitations without an excuse. Classes are in session five days in the week, and laboratory work may be required on Saturday forenoons. Chapel exercises are held every school day morning and Sunday School every Sabbath. Students are allowed the free use of the library books under proper restrictions and of the

READING ROOM.

The following newspapers are sent free of charge by the publishers: *Every Evening*, *Morning News* and *Farm and Home*, of Wilmington; the *Record* and *Farm and Home*, of Philadelphia. The *Newark Ledger*; the *New Era* and *Transcript*, of Middletown; the *Smyrna Times*; the *Clayton Call*; the *Delawarean*, *Index* and *Sentinel*, of Dover. The *News and Advertiser*, *Chronicle* and *Herald*, of Milford; the *Sussex Journal* and *Sussex Republican*, of Georgetown. The *Colored American*, of Washington, D. C.; the *New York Age*; *The Philadelphia Tribune*.

PRIZES.



As an encouragement to industry and a reward of diligence the following prizes were awarded at the close of the last school year:

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE.—\$10, to the student who has maintained the highest average in all studies for the year.

Given by Zoar M. E. Church, Philadelphia.

Awarded to

C. ELSIE PARKER, DOVER.

FIRST PRIZE.—For excellence in shop work, \$10. Given by St. Daniel's M. E. Church, Chester, Pa.

Awarded to

J. H. STEVENSON, KIRKWOOD.

SECOND PRIZE.—For excellence in shop work, \$5. Given by Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington.

Awarded to

J. W. HENRY, HARRINGTON.

FIRST PRIZE.—For English Declamation, \$10. Given by Dr. S. G. Elbert, Wilmington.

Awarded to

REUBEN A. JOHNSON, MERCHANTSVILLE, N. J.

SECOND PRIZE.—For English Declamation, \$5. Given by Sunday School of Janes M. E. Church, Germantown.

Awarded to

C. ELSIE PARKER, DOVER.

TWO PRIZES of \$5 each to the members of the first graduating class. Given by Bishop Leighton Coleman.

Awarded to

HOWARD DAY YOUNG, ARGO.

JOHN B. AIKEN, LINCOLN CITY.

A SPECIAL PRIZE of \$5, the gift of two friends, was

Awarded to

HOWARD DAY YOUNG.

Friends of the school are requested to contribute to a Prize Fund for 1899.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY TO THE
PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES, STATE COLLEGE FOR
COLORED STUDENTS, DOVER,
DELAWARE, JUNE, 1898.



GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit to you herewith my third annual report, and it is a pleasure to state that this has been in some respects the best year in the history of our institution.

Your kindness in providing an additional teacher made possible a better adjustment of the work and the results have been decidedly more satisfactory. The work in the class room has averaged twenty periods a week of forty-five minutes each, for each of four instructors, or, eighty recitations a week for the morning hours of the school year. In addition to this, two full hours were spent by myself in the printing office, by Mr. Gadsden in supervising general operations in the industrial department, by Miss Laws in conducting a sewing class and by Mr. Conwell, during the greater part of the year, in extra or special class work. From which it would appear that whatever the results of their efforts your teachers are not idlers. The reports submitted to me by these teachers contain expressions of interest and real pleasure in which I heartily concur.

No words of mine in commendation of Mr. Conwell are necessary. You know his merits and during the year his reputation for faithfulness has been sustained.

Mr. R. W. Gadsden came to us from Atlanta University having graduated in 1897. For one without practical experience as a teacher in this line he has been very successful as industrial superintendent.

Miss Lydia P. Laws is a native Delawarean. Her selection to take charge of the normal course is due to Mr. Conrad's vigilance and his extensive acquaintance with the best colored teachers of the state. She has given entire satisfaction.

I invite your attention to the reports of these teachers herewith enclosed.

The new addition to the college building was not ready for use till the first of February. No increase in the number of students was expected after that date. The added space, however, a neat dining room and kitchen and ten sleeping rooms, was a comfort and convenience to us all. Forty-seven names were enrolled, five more than for the year before. Thirteen of these were in attendance for the entire school year. The remainder varied in periods of attendance from two to six months.

Thirty-three students, twenty-three males and ten females, boarded at the college but only nine of these were present throughout the year. Fourteen attended as day scholars, nine of whom were males and five females.

In the college department twenty-one names were enrolled, and twenty-six were distributed among the preparatory and normal classes. Twenty-six males and two females were given regular instruction in shop work, and considerable labor was done on the farm during shop hours.

The amount collected for board, matriculation and dues is as follows:

Cash for board,	\$958.21
Labor credited on account,	306.15
Matriculation,	28.00
Dues,	55.25

Total receipts from school, \$1,347.61

See financial statement for other amounts received.

There remain unpaid various sums aggregating \$250.00 or more, and covering a period of about four years. Most of these bills I think can be collected.

Owing to persistent breaches of discipline it was necessary to suspend three students. There were few departures, however, from the rule of correct deportment and faithful attention to duty. Friction has rarely arisen and never so as to destroy the general harmony and good feeling.

The college is embarrassed greatly by the fact that most of our pupils have had little previous training. A tendency to pursue studies for which the proper preparation has not been made is quite marked. This is a difficulty from which there is no escape except through an improvement of the public schools. Special attention has been paid in the lower classes to laying good foundations.

After six years of existence the college has graduated its first class, consisting of two young men natives of the state. One of these has already entered the ministry and the other will teach in the state during the next term. A class of six is expecting to graduate in '99.

Signs of a master hand are continually manifest on the farm. Mr. Cavender has carefully planned and directed the work, and Mr. Aiken has faithfully executed, till the place which was recently too poor to attract attention is now regarded as superior to most of those about us. The up-to-date methods, the fine showing of crops and the neat and orderly arrangement of grounds and buildings occasion much favorable comment. The erection of a wind mill and tank adds greatly to the beauty of the place and the comfort of the occupants. Several pieces of improved machinery have been added to the supply of farming implements. The stock is about the same as reported last year save that we have just had the misfortune to lose a valuable mule.

Altogether it seems that the friends of the State College for Colored Students have grounds for mutual congratulations whether in reference to the past, present or the future.

The following suggestions and recommendations are respectfully submitted:—

1. The main hall of the college building should be replastered, a new floor laid and the interior painted.

2. Four rooms on the lower floor are now available for recitation rooms and should be fitted up with school desks and seats. This would relieve two rooms on second floor, one of which might be used as a parlor and the other for the library and reading room.

3. A handsome new flag was sent by the Secretary in time for use at the commencement, but contact with the roof on which the staff is erected makes it almost impossible to raise or lower the flag without tearing it. There should be a large pole erected from the ground on some part of the campus.

4. For the work shop we need an emery wheel and a band saw. I am still of the opinion that the establishment of a little college paper would be a good investment.

5. Two sewing machines are needed for those being instructed in domestic economy.

6. For the present there is sufficient house room for ordinary school purposes, but a more suitable place for religious services will soon be a necessity if we would do all the good we can. There is no church within two miles of the school. We have no place in which a public entertainment can be conveniently held; our closing exercises being held out of doors from necessity. The old brick stable would answer the purpose if remodeled at a probable cost of one thousand dollars. An appeal to the public, authorized by the Trustees ought to meet with a sufficient response to guarantee such an object.

So perfectly harmonious have been my personal relations with each member of the Board that I must gratefully acknowledge the favor and confidence which far exceed my merits.

Your obedient servant,

W. C. JASON.