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during the two years ending May 31, 1909, the college will have received the following amounts: from the Federal government, \$127,040; from the state, for educational purposes, \$212,000; from dormitory rentals, etc., \$182,289. During the same period the average number of students at the college each year was 1213; the cost each year of instruction for each student was \$214.

Eleven items are included in the deficiency bill. The first of these is for \$21,500 with which to complete the chemistry building begun last fall. The sum of \$48,594 is asked for to cover the deficiency in heating, lighting, and power, the appropriation for which was cut from the bill of two years ago.

The deficiency in the military department is \$1,699.32. The deficiency incurred in repairs to buildings, in the care of the campus, and in similar necessary expenditures is

\$19,749.50.

A careful expenditure of funds by the agricultural department is shown by the fact that although the attendance in this department has trebled in two years, or has increased from 111 to 321, a deficiency of only \$9,761.90 has been incurred.

The 1907 bill carried \$7,500 for insurance on the college property, which is valued at \$1,618,661.67. This sum was not allowed, however, and a deficiency of \$10,081.28 has been made necessary. In order to carry on the work of the college, it has been necessary to borrow considerable money, the interest on which has amounted to \$23,891.32. The sum of \$5,850.84 is asked for to cover the deficiency under the Institute of Animal Nutrition. This department has never received an appropriation, but has been carried in the general deficiency, in spite of the great work it has accomplished in saving money for farmers and

stock-raisers. An additional engine and dynamo has been required to furnish power for the new buildings, the cost being \$7,050. The furnishing of additional class rooms has cost \$3,357.09.

An item of \$47,439.41 provides for the accumulated deficiencies of a number of years. Since 1887 the appropriations have averaged about \$84,000 a year with an average attendance of 735 students. The appropriations have always fallen short of the sums asked for. Under these conditions, therefore, an accumulated deficit has been unavoidable.

A Letter from Lincoln.

In connection with the Lincoln centenary, the letter of Abraham Lincoln accepting honorary membership in The Washington Agricultural Literary Society of the Farmer's High School of Pennsylvania is of interest. The original is preserved in the Library.

Springfield, Ills.
June 4, 1860

Chas. E. Troutman, Esq.,
Dear Sir.

The Washington Agricultural Literary Society of the Farm School, Pennsylvania, will please accept my thanks for the honor done in electing me an honorary member of the same.

Very respectfully,
A. Lincoln.

Lincoln Day Program.

The following program will be observed tomorrow in commemoration of Lincoln's Birthday. The exercises will be held in the auditorium, beginning at 11.15 a. m.

Selection—College Orchestra.

Invocation—Dr. Gill.

Song—America.

Reading—The Gettysburg Address.

Song—The Star Spangled Banner.

"Lincoln and the Land-Grant Colleges," John K. Musgrave.

Song—The Blue and White.