

Announcement.



CARLETON COLLEGE,

NORTHFIELD, MINN., Dec. 24, 1879.

It becomes the sad duty of the Faculty of Carleton College to announce to its pupils and friends that "Willis Hall" was yesterday totally destroyed by fire, which originated in the third story of the building.

We are happy to state that a valuable part of the library—including most of the recent Bryant gift—was rescued in good condition, together with the most essential part of the chemical, physical and mathematical apparatus. The Wm. H. Dunning Cabinet is almost a total loss.

The building and all its contents, except the personal property of the students who roomed on the third floor, from which nothing was saved, was quite largely insured, and will, we trust, be restored early the coming season.

In the mean time, college work will go on as usual, convenient arrangements having been made for opening the winter term, as intended, January 7, 1880.

We hope at that time to greet all who have planned, or who may wish to come. Ample and pleasant rooms for chapel, rhetorical and class purposes are already secured—*one* in the Public School building, and *all* within two blocks of Ladies' Hall—and will be fully equipped with blackboards and all needed apparatus and appliances by the opening of the coming term.

Students who had engaged rooms in Willis Hall will find no difficulty in securing good rooms in town, either with or without board.

All the work of next term will go on as heretofore planned, and few students, excepting those who lost property in the fire, will suffer any special inconvenience from this disaster.

Let all the pupils and friends of Carleton rally and help to make the coming term even more interesting and profitable than any in its previous history.

We confidently hope that before the opening of another year the friends of the college will enable us to restore Willis Hall, improved in its appearance, convenience and furniture.

So manifestly have we enjoyed the Divine blessing in the past that we can not but expect this temporary misfortune will be overruled to even a greater prosperity of the institution in the future.

In behalf of the Faculty,

JAS. W. STRONG, President.