In 1911 the gift by Mr. Sam Bear of a beautiful brick school building afforded a valuable and much-needed addition to the equipment of the system.

The schools have increased proportionately with the growth of the city, and the enrollment has reached the grand total of four thousand, nearly three thousand of whom are white children.

The faculty in charge now numbers nearly one hundred persons.

Fortunately, the management of the schools has been in the hands of capable and conservative business men, and to serve on the County Board of Education or on either one of the committees of the different districts, has been deemed a great honor. So, to the integrity and high character of those who fill these offices of trust and responsibility, rendering free of cost valuable service to the community, is largely due whatever of success may have been achieved.

LOYALTY OF THE CAPE FEAR PEOPLE TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

It is fitting to mention the devotion of the people of the Lower Cape Fear to the venerable University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill which has been manifest in the records of several generations. Reference has been made in the *Chronicles* to the larger gifts of Governor Benjamin Smith, of Orton, but the following list of donations from the Wilmington district as early as 1793-94, noted in Dr. Kemp P. Battle's admirable *History of the University of North Carolina,* will be read with interest by the descendants of the donors.

Alfred Moore	$200	Joshua Potts	$ 15
Edward Jones	30	Thomas Hill	40
Griffith John McRee	20	J. R. Gautier	60
Peter Mallett	80	James Moore, sr.	50
Nathaniel Hill	20	Thomas Ashe	50
Henry Toomer	60	Alexius M. Forster	12
John G. Wright	25	Henry d'Herbe	8
Robert Whitehurst Snead	40	James Kenan	50
William Wingate	15	Samuel Ashe (son of the general)	60
Samuel Houston	15	Anthony Toomer	10
Thomas Brown	30	John Brown	5
Hugh Waddell	30		

John Cathorda	$ 10	Thomas Moore	$ 60
Michael Sampson	20	William Hall (Sheriff of Brunswick)	20
James Read	20	Samuel Ashe, jr.	30
William Montfort	10	Samuel Hall	10
Nehemiah Harris	5	Samuel R. Jocelyn	20
William Bingham	20	John Fergus	25
Marshall Wilkings	10	Duncan Stewart	25
William Davis	8	John Burgwin	100
John Allen	6	William Green	15
John Blakeley	20	Thomas Wright	15
John Fulwood	10	Frederick Jones	30
John A. Campbell	30	Henry Urquhart	10
John Lord	10	William Cutlar	10
Amariah Jocelyn	10	John James	20
William E. Lord	20	George Davis	20
James Walker	50	George McKenzie	60
John London	40	Spafford Drewry	10
William H. Hill	60	Daniel McNeil	25
John McKenzie	60	George Gibbs	8
Christopher Dudley	20	Hugh Campbell	10
James Moore (Clerk)	20	J. Scott Cray	20
Richard Quince, sr.	40	John Peter Martin	10
Richard Quince, jr.	20	John Hall	15
James Flowers	15	James Spiller	60
John Hill	80	John Campbell	5
William Campbell	60		

How well the genius of the University was described by President Venable a few years ago: "A shining light in the darkness, clearly and patiently directing the course of those who would travel the pathway to knowledge and the higher life; a center of gracious and helpful influence streaming out into the whole land; a strong foundation unmoved by frenzied passion, by the shifting sands of political change, by the bigotry of ignorance, or the selfish bias of wealth, a treasure which can not be bought or sold away from the people, by whom and for whom it was created; a loving mother of many noble sons, whom it is her pride to help and nourish and lead upwards to the light." And how well is his eloquent description of the true functions of the institution sustained by the succeeding administrations of that distinguished and devoted son of the Cape Fear, President Edward Kidder Graham, who writes thus in his annual report for the year 1914-15: "It is with a profound sense of happiness that I report the conviction, fortified in many substantial ways, that the alumni, the students, and the public at large are taking a more continuous and sympathetic interest in the serious work