BIG FIRE AT M.A.C: Buildings Of Maryland Institution At College Park Burned Last Night.

NEWEST ONE FIRST TO GO

Building Erected In 1904, Costing $78,000, Destroyed.

OLD BARRACKS FORLOST

Blaze Interrupts Supper Following Dance—Styrtsville And Washington Freemasons, Battling With Blaze, Apparently Have Saved Other Buildings.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun]

College Park, Md., Nov. 30—Fire which broke out in the upper story of the new administration building of the Maryland Agricultural College last night cost $20,000 and destroyed the new building and the original college edifice, known as the "barracks," erected in 1824.

The estimated total loss is $120,000, practically covered by insurance.

FIRE BREAKS UP DANCE.

A dance was in progress when the fire started at 5.30 am.

Some of the young ladies, not so far removed from the heroine stage, although they were attired in evening gowns, turned in and helped the students to extinguish the flames and do bystanders a favor.

Some of the students were burned out of their rooms.

The fire was the only surprise the students were made of.

STUDENTS-LOST-NEW BARRACKS.

Owing to the holiday season many of the 250 students at the college were on vacation and the only casualties were the loss of the new building.

The administration building was destroyed.

Most of the valuable records in the offices of the President, W. H. Whittaker and Treasurer Ford, in the new administration building, were saved, as well as many articles of furniture.

As soon as the fire was discovered all students and faculty members were called to the ground floor to escape from the crossing of electric wires.

SCIENCE HALL SAVED.

When the alarm from the Styrtsville arrival arrived the building was saved, but with the loss of most of what the old barracks could have saved.

The loss of the water drove the flames to the saving of adjoining buildings, and a desperate and successful fight was made to save Whittaker Hall, located about 500 feet from the administration building.

AID COMMUNICATED FROM WASHINGTON.

Chief Usher, of the District of Columbia Fire Department, was appealed to for aid, and the two engines of the Department came from Washington.

The apparatus was brought on a Bethlehem and Oxon truck and the Washington firemen remained until all danger of another fire being caused by the hot building was extinguished.

The new administration building was erected to cover the ground under the Act of the Legislature and cost about $75,000, including insurance.

UNDER CONTROL AT 2 A. M.

At 2 o'clock this morning the Styrtsville and Washington fire engines were still on the scene and it was evident that the rains would contribute nothing to the work, but the remaining buildings of the college were apparently saved.