ALUMNAE NOTES AND NEWS

In a letter written from Roanoke, Dr. Wayland gives an interesting account of a splendid meeting held there with the Harrisburg Normal girls resident in that city. In part his letter is as follows:

"There are about thirty of our old students, graduates and non-graduates, in the city, most of whom are teaching. Sarah Moffett Walters, Esther Coulbourne Dance, Elizabeth Kelley Davis, Vera Seay Anson, and perhaps one or two more are married; but Mrs. Anson is teaching regularly and Mrs. Davis assists her husband occasionally in his home school for boys.

"This afternoon at Mrs. Davis's home, 371 Woods Avenue, S. W., a Harrisonburg reunion was held. In spite of the influenza, which kept many away, we had a full dozen Harrisonburg enthusiasts present, including the presidents of two graduating classes: Elizabeth Kelley Davis, president of the class of 1913, and Elizabeth Mowbray, president of the class of 1917. Mrs. Davis served refreshments, the writer made a speech, telling about the life and growth of the school, and everybody made a substantial contribution to the good cheer... It was decided that at the first opportunity steps shall be taken to form a Harrisonburg Club of the Roanoke girls. A number said they are planning to attend next commencement.

"Below you will find the names and addresses of all the girls present:

Name                                      Home Ad. Present Ad.
Elizabeth Mowbray, 311 Broad St., Salem, Salem
Mary Austin, 612 Marshall Ave., S. W., Roanoke.
Mary B. Hinton, 602 Day Ave., S. W., Roanoke.
Mrs. Vera Seay Anson, R. F. D. No. 3
Box 281, Roanoke Roanoke
Mabel V. Hickman, Lovettsville, 607 Malden Lane
Hazel Davis is studying there, going in from her home every day. Her zeal for The Schoolma'am is unabated.

The mails also continue to bring welcome news of our old girls. One is resolutely walking four miles to her school every morning, regardless of the weather; some are to be married soon and are busy with their "hope chests"; some are studying at Columbia University; some, like "the little Earlys," are giving this winter at home to lighten the cares of Father and Mother. Would that more could be free to do just that fine and much-needed service!

Nearly all, of course, are teaching; though the lure of government positions has drawn a number to Washington—among them Miriam Buckley, Cecile Grasty, Beatrice Eshelman, Kate Anderson, Frances Ramey, Mary Silvey, Stella and Irene Meserole, Hazel Davis is studying there, going in from her home every day. Her zeal for The Schoolma'am is unabated.

It was fine that Mary Stallings and Elizabeth Nicol could both visit Miss Corbett in Gordonsville at Christmas and tell her all about how they manage their "institutions." Mary, as dietitian, runs the entire boarding department of the Driver Agricultural High School. Elizabeth has a similar position in the up-to-date dormitory of the Jobbers Overall Manufacturers, Lynchburg.

Mary Cook is attending the Presbyterian Training School in Richmond, preparatory to doing further mountain-school service in her denomination; while Irene Moore is hard at work with her poultry raising and other domestic craft among the children of the hills, in the Blue Ridge Industrial School of the Episcopal church.

Edmonia Shepperson, after efficient war service in teaching handwork to shell-shocked and shell-torn soldiers, is now doing a similar work for the patients at Tucker Sanitorium, Richmond. Her old chum, Hallie Hughes, is known over the State as a home demonstrator. For the ludicrous side of this calling, hear Gretchen Bell recount her experiences as demonstration agent in historic Appomattox.

Speaking of itineracy, Virginia Dudley is
supervisor of schools in North River District, Augusta county. Ruth Witt, with her little Ford, has a like mission in Rockingham.

From Charlottesville we have recent news of Madge Bryan, Annie Lee Crawford, Grace Gaw, and Marie Scribner, of the public schools. Grace Jarvis is teaching at St. Anne's; and Helen Heyl is principal of the Mountain View School, near the city.

Not all the letters recently received from our ex-students bear the Virginia postmark. Vivienne Mays is a successful teacher out in Nebraska. Cynthia has lately gone to join her there. The one writes of going to see the play "Everywoman" because the Stratfords once gave it here; the other is, in her leisure hours, in demand as basketball coach and referee.

Virginia Pugh is teaching in Covington, Kentucky. Esther Buckley is at Frostburg, Maryland. Violet Rainey also enjoys her school beyond the Potomac.

Kathleen Watson is at Charleston and Eva Phillips at Charles Town, West Virginia; and quiet Frances Rolston waxed enthusiastic at Christmas as she told of her work in the mathematics department of Lewisburg Seminary, of that State.

From Orlando, Florida, came—amid December snows—a box of finest oranges and other fresh fruits, packed in long gray moss. It was Florence Keezeli and Althea Adams who found time from their school to send this sweet and juicy message from summer-land to some of "the old folks at home" here in the faculty. Mabel Hitt has strayed one degree further. She teaches American history in Porto Rico.

As to the brides, they seem to be "at home" almost everywhere. Olivine Runciman McNeil is in Nashville, Kentucky. Winifred Maurer, (Mrs. Earl Hickman) and Julia Silvey (Mrs. Charles Luttrell) both live in Washington, D. C., Eliesa Clements is now Mrs. William Ball, of Baltimore. Evelyn Beard was married December 23, 1919, to Mr. Malcolm Stout. Their home is at Corry, Pennsylvania.

Among the newly-weds who have not abandoned the Old Dominion are Catherine Hinton Sawyer, of Petersburg; Emily Nichols, of Portsmouth; Gertrude Royall Townes, of Richmond; Edith Bowling Keyser, of Rappahannock county. Annie Laurie Houser is now Mrs. Grayson Holt, of Mitchea. Sadie Davies, after teaching English and Latin so successfully for five years that the high school could ill spare her services, married the Reverend L. H. Paul, of Clifton Forge. Lucile Reaves was married in December to Mr. John Paul Underhill. They are now living at Machipongo. Ruth Fisher was recently married to Mr. George Turner, at her home near Franktown.

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