paralyzed limb can function again, that a curvature of the spine can be straightened, that a hump on the back can be removed, and that clubfeet can toe forward. Some of the cures are accomplished by the transfer of a healthy bone for the infected one or of a functioning muscle for a useless one. When the substituted muscle is too short it is spliced out with silk thread, which nature seemingly changes into muscle.

By an appropriation for this work, the legislature of Virginia has provided an opportunity for crippled and deformed children to have treatment in the Memorial Hospital, Richmond. This treatment should be given between the ages of three and ten. In this case the little one can usually be saved the handicap, the embarrassment, and the hurt that a deformity brings. What a gospel of joy and health!

Wednesday evening Dr. W. A. Brumfield, of the U. S. Public Health Service, Richmond, Virginia, gave a talk which served as an introduction to the motion picture, "The End of the Road." Dr. Brumfield explained the history of the present movement for the control of venereal diseases, and his points were brought out very effectively in the picture by the contrasted lives of two young girls. One discovered the right road; the other followed the wrong one. This picture is sent out by the State Board of Health to communities over the State for the purpose of instructing youth in these most essential but often neglected matters of sex hygiene, and to set high standards of living before them. The picture is of great educational value, and should be shown everywhere, with due discrimination as to the age of the spectators.

The week in which Washington's birthday falls has been set aside as the National Week of Song. During this Week of Song people over the entire United States sing or listen to good music. The purpose of having this Week of Song is to promote good singing, good songs, and all good music, and to acquaint people better with our national and folk songs and those of other nations.

Almost since the establishment of Song Week the music department of the Normal School has taken that occasion to bring before the students and public music of the various kinds. During the week of February 22-29, special musical programs were rendered at assembly period each day, and several recitals were given by the piano pupils.

There are great opportunities for teachers of all grades and high schools to do much for the sake of music not only in the schools, but in the communities, by arranging musical programs and stressing our national and folk songs.

The Wednesday afternoon class recital during National Song Week consisted of selections by Stella Boteler, Hazel Bellerby, Frances Chittum, Annie Camper, Martha Moore, Celia Swecker, and Virginia Carroll. There was also a duet by Mary Harris and Anna Carpenter.

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ALUMNAE NEWS

Sarah H. Shields, president of the class of 1912, has for the past three or four years been doing educational mission work in India. The following words are from a letter written by her in the fall from A. P. Mission, Hoshiarpur, Punjab: "Whatever changes there may be, Harrisonburg will always be the inspiration it has been in the past, and my memories of it are some of the very happiest I have. Therefore my best wishes to you and to the school for a year of progress. I'm confident that Alma Mater still stands for the splendid spirit that was the chief characteristic of faculty and students when I was there, and I'm proud to be an alumna of such an institution."

The first issue of our bulletin in the form of a monthly brought back a genial shower of responses from old girls in the form of subscriptions and cordial messages. Carolyn Ruan—now Mrs. Arthur H. Beebe, of Stillman Valley, Illinois—writes: "I am—and shall always be—vitaly interested in Alma Mater; and I welcome this means of keeping in touch with her activities, now that I am so far away."

Finding that "There is no place like
Beulah Anderson writes once more from her old-time address, Seven Mile Ford, Virginia, to say that she “should not think of missing a single copy, even if it were many times the price—despite the high cost of living.”

While Mary Clifford, of Rockingham, North Carolina, did not find time until December to read thoroughly the April issue of The Normal Bulletin, she writes: “I feel I must, even so late, tell you how fine it is. There is something of value to me in every article, and I have enjoyed them all.”

“I am happy to see the progress my Alma Mater is making in all educational lines. Although I deserted teaching for home-making, my heart is still there. I always look forward to all publications from H. N. S. My best wishes for the success of the new magazine.—Mary Jasper Hudson.” (Mrs. R. Ray Hudson, Slate Mills, Virginia).

Mrs. Corinne Bowman Nye, Saltville, Virginia, is “so glad that the new magazine is to be monthly instead of quarterly, as it will not seem so long between numbers.”—Flossie Grant, back at her McGaheysville work after a severe illness and hospital treatment, writes the same. So does Grace Gaw, who is, with Garland Farrar, Kathleen Prince, and others of our girls, in the Suffolk school system.

Lucy Gatling, after reading the Virginia Teacher, felt that she just must write to some one here at Alma Mater and give bits of news of the Harrisonburg ex-students in Norfolk. In October Alpine Gatling was married to Mr. Howard G. Martin, and is keeping house in her new home, which is only a few squares from the old one. Her sister Marceline is teaching in the upper grades; and Lucy herself has English, hygiene, and music in those grades. May Rowbotham, Linda Carter, and Mary Lancaster are also teaching in the Norfolk school besides Stella Burns, Georgie Foreman, Elizabeth Mauzy, Katherine Broughton, and Ruth Vaiden. Katherine Roller is supervisor of drawing there.

Near by are Babe Menzel, at Ocean View, and Mary Warren, and Ada Kemp, in Hampton. Mary Alice Hodges and Lucille Robinson are in the Portsmouth schools. In that city, also, Helen Acton has charge of the grammar grade sewing; Mary L. Nichol is trying the Seaboard Air Line service instead of the schoolroom; and Ludie Spotts and Ethel Kaufman are staying at home because, as rumor has it, after June they will be establishing homes of their own.

Carrie Watson—at Hazel Green, Kentucky, with so many irons in the fire besides the general routine of her schoolroom that her principal declares “Job himself wouldn’t have her job”—writes to say, “I am trying to pass on to the children the many good things I absorbed while at Blue-Stone Hill. I wish you might watch them while I am reading poetry aloud—how they drink it in.” Her greatest pride is in the progress of the boy who last fall was a “dull fellow.” She added, “I have been hearing splendid reports of Alma Mater under its new regime. This makes me very happy.”

Frances Rolston, who is at Lewisburg Seminary, West Virginia, says: “I have at last come to be, or am supposed to be, a real mathematics teacher. . . . You remember I never did love methods classes. Well, I am ‘mighty’ glad now that I had them, because often in preparing my lessons my thoughts go back to them. So please say this to this year’s class for me, ‘Take and remember all the methods you can.’ ”

What is more natural than that Elizabeth Edwards should be teaching Latin and mathematics? She writes from Deep Creek High School: “I have truly found that there is no royal road to geometry or Latin either; and alas that all your methods and psychology go to naught when you have pupils each different from the other!”

A letter from Mamie Eppes tells us that she is teaching the fourth grade of the Robert E. Lee School, of Danville. She accepted this position in preference to one offered her in a country high school as she could thus be at home. Although she is kept busy with “forty-one on roll, of whom twenty-six are boys,” she is enjoying her work and always takes time to read the Normal Notes. Velma Moeschler also is in Danville.
Agnes Lake, after successful service as rural supervisor in Culpeper county, is now teaching in Elkins, West Virginia. Lulu Eppes is also a resident of that State, being now known as Mrs. Cecil Williams. Jean Nicol is teaching near her home in Maryland, and Robbie Dart is doing grammar grade work in the Glynn Academy, at Brunswick, Georgia, where she can look out over Lanier's own Marshes of Glynn.

Jacqueline McCown passed through town last week, returning to her school at Balsam, near Washington, where she has Anna Potterfield as a fellow teacher. Our sympathy goes out not only to Jacqueline and her sisters in the death of their brother at V. P. L, but also to Mr. Burruss, who, after training here four daughters of the McCown family, had in trust the son at Blacksburg.

An unusually large number of the alumnae recently heard from are doing high school work. Mae Hoover is first assistant at Buchanan; her work is Latin and English. Freida Johnson is assistant principal at Lovettsville. Julia Glascoc is in the Shawsville High School. Margaret Cowling has the department of home economics there. Anna Page Lewis is doing the same work in Blacksburg. Beatrice Coleman at Franktown, Helen Ward at Chester, and Leone Reaves at Elk Creek. Sue Foster is at Churchville. Beulah Crigler is principal of the junior high school at Tye River. She expects to return to Harrisonburg next year to work for her degree. We hear Floreid Bott has been a strong factor in raising her school, Wachapreague, to the accredited rank. Nan Wiley is assistant principal of the Crozet High School. Anna Ward has a high school position in Augusta, Georgia. Virginia Andes is in her home school, at Fredericks Hall, and Ruth McNair is at Natural Bridge. Mildred Kidd is the valued principal at Antioch. Mary Maloy and Genoa Swecker, loyal Highlanders, are busy in their own county. Sallie Bell returned to the ocean, as they to their mountains. She is at Willis Wharf.

A patron of Boyce High School, speaking of Verlie Story's good work there testifies that one boy who always used to rebel at being made to go to school, and who required much coaching, can not now be kept away on any condition and made excellent grades on his mid-year examination.

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