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In part 3, dealing with civic education, are valuable and suggestive outlines of training for citizenship in the grades, of civic education in the high schools, etc.

CHARLOTTE, by Grace Warren Landrum. Geo. H. Doran Co., New York. 1920. 95 pages.

The biography of a brilliant young girl who "died so young, but lived so rarely." The author says, "Of all my students, even of all my classmates at Radcliffe and the University of Chicago, she was the only one whom I thought destined to fill among her generation the place of an Alice Freeman Palmer."

Charlotte was a devoted young friend of Dr. Charles Manly, formerly a Baptist minister at Lexington, Virginia, and the father of Dr. John M. Manly, of the University of Chicago.

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RECENT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The "big doings" on the campus during March have been the teachers conference for District G, State Teachers Association; Junior-Senior Week, with its storm and its calm; the Stratford play at the New Virginia Theater; and the announcement that the General Assembly of Virginia had granted an appropriation for the construction of a new heating plant here.

The teachers meetings began the evening of March 25 and were concluded Saturday morning, March 27. About three hundred teachers were present at the various meetings; they came from the counties of Highland, Bath, Augusta, Rockingham, Page, Shenandoah, Warren, Clarke, and Frederick, and from the cities of Staunton, Winchester, and Harrisonburg. Ar-

rangements had been made for the entertainment of the ladies in Spottswood Hall, and an entertainment committee had provided accommodations for men teachers in boarding houses in Harrisonburg.

Superintendent Harris Hart, of the Department of Public Instruction, Richmond, spoke in the school auditorium Thursday night, urging support for the three constitutional amendments to be voted on in November. He addressed himself to the ladies as well as to the men in his audience, remarking that "by the grace of

Delaware they may be expressing their opinions this fall on the ballot." These three amendments are known as amendments to Sections 133, 136, and 138, and provide respectively for county school boards in place of the present district school boards, for the removal of present constitutional limit of 50 cents on the hundred dollars of taxation for school purposes, and for the granting of powers to the General Assembly to pass laws regarding compulsory education.

Superintendent Hart made a plea for the country boy, who in all fairness is entitled to the same educational opportunities as the city boy, and who at present in Virginia would need to go to school until he is twenty-three to get as much training as the city boy gets by the time he is eighteen.

The unjust hardship that is worked on the boy who lives in the country is not chargeable to the cities, said Superintendent Hart. "For out of every dollar spent for education in the cities, the State provides 20 cents; out of every dollar spent in the country, the State funds provide 53 cents."

His audience showed its approval when the Superintendent asserted that the State must "provide for the living expenses of teachers, not only for the eight months when they are teaching, but also for the other four months during which, perchance, they may have to live."

Friday morning addresses were made by Superintendent J. P. Neff, of Staunton, on "Educating the Exceptional Child;" and by Dr. John W. Wayland, on "The Method of the Great Teacher;" Friday afternoon there were addresses by Superin-

Says Teachers Must Live Twelve Months in Year

Friday's Meetings

tendent C. V. Shoemaker, of Shenandoah county, on "Building up the Rural Schools;" Miss Ada E. Baugh, supervisor of Rockingham county, on "The Relation of the Supervisor to the Superintendent;" Miss Margaret A. Young, supervisor of Page county, on "The Page County Survey;" and Dr. W. J. Gifford, on "The Purpose and Use of Tests."

Following the afternoon session of the conference Friday all visiting teachers were the guests of the teachers of the Harrisonburg city schools, and the faculty of the State Normal School at an informal reception in the library.

Saturday morning the conference divided into two groups, the one for the discussion of elementary school problems, at which talks were made by Principal D. G. Cooley, of Berryville, on "Instruction in Arithmetic;" by Mrs. E. A. W. Rathke, Principal of the Luray high school, on "Where We Fail in Teaching the Fundamentals in Arithmetic;" and by Miss Kate M. Anthony, director of the training school, Harrisonburg, on "Some Problems in Silent Reading." At the same time the high school section was addressed by President S. P. Duke, on "The Junior High School in Relation to the Reorganization of Secondary Education;" by Conrad T. Logan, on "The Teaching of High School English;" and by Miss Lina Sanger, principal of Bridgewater high school, on "The New High School Manual and Course of Study."

The installation of the 1920-21 Student Government officers took place Wednesday morning, March 24, at the time of the regular academic procession marking the beginning of the new quarter. The senior class led the procession, opening file for the degree students, executive board of the Student Government Council, and the faculty.

Mr. Dingleline conducted the opening exercises. Margaret Proctor, the retiring president, addressed the student body and at the close of her talk administered the oath of office to the new officers. Sallie Browne, the incoming president, expressed her appre-

ciation of the honor and pledged her best efforts to make the year a success. Lucille McClung succeeds herself as vice-president, and Alberta Rodes becomes secretary to succeed Marian Marshall.

Dr. Wayland spoke interestingly on "What Student Government Means." The ceremonies were concluded by the singing of "Blue-Stone Hill," followed by the recessional.

After a program of Barbara Maurel's phonograph records had been presented in assembly on the morning of March 11, students enjoyed especially hearing Miss Maurel in person at the New Virginia Theater in the evening. Miss Maurel's concert was the first in the Artist Series arranged by co-operation of the school and the New Virginia Theater.

Miss Maurel has a charming personality, and possesses a wonderful mezzo-soprano voice. She quickly gained and held the attention of her audience, whose appreciation was evident. In addition to "Habanera" from Carmen, which is said to have first gained her reputation. Miss Maurel won great applause for the Indian song "By the Waters of Minnetonka."

Miss Maurel's program was interspersed with piano solos by Mr. Frederick Bristol, her accompanist. His execution and interpretation of the work of Chopin and Schumann was splendid.

The Eastern Gate, given by the Stratford Dramatic Club, on March 26, at the New Virginia Theater, was not "The Eastern only unusual in itself, but was Gate" a Big unusually well presented.

Success "An American girl choosing between two lovers, one of her own nationality, and the other an Oriental, lets the climacteric horror of a dream influence her decision. The prolog and epilog are concerned with realities, but the three acts are in the Chinese settings of her dream, before and within the Eastern Gate, where she encounters the weird fascination of the Orient in all its traditional brilliancy and cruelty. The contorted elements of her dream picture through the self-interested suggestions of her American lover, are mingled in a vague dream confusion with

the idealized painting of her Chinese admirer."

Lelouise Edwards as the American girl starred for the cast, while the acting of Elise Loewner and Elizabeth Daniel did credit to the club. The dances which were arranged by Merla Matthews were exceedingly original and graceful and brought frequent encores from the delighted spectators. For most efficient work special commendation is due Mozelle Powell who acted as stage manager, assisted by Mary Phillips and Mae Brindel.

The cast of *The Eastern Gate* expects to play in Lexington at an early date as well as in Winchester and it is even hinted that it might go "on the road" this summer. At any rate, the Stratford Dramatic Club has made an enviable name for itself and the members are to be congratulated on their initial performance.

Many and mighty are the annals of Junior-Senior week. It has long been considered the big event of the school year.

A Gala Week It is looked forward to and planned for from the beginning of the session in September to the first week in March when the fun really begins. It is then that the mighty senior meets the valiant junior on the basketball court and a glorious struggle ensues, resulting in a glorious victory and a glorious defeat. The game is usually played on Friday or Saturday night and all that week the two classes carry on the spirit of friendly contest by decorating the school with their colors and parading, singing the praises of their respective teams, each trying to see which can display the most color and which can sing the loudest, longest and oftenest.

The excitement this year raged as high as ever and for one whole week the staid old campus took on a decidedly rejuvenated aspect; color, color everywhere,—the green and white spring-time tints of the seniors and the vivid orange and blue of the juniors combining to look as if some grand carnival had been turned loose on the place.

Also there were many dark and mysterious doings at the Normal that week. People talked with signs and in strange tongues, vanishing behind doors or around corners if one came upon them too abruptly.

Figures crept stealthily by in the darkness,

carrying objects which they dropped precipitately at the slightest sound.

Everywhere one saw groups whispering surreptitiously, people slipping about vainly attempting to conceal bulky bundles under their coats, and presently some scandalized arch or lamppost flagrantly waved streamers of radiant color in the breeze.

Many unusual things were seen, from orange kites with blue tails to white pigs with green ones.

The songs were a source of more joy than anything else. They were a never failing method of letting off steam and relieving the pent-up excitement—a sort of safety valve, so to speak.

Both classes had such catchy tunes and such swinging words that one was forever coming to with a start and realizing that one had been humming a tune that belonged to the other class.

At last there came the never to be forgotten night of the game itself. The drab old gym was decorated beyond its wildest dreams. One didn't think that it could possibly be more beautiful, until the girls came in and then one knew that it could. They massed themselves on one side of the gym—the seniors in their green hats and fluffy white dresses looking more like graceful white narcissi than anything else one could think of, and the juniors with their golden fluted caps looking like a glorious bed of daffodils,—swaying back and forth, cheering, and singing, the excitement mounting higher and higher.

Then suddenly *the game was over*, unbelievably and entirely over. The question that had hung in the air for six months was answered.

The juniors won!

The score was 26 to 14.

It happened thus:

June Steele, junior captain, made the first goal, just as Miss Hoffman, official timekeeper was in the act of counting

The Junior the sixty-first second of play.

Senior Game Grace Heyl called for a thousand junior yells. She got 'em!

The seniors rallied about Lillian Hatcher and her megaphone. And yelled. And sang.

Now the juniors were cheering Elizabeth Mott's hot shot. Marion Nesbitt, senior

captain, sent the ball home and senior hopes rose. The score see-sawed.

Spectators yelled. Necks were craned (some are not uncraned yet).

Like a flash Virginia Faulkner was dashing about—also senior hopes. It looked bad—or good—depending on the colors you wore.

Another goal for Ellen Campbell. But the juniors were working like a machine, well oiled and in gear. The junior rooters began talking about Elizabeth Mott lovingly—they called her "Old Faithful."

Well, the seniors counted out their fourteen, point by point, hammering down each syllable.

And the juniors found they couldn't count to twenty-six conversationally. So they sang their count. Chanted it. Exultantly.

Then came the folded tents. And the Arabs. (You know the story. You weren't in the eighth grade for nothing!)

The warriors:

<i>Seniors</i>		<i>Juniors</i>
Nesbitt (capt.)	Forwards	Steele (capt.)
Roark		Faulkner
Proctor	Center	Coleman
Campbell	Guards	Reily
Heidelberg		Mott
Harnsberger		

Officials: Referee, Mr. Shorts, Harrisonburg high school; Umpire, Mr. Smith, Harrisonburg high school; Timekeeper Miss Hoffman, State Normal School.

P. S.—It was a great game!—if you were a junior.

"Did you ever see the Faculty, the Faculty, the Faculty, Did you ever see the Faculty, the Faculty, play ball?"

More Here was a treat, indeed! Basketball Saturday night, March 20, the faculty team, coached up to the minute, met a varsity team in mortal combat on the basketball floor. The ball? That was a small detail—the enthusiastic rooters were far more interested in the players,—and they merited interest, too.

With a line-up as astonishing as this—

<i>Faculty</i>		<i>Varsity</i>
Miss Hoffman	Forwards	Nesbitt
Mrs. Johnston		Holloran

Miss Mackey	Center	Mott
Miss Lancaster	Guards	Coleman
Miss Zirkle		Heidelberg

no wonder Dr. Converse led yells until he was hoarse; no wonder Miss Cleveland broke her alarm-clock keeping time!

The three field goals made by Miss Hoffman, Miss Mackey, and Mrs. Johnston were the most exciting feature of the game, while the varsity scored the uninteresting total of 12 points.

The side-lines were always ready to join in the laughing which was led by Miss Lancaster from her position on the field.

According to enactment of the appropriation bill by the General Assembly of Virginia, recently adjourned, provision

Our Sine is made for a slight increase in
Qua Non the annuity of the State Normal School at Harrisonburg.

The budget for the next two years, beginning April 1, 1920, calls for capital outlay of \$78,500, and an annual appropriation for maintenance of \$63,400. Thus the total appropriation to the Harrisonburg school was \$205,300.

Alumnae of the school will be interested to know that the capital outlay will provide for several new buildings, namely, central heating plant and laundry, combined, estimated at \$60,000; completion and equipment of the service building in the rear of Harrison Hall, estimated at \$11,000; improvements to the infirmary, \$2,000; equipment for biological, chemical, physical, and agricultural laboratories, \$3,000; improvement of grounds and grading, \$2,000.

President Duke went to Round Hill, Loudoun County, March 5, to speak on "The Professional Training of Teachers," and to Petersburg Faculty Teachers," and to Petersburg March 19, when he addressed the District D conference of teachers on "The Cause of the Teacher Shortage in Virginia." James C. Johnston went to Woodstock March 19 and served as judge of a hotly-contested debate at Massanutten Academy; Miss Elizabeth P. Cleveland attended the Founders Day Celebration at Hollins College, Roanoke, March 13. Miss Cleveland is not only a former instructor of Hollins but also an alumna, and is now serving as vice-president of the Hollins

Alumnae Association. Dr. Wayland's recent Southern trip is chronicled elsewhere.

Announcement has been made of the appointment of Mrs. J. Frank Blackburn in the department of music, succeeding Miss Elizabeth Harris, of Faculty resigned. Mrs. Blackburn will be remembered by many summer students of 1918 and 1919, when as Miss Alice Lee Penick, of Richmond, she gave instruction in music at the Normal School. She is a former student of Teachers College, New York, and before her marriage was a supervising teacher of music in the city schools of Richmond, Va.

On April 1 there had been received 225 applications for admission to the summer school of 1920. This is in spite of the fact that summer school catalogs have not yet been distributed through the State. It can be stated, however, that the printer has at last completed the catalog, and copies of the catalog should have reached all teachers of the State before they receive this issue of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER.

George W. Chappelle, Jr., was host to the men of the faculty the evening of March 23, at his home on Paul Street. L'Enfant Terrible At It was such that in seven homes Again! the clock tolled the hour of twelve to find the master out. How many fires got low, all because Mr. Chappelle had seven friends busy firing up good black cigars?

Honor Roll, Second Quarter, 1919-1920 No grade less than A

Degrees	Postgraduates
Nellie M. Critzer	Vergilia P. Sadler
Dorothy McK. Spooner	
Seniors	Juniors
Lelouise Edwards	Lillian A. Miller
Iris F. Glasscock	
Catherine Harrison	Specials
	Mrs. W. G. LeHew

Degrees	Postgraduates
Mary McK. Seebert	Lena M. Reed
Pauline E. Layman	Florence E. Allen
Anna R. Allen	Sallie L. Browne
	Ruth Rodes

Seniors

Anna M. Davis
Nella S. Roark
Gertrude K. Bowler
Allie M. Brindel
Rosa P. Heidelberg
Mary T. Miller
Margaret G. Norfleet
Katherine F. B. Pettus
Edna R. Scribner
Betty G. Somerville
Marion B. Nesbitt
Mary J. Phillips
May Williams

Juniors

Louise F. Coleman
Frances A. Cutshall
Lucy C. Evans
Virginia Mecartney
Chloe G. Peck
Margaret L. Lewis
Emily M. Round
Frances A. Tabb
Helen L. Baber
Anne B. Gilliam
Annette L. Houston
Alma J. Tatum
Edith R. Ward

Sophomores

Constance E. Martin

Specials

Mrs. M. F. Smith

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AMONG THE ALUMNAE

In the February issue of the *Teacher* appeared a brief account of a reunion of Harrisonburg girls held in the city of Roanoke on February 6. Dr. Wayland, chairman of the committee on alumnae relations, was present at that meeting; and during the next five weeks he was traveling through various States of the South, visiting educational institutions and studying educational and social conditions. At many places he met our girls, some in the schools, some in their own homes; and he heard good reports of others who were out of the path of his wanderings. Most of our old students are, of course, in the home State—Virginia; but a few have gone beyond her borders, answering to the "call of the wild"—or is it the call of a more tender sentiment? In many cases it is the latter. In some instances it is a larger salary or a more obvious opportunity that weighs against the "ties that bind."

From Roanoke Dr. Wayland went to East Radford. There, in the State Normal School, he found M'Ledge Moffett and Lillian Simons, who have been efficient members of the faculty in that institution for several years past. In the Radford city schools he found Annie T. Wise, who will be remembered by all who were at Blue-Stone Hill in 1912 and thereabouts.