

humor by Mr. Johnston April 26; Miss Cleveland's interesting talk on May-day customs, which served so well to introduce the Merry month of May and the senior May-day celebration; the talk May 3 by Miss Elsie Heller, Student Y. W. C. A. Secretary for the South Atlantic field; and Nell Critzer's report on some of the larger aspects of the recent Cleveland Y. W. C. A. meeting, when the Y. W.'s attitude towards industrial questions was revised. Miss Critzer and Catherine Harrison represented the Harrisonburg State Normal School at the meeting.

The State Normal School Board held its annual meeting in Harrisonburg April 16 and 17, when business of a routine nature was taken up. President J. P. McConnell, of the East Radford Normal School, was unable to be present; but President J. L. Jarman, of Farmville, and President A. B. Chandler, Jr., of Fredericksburg, together with President Duke, of Harrisonburg, were in attendance.

A pleasant feature of the meeting was the reception at the president's home Friday afternoon, when members of the Harrisonburg faculty were invited to meet the members of the Board.

Members of the Board attending the meetings were Virginius R. Shackelford, president, of Orange Courthouse; D. D. Hull, Jr., of Roanoke; E. O. Larrick, Middletown; Geo. L. Taylor, Big Stone Gap; Alfred G. Preston, Amsterdam; Dr. H. M. DeJarnette, of Fredericksburg; R. C. Chamberlayne, Phenix; and R. K. Brock, secretary-auditor, of Farmville.

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*WHAT?* Reunion!

*WHERE?* Harrisonburg.

*WHY?* The call of Blue Stone Hill.

The best investment of your savings. Come back, everybody. Many attractions!—the "old" faculty, the new President. Make your class the banner one for attendance. Your name sent to Agnes Stribling Dingle-dine insures preparation for you. ALL COME!!

REBA L. BEARD

President Alumnae Asso.

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### AMONG THE ALUMNAE

#### COMMENCEMENT

For thousands of young people all over the land this is a thrilling word. It seems to be a potent composite of joy and sorrow, of music and magic, of romance and tragedy. It is wreathed in smiles, jeweled with tears, scented with flowers, winged with hopes, and laden everlastingly with memories. It comes but once in many lives, but every springtime it returns. May it come this year with joy abounding, and may its return be hailed by all who bear its charmed touch!

This year at Blue-Stone Hill, as always, love is waiting. It is waiting to rejoice with those who graduate this year; it is waiting to welcome back all those who were the light of other days. Come back, girls, we want you again! We want to clasp your hands; we want to look into your eyes. Again we want to hear the music of your voices. Help us to keep the happy past alive; help us to launch continually a better future.

This is the special reunion year of the class of 1915. On June 8, 1915, they received their diplomas. This year again the session will end on June 8. Wouldn't it add to this class's honors to break all records so far in reunion attendance? Try it, please.

This class is already distinguished. It contains a rather unusual proportion of young women who may be aptly characterized in striking terms or phrases. Who does not remember Mary Davis the initiator or Frank Selby the athlete? These two made a sort of David and Jonathan combination, and were always on hand when a Saul had to be outwitted or a Goliath killed. Mary Bosserman was a standby in the Y. W. C. A.; Alice Gilliam was always level-headed, loyal, and efficient; Maria Murphy had a smile that was as good as medicine; Lilla Gerow was a wholesome beauty; and Joe Warren was always a friend indeed to any girl in trouble. Joe is here now.

Esther Coulbourn was pretty, popular, and resourceful; Agnes Stribling was the first president of our student association; Margaret Kinnear was witty and wise, ed-

itor-in-chief of the year's *Schoolma'am*; and Freida Johnson was the best-liked all-round good girl in school. Was Eleanor Dillon a fickle coquette? No—not if you really knew what a heart she had. And what shall we say of Helen Housman's witching eyes, of Marjorie Cooper's quiet grace and charm, or of Virginia Hatcher's fairy May-Day dancing? And can anybody ever forget how Ruth Brown played the peasant shoemaker in the Senior drama?

Since graduation Ruth Sanders has proved a great "social success." Yes, really and truly. She has won distinction in fine social service in different parts of Virginia. And Reba Beard, whose quiet soul is as deep and rich as the ocean, is president of the Alumnae Association.

And what about Lillian Garrison? That is to say, Lillian Millner. She was always good as gold, and is so still. She was and is president of the class. She has been urging everybody to come to commencement, and she may be certain that everybody wants to see her.

To name all the members of the class of 1915 who deserve it would require a catalog of the whole group, for each one has her own distinction, fair and rare. We want to see them all. How many are married, we do not know with certainty, for it seems that the bells are continually ringing. But come on and bring the husbands too—the whole family.

#### CUPID'S INROADS

Who said weddings? Nearly everybody, it seems. Here is a catalog of a few we have been able to authenticate.

April 6, Edith Shumadine to Mr. Armstrong Chinn, at Norfolk.

April 8, Lutie Spotts to Mr. Antonio Niemeyer, at Portsmouth.

April 16, Lenna Hamilton to Mr. William W. Dunlap, at Harrisonburg.

April 24, Mary Stuart Gooch to Mr. James E. Etheridge, at Charlottesville.

April 24, Louise Holland to Mr. Charles L. Brown, at Washington City.

April 24, Ethel Kaufman to Mr. George Oast, at Portsmouth.

April 28, Nell Acree to Mr. John E. Pearce, at Norfolk.

May 1, Kate Selby to Mr. John L. Nowell, at Richmond.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PERSONALS

The Harrisonburg Club of Richmond starts off with a membership of thirty-five. Who can beat it? Somebody try.

Rachel Rodgers is teaching in the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute at Staunton. She says tell Miss Hoffman and Miss Hudson that all of their efforts to make a public speaker of her have gone for nought—she has to talk with her hands. She is busy learning the sign language. But she really is improving in her penmanship.

Leda Cline is teaching at Lacey Spring and is planning to return for a diploma.

Minnie Bowman is principal of a four-room school at Cloverdale in the fertile land of Botetourt.

Evelyn Buchanan is doing first-grade work at Graham. She says: "I am coming to commencement if nothing happens."

Mabel Hitt, in far away Porto Rico, still remembers her friends. Recently she sent one of them a series of handsome colored post cards showing something of the sugar cane industry, an orange market, and the fine military road near Aibonito.

Rose Lee Simpson has charge of the Freshman class in the Lincoln high school, her first alma mater. She is enthusiastic about Blue-Stone Hill and is coming back for commencement.

Erna Martin and Gertrude Pierce are teaching in the same school at Ore Bank. Their progressive methods and live spirit reflect credit upon their antecedents.

Under date of April 29, Elizabeth Black writes from Norton that homesickness for Harrisonburg is worse than entertaining the "flu," though she knows a cure for the former. All her friends here are hoping that she will take the cure soon, and then repeat the treatment.

In a recent letter from Manassas Lillian Gilbert tells some interesting facts relating to her work. She says:

"The boys' and girls' clubs are well organized here now. I have more than one hundred girls in sewing classes—many in other projects. The poultry group is the next largest—between fifty and seventy-five in it. Clubs for women are increasing.

"This year the Peoples Bank here is offering a handsome banner to the club making the best report at the close of the year. Ex-Congressman Carlin is offering gold medals for a boys' and girls' declamation and recitation contest.

"One of the beauties of the work is that it reaches out all over the county."

Dr. Gifford was pleased to meet such a large number of former students and graduates of Harrisonburg in Botetourt, and found a warm affection for Harrisonburg in the hearts of Misses Hausman, Smith, Thompson, Fletcher, Hoover, and Peck.

#### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Amendments to the constitution of the Harrisonburg State Normal School Alumnae Association, adopted June 1919, are here published at the request of Reba L. Beard, president of the Alumnae Association.

1. Groups of non-resident graduates and former students of the Harrisonburg State Normal School who have been in attendance at the school at any time and who have obtained credit for work done shall be empowered to form among themselves local chapters of the Alumnae Association, of the Harrisonburg State Normal School, provided there be a minimum of eight members.
2. The object of each local chapter shall be to stimulate and perpetuate school spirit and fellowship among all old students, to render definite and effective in each locality the aims and work of the general association, to advance the interests of education and Alma Mater in every legitimate way.
3. Any graduate of the Harrisonburg State Normal School shall be admitted to membership in local associations with all the rights and privileges which she enjoys in the general association.

4. Any non-graduate who satisfies the conditions specified in Article I shall be admitted to membership in the local associations under the following limitations: she shall not be admitted to vote or to hold office in the general association, though she may vote and hold office in the local association.
5. For every ten members in a local chapter that chapter shall be allowed to send to the meeting of the general association one non-graduate delegate, said delegate to be entitled to all privileges of the floor except voting.
6. There shall be an annual membership fee of twenty-five cents, ten cents of which shall be sent to the general association.
7. The President of the general association shall be notified immediately upon the formation of any local chapter, and shall be supplied with a complete list of officers and members of same.
8. All local chapters shall conform, in general, to these regulations, but each local chapter is privileged to work out all minor details in accordance with its own needs.

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