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ALUMNAE PERSONALS

Olivine Runciman—Mrs. R. S. McNeil—sends greetings from Marlinton, West Virginia. She says, "I always hope to keep in touch with the school."

Geneva Moore is principal of the Francis Asbury School, Fox Hill, Hampton, Virginia. Kate Taylor is county supervisor. Elizabeth Mitchell is a teacher in Asbury School.

Flossie Grant, who has taught at McGaheysville during the past session, is planning a year of rest at home. Helen Hopkins, who teaches in the same school, was a recent visitor at the Normal. Not long ago she presented to the school the table on which Sidney Lanier wrote his "Science of English Verse" at Rockingham Springs, in the summer of 1879. It takes our girls to find the things that the Normal needs. And they are also good at finding the sort of people we need here.

Rowena Lacy has a fine position as sixth grade teacher in the Washington Street School of Portsmouth. Her home address is Oak Park, Virginia.

Katherine Broughton is a primary teacher in Norfolk. She is planning to return to the same work next year.

Audrey Lauck is teaching in Shenandoah City. This is her own old home. It is a fine thing for a girl to go back home and strengthen the good opinion that her own people have of her.

Audrey Gerard and a lot more of our girls are teaching in Charlottesville. They have an active Harrisonburg Club.

One of our girls, under date of June 1, writes as follows:

"I feel as though I just must write—now when old H. N. S. is passing through its gala season, commencement; and how I wish I might be there.

"Anyhow I shall be there in spirit, for I love the old school, and the influence of dear Alma Mater has never lost its significance for me, even in the most trying moments."

This sounds like our girls. Many of them feel the same way. And it is the knowledge of this fact that puts heart and courage into the teachers of Blue-Stone Hill. Our girls believe in the school and we believe in them.

Verlie Story, after spending a summer in the West, taught last session successfully; but this June found her back at Blue Stone Hill in time to enter upon some special work here during the summer quarter. She is almost as expert in looking after the library and keeping every book in place as Miss Bell.

A considerable number of the "old girls" are back this summer, either working toward diplomas or taking postgraduate courses. Their presence is always very helpful in the school in many ways. A large proportion of former students make it possible to build a vital school spirit quickly among the new girls.

Ellen Bowman was married on June 23 to Mr. Leonard H. Fowler, in Roanoke City. After July 15 they will be at home at Lee Hall, Virginia.

The next day, June 23, Sadie Cox was married to Mr. Van Olinda Nevius, in Norfolk. After July 20 they will be at home at 28 Poplar Avenue, in the seaside city.

Katie Wilson has taught successfully the past year or two at Stuart's Draft, Augusta County. She is spending the summer in Washington City.

Eva Massey taught last session at Boyce, in her home county of Clarke. She is planning to enter Scarritt Bible School, Kansas City, next year, to prepare for missionary work. We feel pretty certain that she has been a good missionary ever since she became a teacher.

Tillie Derflinger writes from Bluemont, Virginia, giving bits of news about herself and other girls. She says: "Annie Lee Crawford is here now and we have had the best time talking about old times. Emmie Brown is coming Monday, so you see we are going to have a regular H. N. S. '18 meeting."—Who can doubt it?

Minnie Bowman closed her school at Cloverdale in time to be here for commencement. We are always glad to see her.

Clarice Guthrie was married on May 17 to Mr. Edgar A. English. She sends us a line from Washington, D. C., but says that a letter will always reach her at Charlotte Court House, Virginia.

Several more of our girls have married recently, but we do not have the information at hand necessary to make announcements.