

## NOTEBOOKS

## "A CRY OF THE HEART"\*

They are gone,  
And I'm glad of it.  
I could have made them neater  
And gotten "A" or "B",  
But I didn't—  
And I'm glad of it.

It's been scratch-scratch-scratch,  
Dig-dig-dig,  
But it's over—  
And I'm glad of it.

The slaying of white paper,  
The flinging of blue ink,  
It's over—all over—  
And I'm glad of it.

The scanning of printed pages,  
The cranings and the crowdings,  
With nerves all a-tingle;  
Well, we'll rest now—  
And I'm glad of it.

Body tired and mind tired,  
Eyes that burn,  
And nerves that ache;  
But they're gone, those notes,  
All gone—  
And I'm glad of it.

LINDA L. CARTER

[\*Said Mr. W. B. Yeats, speaking of the New Poetry: "We wanted to get rid not only of rhetoric but of poetic diction. We tried to strip away everything that was artificial, to get a style like speech, as simple as the simplest prose, like a cry of the heart."]

## ALUMNAE LUNCHEON

The annual alumnae luncheon of the State Normal School at Harrisonburg will be given at the Richmond Hotel, Friday, November 26, at 12:30 o'clock. Every alumna who expects to attend the luncheon is requested to notify

MRS. G. C. CHEWNING  
200 North Sheppard St.  
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## AMONG THE ALUMNAE

Summer—the latter part of summer—is a hard time for us, the home folks, to keep in touch with our girls. They are so widely distributed, they are so busy making plans for the autumn, and for about three weeks the school at Blue-Stone Hill is not in active operation, so the result is that during this time of year information comes to us more slowly than at other times.

We must say however, that there seems to be no let-up in the activities of Cupid. He appears to be as energetic as ever. And who would be surprised, knowing Cupid and knowing our girls. Here are the bare chronicles of a few marriages that have come to our ears.

Lillian A. Miller was married on August 9, at her home in Radford, to Mr. Casper A. Harpine, secretary-treasurer of the Harrisonburg Wholesale Grocery Company.

Frances Kemper, on September 1, became Mrs. William C. Pane. The wedding took place at the old Kemper homestead, Bogota, in East Rockingham. The place is historic—has been so for generations; and nobody except a specialist in history could determine how many claims it has to romance.

Lizzie-Miller Jarman of Elkton was married on September 4, to Mr. Benjamin N. Anderson, in the Elkton Methodist Church. Miss Jarman has made a great success as a teacher in Schoolfield, a suburb of Danville, and she will now make her home in Danville. Mr. Anderson holds a position with the famous Dan River Cotton Mills.

Katie Pruden is married too—and no wonder. On September 7, she became the wife of Mr. Caswell R. Six, at Suffolk, Virginia. Everybody at the Normal was glad that Katie stayed here so long, because they all liked her so well. All her friends now extend to her their best wishes for six days in the week—and one more. She was married on the seventh.

Florine Rhodes is another one of our girls who was not long ago changed her name and her place of residence. On May 30 she



married Mr. Emanuel Driver of Lacey Spring; and there; since June 10, she has been at home.

Mrs. John S. Nye, formerly Corinne Bowman, is very loyal in keeping the Alumnae Committee informed as to her address. This is much appreciated. Since her marriage she has lived at Saltville until recently. Within the last month or two she and her husband have established themselves in the historic old town of Abingdon.

Three of our girls who have visited us lately are Lelia Marshall, Esther Buckley, and Geneva Moore. They are all making their mark teaching, and they all hold positions of honor and responsibility in the profession.

Lillian Gilbert is continuing her fine work in home demonstration in Prince William County. The fact that she is rounding out her fourth year in that position and that her salary is being raised is perhaps enough to say as to the success of her efforts and the favor with which they are being received. We can not escape the conviction that there should be a live Harrisonburg club organized by the girls in Prince William.

Among our graduates who are teaching in the Harrisonburg city schools this session are Frieda Johnson, Lucy Spitzer, and Genoa Swecker. Superintendent Keister very rarely takes a teacher, even one of our graduates, until she has proved herself somewhere else; but he is on the lookout for the best, whencesoever they may come. His chief embarrassment now is, as it appears to us, that so many of our girls are making star records he does not have places enough for all of them.

This fall a large number of our graduates and other old students are entering upon splendid new fields, while others are returning to the excellent places they have heretofore occupied. To all we bid God speed. And we say, "Please let us hear from you." Let us know where you are, just what you are doing, and what your hard problems are. We shall be interested in learning of your progress, and if we can help you with your problems we shall be very happy in doing so.

It is with deep sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mary Ruebush—Mrs. Hubert Estes—a member of the class of 1913. On August 27, while she was sitting at table in her home in Norton, she was struck and almost instantly killed by a stray bullet fired by some one at a considerable distance outside the house. Thus she fell another victim to that sort of criminal carelessness which will probably continue at unhappy intervals of chance till those persons who so recklessly indulge in it are regularly and impartially brought to adequate punishment. Thus another home is desolated and many hearts are saddened simply because a deadly rifle was thought to be a fitting plaything for a child or a fool. But we are grateful that no chance nor folly can rob us of the memories she planted in our hearts. She is still one of our girls. She is one of the precious number of whom we shall henceforth speak in softer tones and more tender accent.

#### HARRISONBURG LUNCHEON AT RICHMOND

If you are an old student of Harrisonburg State Normal, and attend the educational conference at Richmond during Thanksgiving week, be sure to secure a plate at the Harrisonburg luncheon.

The luncheon will be held at the Richmond Hotel, Friday, at 12:30 o'clock. Notify Mrs. G. C. Chewning, 200 North Sheppard St., Richmond, that you will be present. Eat, talk, and be happy with your friends. Every year the congenial company grows larger. Be one of the number.

A representative from the Normal School attended the teachers' institute of Botetourt County, held at Buchanan on October 11 and 12, and reports a fine meeting. The efficient superintendent in Botetourt is E. A. Painter, and the schools of the county are responding well to his leadership. Girls who have been at Harrisonburg, either for regular sessions or for summer terms, were met at every turn, and they are giving a good account of themselves. Mae Hoover and Connie Fletchere are teaching in Buchanan. Betty Firebaugh and Barbara Smith work in the schools of Fincastle. Minnie Bowman is principal at Cloverdale (her second year there) and Pearl Noell has charge of the school at Blue Ridge



Springs. Helen Housman is married, living in Danville, and three or four others whom Blue Stone Hill used to know as "Miss Allen," "Miss Gentry," "Miss Turner," etc., are now dignified with the title "Mrs." In fact, in Botetourt as elsewhere, good teachers are proving good wives, and are helping unite the school and the home in that effective co-operation that is bound to result in the best education and progress.

Virginia Styne, another Botetourt girl, has been teaching in Roanoke City for several years. Her friends will be interested to know that her fine voice is bringing her laurels as a singer. In the recent Billy Sunday meetings in Roanoke she sang a number of times with fine effect.

Buelah Crigler is principal at Tye River, in Nelson County. This is her second year at that place.

Clara O'Neil is teaching in her home county of Shenandoah, at the historic town of New Market.

Ella Peck, whose fine record as a student at the Normal will be recalled with pride, is another one of the Botetourt girls that our reporter met at Buchanan. She, like all the rest of our alumnae, still radiates the Harrisonburg spirit.

Our girls are still keeping Cupid so busy that fact is continually outrunning our chronicle; but we do the best we can to keep the record accurate and complete. Here is a section from our latest entries:

August 4, Edna B. Swank to Mr. Frank Rolston of Mt. Clinton;

August 25, Fannie C. Moore to Mr. Allen Austin of Staunton;

September 16, Margaret J. Barron to Mr. Curtis Robbins of Toledo, Ohio;

September 18, Flossie Grant to Dr. Charles Rush of McGaheysville;

September 30, Mary Alice Hodges to Mr. E. Murray Hoagland of Portsmouth, Va.: present address, Chattanooga, Tenn.;

October 9, Janet Bailly to Mr. Fred Lee Troy of Big Stone Gap.

Jessie Burton is teaching at Sweet Hall this year. She has our best wishes.

Not long ago a number of Harrisonburg girls had a reunion at the Fairfax County teachers' meeting. Among those present were Catherine Harrison, Mozelle Powell, Gertrude Bowler, Margaret Bear, Delsie Hitt, and Mary M. Snead.

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"Virginia's New Hour" is a recent motion picture production exploiting the need of good roads development in that state, with the hope of leading young men back to the farms via the automobile route.—*Educational Film Magazine*.

Beginning with the next number of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER, Dr. John W. Wayland will contribute a series of questions and other aids for use with his *History of Virginia for Boys and Girls*. Dr. Wayland's extended experience and publications on history methods testify to the value of these contributions. A regular subscription to THE VIRGINIA TEACHER will secure this complete series of helps in teaching Virginia history.