Coming at the end of a quarter, December is always the busiest of the fall months. There are the last of the class basketball games, there is the Annual bazaar, there is the Christmas cantata, and there are the inevitable examinations lurking around the corner.

The holiday this year was longer than usual, beginning December 19th and ending January 5th. So long an intermission gave everybody an opportunity to rest up before the new term. Classes got off to a good start at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 6th. The second quarter will end Thursday, March 19th.

The Annual bazaar on December 12th was a "huge success," as The Breeze put it. More than $100 was cleared from the sale of articles contributed by students and from refreshment booths. It was a success also in that it offered an entertaining program made up of plays and stunts presented by various clubs. "A Christmas Dream," the offering of the Page Literary Society, was a pleasing playlet in which Margaret Leavitt had the role of a little girl happy in the anticipation of Christmas. A school room scene, with Ruth F. Lewis as mistress in charge, was presented by the Alpha Literary Society. It was announced as "An Old Fashioned School," but judging from the horse-play of the pupils it could hardly be said to represent accurately those model seats of learning which our forefathers attended with such admittedly satisfactory results. The Cotillion Club had an attractive dance scene as its stunt; the Lee Literary Society presented a scene from Tom Sawyer, Carolyn Weems as Tom and Margaret Clark as his sweetheart providing very attractive "trimmings" in the nature of a pretty love scene. The award for the best entertainment went to the Stratford Dramatic Club, which presented "Mrs. Santa Claus's Shop," a pantomime requiring a sure touch and classic restraint on the part of the actors.

Other entertainments during December included on the evening of December 5th a dramatic presentation of "The Cotter's Saturday Night," the third number in the lyceum series; on the following evening a recital by the music and expression students; on both December 5th and 6th presentation at the New Virginia Theatre downtown of a musical comedy, by name "Springtime," given under the auspices of the Harrisonburg Kiwanis Club, and including many of the college's terpsichorean, euterpean, and thalian artists in its cast; on December 9th a stereopticon lecture on "Trail Riders of the Rocky Mountains" by Lieut. Col. Phillip A. Moore, of the Bureau of Commercial Economics. The evening of December 14th, the last Sunday before the holidays, the Choral Club presented a Christmas cantata entitled "The Christ Child" in the New Virginia Theatre. For this occasion all the churches of the city joined in a union service.

Speakers at assembly during December included Miss Emma Gunther, associate professor of home economics of Teachers College, Columbia University; Miss Mary Barber, a home economics expert of Battle Creek, Michigan; Miss Helen Hodgson, travelling secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; and J. A. Garber, Treasurer of Rockingham county.

Anticipation runs high in prospect of several numbers to be offered students and faculty in the next two months. William W. Ellsworth, well known lecturer, is scheduled to speak the evening of January 28th on "Shakespeare and Old London." Carl Sandburg will lecture and read from his poems on Friday evening, February 13th. John Powell will give a piano recital at a date not yet decided on.
Following the class basketball games came a final clash between faculty women and the senior basketball team on December 13th. This contest was highly dramatic. Through three quarters the faculty team maintained a lead, “sitting pretty,” so they seemed to think—then the seniors whirled in and carried away a victory in the last ten minutes of play. But so far basketball has been in its preliminary stages. Beginning with the game with the women of Bridgewater College January 9th, the varsity team will keep its backers occupied for several months.

The schedule, as announced by Edwina Lambert, business manager, will make the most exacting demands a Harrisonburg team has yet had to face.

Never before have the “Star-Daughters” gone further afield than the State Normal School at Towson, Maryland, but this year a trip has been arranged that will include four games in a week and carry the team into middle Tennessee. The schedule:

- January 9—Bridgewater College, there.
- January 17—Bridgewater College, here.
- January 30—Farmville State Teachers College, here.
- February 6—Radford State Teachers College, there.
- February 17—Radford State Teachers College, there.
- February 20—George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.
- February 21—University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- March 6—Farmville State Teachers College, there.

As Peabody holds the championship of the South, having lost but three games out of the last ninety-three, Harrisonburg’s team of state championship quality will of course be on its mettle. In addition, it has been necessary to agree to a two-division court and a five-player team in the Peabody game. These modified girls’ rules will put a further handicap on the Virginia champs unless they can have a great deal of training in this style of game.

The line-up of last year’s championship sextet has undergone but one change, and that, owing to Martha Cockerill’s failure to return. Mrs. Johnston is working out a number of new girls, and Carolyn Weems, a substitute last year, is at present holding down the vacancy in guard. With Jessie Rosen and Wilmot Doan as forwards, Blanche Clore and Ruth Nickell as centers, Carolyn Weems and Sadie Harrison as guards, all Harrisonburg rooters can feel a good deal of satisfaction.

After enjoying a temporary leave of absence during which he was able to devote his entire time to writing, Dr. John W. Wayland, head of the History department, is again teaching classes. In the training school more extensive needs for practice teaching have resulted in the addition of Miss Katie Lee Rolston to the supervisory staff. Miss Marie Alexander, who assisted Miss Anthony during the fall quarter, has resigned to enter the George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville.

Completing the two-year professional course December 19th, the following students are accounted two-year graduates of the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg, and next June will formally receive their certificates: Ruth Caldwell Bransford, of Richmond; Annie Rose Camper, of Buchanan; Alma Frances Hodges, of Roanoke; Agnes Spencer Nunnally, of Green Bay; Ruby M. Fryor, of Sandidges; and Lucy Morton Raines, of Carson. At the same time Louise Margaret Keeling, of Danville, completed the four-year course in home economics, and will receive next June the Bachelor of Science degree.

The merit roll for the first quarter, as announced by Dr. Henry A. Converse, Registrar, contained eleven names: Clara Frances Lambert, McGaheysville; and Edith Rowland Ward, Norfolk, seniors;
Emma Graham Bold, Buena Vista, and Louise Westervelt Elliott, Norfolk, juniors; Mary Elizabeth Ellmore, Herndon, sophomore; and Mary Travers Armentrout, McGaheysville; Hilda Page Blue, Charlottesville; Virginia Laidley Field, Charleston, W. Va.; Helen Myrtle Goodson, Norfolk; Virginia Mae Turpin, Norfolk, and Ada Love Woore, Clearbrook, freshmen.

**ALUMNAE NOTES**

Hilda Benson (Mrs. B. H. Henshall) lives in Washington City. Her address is 125 Rock Creek Church Road. She still has a warm place in her heart for Blue-Stone Hill folk.

Mattie Worster is teaching in her home city of Portsmouth; those of our faculty who saw her in Richmond at Thanksgiving say that she looks as if she had never been in a hospital.

Theresa Bushong (Mrs. John Zirkle) lives in New Market and is active in promoting the civic and patriotic interests of her community.

Dina Dalton writes from Kindrick, Va., where she is enjoying her work as a teacher. She is doing a fine work among the boys and girls of Grayson County.

Lucile Harrison is teaching near home this year and so is enjoying her work very much. Occasionally she pays us a visit at Harrisonburg. In the December issue of the *Virginia Journal of Education* she has a fine illustrated article on the historical pageant which she helped to stage so successfully in Warrenton last year.

Hallie Hughes writes from Blacksburg and states that she is undertaking some advanced work at George Peabody College for Teachers. We wish her continued success.

Emma Winn, Carrie Bishop, and several more of our girls are teaching at Churchland. They have the advantages of the city of Portsmouth within easy reach.

Ruth Taliaferro writes from Elkton, where she has been teaching for several years. She is giving good evidence of keeping abreast with the best things in her profession.

Mabel Kiracofe is doing a fine work at Norview, near the city of Norfolk. She enjoys being in touch there with Stella Burns (as we used to know her) and other Harrisonburg girls.

Ettie Watson is teaching at Evington and lets us hear from her now and then.

Mary Lees Hardy is teaching in Baltimore. She has a heavy program but gets a good salary and is enjoying her work. Her address is 107 Hawthorne Road, Roland Park.

Saline Abernathy sends a good message from Dinwiddie. She says, "This is my third year here." Mayte Burns Glick is teaching in the same school.

Nora Crickenberger has a group of excellent helpers this year at Bassett. Among them are Carolyn Wine and Elizabeth Harley. They publish a breezy school paper called "River Ripples."

Marjorie Ober is teaching in Norfolk and remembers her friends at Harrisonburg.

Lillian Milner Garrison and Georgia Foreman Smith live down on the real Tidewater, but they still have pleasant memories of their sojourn in the mountains of Shenandoah.

Mary Rumburg says that it is not such a far cry from Blue-Stone Hill to Macedonia, Ohio, when one’s heart is in it—and we believe her.

Marie Purcell sends greetings from her home in Washington City and wishes to be remembered to all of her old friends.

Fay Morgan (Mrs. Joseph H. Neale) lives at Upper Lehigh, Pa., but does not forget former days in Old Virginia.

Gladys Brown (Mrs. Arno Friddle) enjoys her home and her life in Moorefield, W. Va., but is still loyal to the Shenandoah Valley.
Virginia Simpson writes from Norfolk and wishes to be remembered by the folks up here. Could anybody ever forget Jinny? Bernardine Knee is teaching in the high school at Middletown, but her parents have recently moved to Winchester.

Gladys McKee holds a fine position in the schools of Washington City.

Katie Winfrey, Katharine Reaguer, Clothilde Rodes, and several more of our girls are teaching at Culpeper and in the vicinity.

Janet Bailey (Mrs. Fred Lee Troy) lives at historic Big Stone Gap, in the John Fox country.

Roselyn Brownley is enjoying her work in Norfolk. She sends us a message now and then and is happy over the news she hears of the “Breeze.”

Elizabeth Murphy holds a good position at Dawson Springs, Kentucky. We hope she will visit us again at commencement.

Hester Thomas lives at Culpeper and teaches there. She has a double reason for being happy.

Mrs. Bess Hurt Burchfield writes from the great Southwest. It is a great country, both in size and in achievements.

Emily Burger, now Mrs. Austin, makes a visit to the Natural Bridge now and then (it is near her home) and wishes that all of her Harrisonburg friends could see it with her.

Elizabeth Greaves (Mrs. Page) mails a Christmas card at White Marsh, Gloucester County. Her home is near there.

Lucile Early (Mrs. Fray) sends a fine message from Advance Mills, in Albemarle County. Lucile is very much at home there. Her home is a joy to her old friends who are lucky enough to visit her. Of course, nobody can think of Lucile without also thinking of Mary.

Mary Lancaster Smith (Mrs. E. E. Garrison) gives her address as 547 Lee Street, St. Petersburg, Fla. She says: “It is great to be here to enjoy the warmth of the climate and the beauty of the flowers. Have already met people who know Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.”

Eunice Lipscomb sends a Christmas card from Crewe, but we suppose she is teaching again at Critz, near Sallie Cooper’s home, in the land of the lucky stones.

Marguerite Garrett (Mrs. Etheridge) lives in Miami, Florida. She sends greetings to all her old friends in Virginia.

Mary Abbott Cook, who graduated in 1914 and taught for several years at Stuart, Virginia, before she became the wife of Rev. E. E. Lane and went to the mission field in Brazil, writes interesting letters from her station in Sao Sebastiao Do Paraiso, Estade de Minas, Brazil.

“Folks back home have a small opinion of Brazil,” she says. “One of our missionary ladies when in the U. S. A. at college was asked by a supposed-to-be intelligent lady if Brazil was as large as Augusta County (Virginia, of course), and only this week one of us received a letter asking us to be nice to a friend of the writer who was on his way to Brazil and whose address shows he will be as far from Sao Sebastiao do Paraisco as Florida is from Virginia.”

It seems that one place is about as dangerous (considering the pointed darts of one hight Cupid) as another around Bluestone Hill. Just a little while ago it was “Miss Lough”; now it is “Mrs. Phalen.” Please remember when you ask for your mail. Only a few days since it was “Miss Eleanor Sublett”; now it is “Mrs. John England Catlin.” All during the summer and fall it was “Professor McIlwraith”; now it is “Professor and Mrs. McIlwraith.” And so it goes. This is the way of the world. Sooner or later Cupid will get ’em all. Well, long life, happiness, and prosperity to you all!