revenues up till the meeting of the 1928 General Assembly to this institution—a total of $1,399,058.00, of which sum $976,658.00 was for support and the remaining $422,500.00 for buildings, etc.

I think I can safely say that nowhere else in the State has as much real value been secured for anything like the same expenditure.

The value of this institution to the City and County along commercial lines is hard to estimate, but it is conceded to be Harrisonburg's most valuable asset. Its contribution to the moral, educational, religious, and social uplift cannot be measured in dollars. The thousands of young women from all parts of the State who have received inspiration and training here have gone out into the world to give others the advantages of this training, and the broader outlook. Those of them who have seen fit to accept woman's highest responsibility—that of wife and homemaker—are better equipped to make the home ideal than their less fortunate sisters.

The wisdom of establishing these three schools seems fully vindicated; their growth has been as rapid as the finances of the State would permit. All of these institutions are filled and unable to accommodate many who seek admission—and the benefit of the training they give.

George B. Keezell

Of 6,404 themes on “My Best Teacher,” written by pupils in schools of Cleveland, Ohio, by assignment of the elementary supervisor, to determine what present-day school children like best in their teachers, 5,118 mentioned traits of character, 3,621 had to do with teaching ability, 1,896 with discipline, and 262 with personal appearance. The statement that “She did not scold” was made by 555 pupils; and the teacher's participation in different school activities was mentioned by 603 pupils. High school students emphasized a sense of humor.

LETTERS OF FELICITATION MARKING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT HARRISONBURG

One feature of the Founders' Day program held in Walter Reed Hall at 10:30 a.m. on March 14, 1928, was the reading of letters of felicitation. These letters are reprinted complete.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
March 11, 1928.

Samuel P. Duke, President,
The State Teachers College,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Duke:

On the approaching celebration of Founder's Day, which is to be held in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the establishing of your institution at Harrisonburg, permit me to offer both to yourself and your college my very kindest personal and official regards.

The work being accomplished by your institution is notable and of great benefit to the whole State. The State Teachers Colleges throughout Virginia are recognized as tremendous factors in the advancement of education. Among this group of institutions the college at Harrisonburg ranks proudly. It is with real pleasure I send to the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg greetings from Virginia and wish for the institution the highest measure of continued success.

Most cordially yours,
H. F. Byrd,
Governor.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND
March 9, 1928.

Mr. S. P. Duke,
President State Teachers College,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Duke:

I learn with great interest that on Wed-
nesday, March 14th, you will celebrate Founders' Day at your college.

Will you permit me to say in connection with this anniversary that the founding of your institution is made particularly significant by the great service it is now rendering to public education in Virginia and to the State in general? Of course, the individual teacher is the crux of the whole public school program. If she be thoroughly trained and inspired by high ideals, her contribution to the school system and to the welfare of the State is most liberal.

Any teacher training institution which prepares teachers in thorough fashion and impresses upon them high ideals for service to the Commonwealth occupies of course a strategic position in the State's educational and social advancement. The type of work done at Harrisonburg has beyond all question made precisely this contribution to the teachers who have been trained there and through them has made an even higher contribution to the State.

With best wishes, I am
Yours very truly,

Harris Hart,
Superintendent Public Instruction.

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CITY OF HARRISONBURG

VIRGINIA

March 14, 1928.

State Teachers College,
Mr. S. P. Duke, President,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the City of Harrisonburg, which I have the honor of serving as Mayor, I wish to extend to the State Teachers College felicitations on this the twentieth anniversary of the date which brought this institution into being.

It is very unusual that any educational institution, without endowment and dependent upon the necessarily limited support which a state is able to supply, should make such a remarkable development in a score of years. That it has done so is a tribute not only to the management of the school since its foundation, but also to the wisdom which originally located it in this beautiful Valley and caused it to have so great an appeal to prospective students.

It is impossible to recount the many and varied benefits which the State Teachers College has brought to Harrisonburg. The economic and business value of its presence, which is reflected in our mercantile establishments, is of course apparent. But there is a value greater than this material one, which grows from its effect upon the social and cultural atmosphere of the City and of this entire section. It is inevitable that the presence of a great educational institution should benefit any community in many ways other than material; and this has been particularly true in this case.

The relations of the City of Harrisonburg and its people with the College have always been close and cordial. The school system of the City has grown and benefited by its contact with the College and by the aid it has received from it, and I wish officially to express appreciation of this helpfulness. The assistance and interest which the College has always extended to any movement or enterprise of public good has been a source of delight to the people of the City and one for which they are very grateful.

It is my sincere and earnest wish, in which I know I am joined by all officials of the City government, that these cordial and helpful relations will continue through the years, and that both the College and the City will continue to grow and prosper out of this helpful relationship.

Yours very sincerely,

Sheffey L. Devier,
Mayor.

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To the President and Faculty of the State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.

Greetings:

The State Teachers College has been, from its foundation twenty years ago, a friend of the public schools of Rockingham
County and much of the progress that has been made is due to the influence of this institution. Of the two hundred and seventy white teachers in the schools of the county, ninety per cent have spent some time in study here, and many of them are graduates. It is clear, therefore, that the spirit of this college controls in the schools of the county.

This spirit calls for a high standard of scholarship. We must know before we can teach. Those who pass through this college have found that one of the things required of the students is accurate scholarship.

The second thing that marks the Harrisonburg graduate is skill in teaching. We once thought knowledge of subject matter a sufficient recommendation for the teacher, but we now believe that knowing how to impart this knowledge is highly important. The time spent here by graduates in actual classroom teaching under the supervision of expert teachers, insures to our schools that those graduates will, under average conditions, become successful teachers from the beginning.

I find a third characteristic in those who are educated here. It is their high standard of professional attitude, which makes it a pleasure to work with them. They are interested in teaching, and anxious to be of the highest service wherever they accept positions. They are prompt and accurate with reports, eager to improve conditions in their schools, willing to take suggestions, and ready to cooperate with other teachers.

A fourth characteristic found in the graduate of this institution is that high sense of responsibility as a leader in a community and as an example before children. wholesome ideals of conduct are as necessary in a teacher as ability to teach subject matter, and this phase of education has not been neglected here.

It has been a pleasure to me to observe the gradual improvement in the teaching force in my county and I am glad I can come here to give credit where the credit belongs.

The establishment of the Teachers College in Harrisonburg has made it possible for hundreds of young women of the county to continue their education and fit themselves for useful service. Many of these have driven back and forth from their homes and thus have secured their training at a minimum of cost. It is hard to estimate what the school has meant to these young people.

The teachers of this college have always been willing and ready to render any service possible to the schools of the county, by giving assistance in teachers' meetings, speaking at public gatherings, and by using their influence for progress in education. I have never yet asked for advice or help in any way that it has been denied.

If the schools of the county are better organized than they were ten years ago, if better instruction is given, much of this improvement is due to the influence of this institution.

The institution has grown because it has been useful and it is my hope that it may continue to expand.

Respectfully yours,
John C. Myers.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA
March 14, 1928.

To The President and Board of Trustees,
State Teachers College,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure for the Chamber of Commerce of Harrisonburg to have the opportunity of extending felicitations to the State Teachers College of this city upon the occasion of its Twentieth Anniversary. Your growth has been phenomenal and the future of the school is exceedingly bright.

The Chamber of Commerce, representing, as it does, the business interests of Harrisonburg, may well speak of the commercial value of your school in our city. Business has been stimulated and kept on a higher plane because of the purchasing ability of
the students of your college. Business relations with the faculty and students have been pleasant and this patronage is appreciated by our merchants.

While speaking of the commercial value of the school to the community, the businessmen are well aware of the educational and cultural influence of your institution. Roger Babson, that eminent statistician and observer of business, has so aptly said in substance, "The real assets of any community are not measured by its factories, its mines, its transportation facilities, and its business houses, so much as by its human resources." All these things are produced by the human resources of any community and are based upon individual initiative and aggressiveness.

The Chamber of Commerce believes that your institution is primarily engaged in the development of character and the building of human resources. In recognition of these high and worthy principles which inspire an institution of learning, the Chamber of Commerce enthusiastically congratulates you upon the completion of twenty years of service and expresses the hope that your college will continue to grow and prosper during the years to come.

Respectfully yours,
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Reuben L. Humbert,
Secretary.

To The President of The State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.:
The Kiwanis Club of Harrisonburg finds it a very happy privilege to extend greetings and felicitations to the State Teachers College on this the twentieth anniversary occasion.

To you, Mr. President, Members of the Board of Trustees and Faculty, in whose keeping the nurture and life of this splendid institution has rested so securely, we beg to voice our sincere appreciation.

Through the two decades past you wrought more nobly than you knew. Through your vision, your loyalty, your faith, and your patient industry and sacrifice you have not only built here upon Blue Stone Hill one magnificent structure following another until you have given to us a plant second to none in the state; but, far more important, you have been building life: life prepared for service not only through curricula marked by a high standard of scholarship, but by enriching personality through a lofty idealism.

Out from these sacred portals have gone those fine young women by the scores and by the hundreds, whose training of mind and heart has carried to the youth of the state and nation a consecrated and glorified service that has been a rich contribution to our generation.

It should be said in particular that the Harrisonburg State Teachers College, beginning with a high standard of scholarship twenty years ago, has gradually expanded and elevated that standard until today her offerings serve as a pattern and model for a number of other schools throughout the country.

It is fitting on this occasion that the city of Harrisonburg and the great county of Rockingham should make public acknowledgment of the large debt of gratitude due this institution for the high order of public service rendered by you. Your well deserved success has meant more to the city and county than may be computed. Financial considerations may be reckoned, but not so with the personal values of life. Not only this generation, but the one following, and still another and another will rise up and call you blessed.

May I not suggest that it is significant that you are so happily located? Our beautiful Valley has been the camping ground of heroes without number; from her soil have sprung the noble and great, the illustrious of history, the gentle, fair and true who fostered the great within the cloister of an ideal home life. When we behold the marvelously beautiful expression of the Creator's handiwork about us, we must conclude that He
was in a most happy mood when he unrolled this wondrous valley, with its ten thousand charming hills at whose feet nestle vales of peace and contentment, while a myriad of crystal streams leap from hillside in a chorus of merry laughter and go singing on their way to the sea; and then jealous of this wealth of charm and beauty which He had created. He stationed on either side as mute sentinels, our noble mountains. From aeon to aeon they shall ever guard in their silent majesty the priceless treasures that lie within the Valley of the Shenandoah.

It is most meet that our college should be set in surroundings so inspiring and that her services should be in keeping with her setting. We congratulate you upon the completion of twenty years of most fruitful endeavor; your success has been abundant; your quality of achievement has been of a high order. We express the hope that this celebration on this Founders Day may but mark the beginning of a larger day of service for you; and that many generations yet unborn may sit at your feet and learn the ways of usefulness and happiness!

Mr. President, the Kiwanis Club of Harrisonburg begs you to accept this feeble expression of appreciation in the name of the institution which you represent and which we love.

J. A. GABAER, President
Harrisonburg Kiwanis Club.

The Rotary Club of City of Harrisonburg brings greetings to the President, Faculty, Student Body, and Distinguished Visitors. We consider it a compliment to be permitted to take part in the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the passage of the Act of the Legislature founding this Institution.

It is a pleasure to have present the Hon. Geo. B. Keezell, to whose untiring effort and leadership among men, more than to any other person, this splendid educational influence was brought to our city, the Valley, and the western part of the State.

We are sorry that Dr. Julian Burruss, now of Blacksburg, Va., could not be present on this auspicious occasion. It was his executive ability, fine judgment, and knowledge of men and affairs, that were so successfully exerted in the beginning, and during his presidency of the Normal School, to make that school a marked success. He not only succeeded in interweaving his fine personality in the growth of the school, but equally so in the affections and lives of our citizens, so that it may be said that he built here an enduring monument to himself that can never be forgotten while this institution lasts.

It must be with feelings of strong emotion and personal pride that President Samuel Duke views the celebration of this anniversary, because he took charge of this institution when it was yet a Normal School for Women, and, by persistent effort, wide vision, and ability that enabled him to make his dreams come true, has placed the institution where it occupies one of the foremost places among the Teachers College for Women in the South.

The citizens of our community are not unmindful, but, on the other hand, deeply sensible of and grateful for the fine influence that the College has had, is now having, and will continue to have on the material advancement of Harrisonburg. The money spent with our merchants is a most desirable asset. But it is chiefly in the influence for intellectual and cultural development that we profit most. We can recall with pleasure the influence which the president and members of the faculty have exerted in our civic growth, taking a warm interest in the development of our schools, in the chamber of commerce, in tax reform, in the public library, in the hospital, in various club activities, and in the church.

The Rotary Club, being based solely on ideals, and the duty of trying to make them come true in the individual life, and, thus, extend its power for good, to communities, states, and countries of the world, feels
that it should congratulate this institution on this happy occasion, for the place it is filling, the influence it is exerting, upon the intellectual, moral and spiritual development and advancement of our section and State. Its influence is felt far and near. This is an occasion of peculiar pride to those controlling its policies and directing its energies, because, by high standards of efficiency, the spiritual, cultural growth of our people is in the van of their material advancement and progress.

Harrisonburg Rotary wishes the President of this institution, and all connected with it, to have the continued assurance that the best wishes and active efforts of it, and of the people of our city with whom they are intimately identified, are now, have been, and always will be extended, and exerted, to help you to grow, in power and influence. We wish you to know that our hopes and our prayers are yours at all times and to the utmost limit.

LAW OFFICES
CONRAD AND CONRAD
HARRISONBURG, VA.
March 14, 1928.
Samuel P. Duke, Esq.,
President, State Teachers College,
City.
Dear Sir:

An important engagement in Court this morning prevents my being present and participating in the celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the College here.

The belief of all of us who had a part in securing the location of this College at Harrisonburg was that it would not only be an institution which would serve the needs of young women of this section of the State, in securing a higher education than they might otherwise obtain, but that through it the entire State would be enriched beyond computation in preparing its women for great service. We have seen these beliefs fully realized. The student body which has come to this school year after year has been composed of young women whose very faces expressed the purpose of rendering back to Virginia a life of high endeavor. The faculties which have been in charge have been faithful and efficient in all things. A wonderful record has been the consequence. I unite with the many who are today sending to you and the college sincere congratulations and best wishes for the continued growth and usefulness of the College.

Very truly,
Geo. N. Conrad.

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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
(STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE)
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA
March 12, 1928.

President S. P. Duke,
Harrisonburg, Va.
Dear President Duke:

Having gone out too soon after a mild attack of the "flu," I suffered a relapse and the doctor has me in bed again for several days. This is a great disappointment to me, as I have been looking forward to Wednesday morning with the keenest pleasure.

While many Harrisonburg men and others helped, the greatest credit for the establishment of the institution undoubtedly belongs to Senator Keezell. Had it not been for his wise leadership, his personal influence, and his hard work, the result could not have been attained.

Credit for the successful organization of the institution, and the beginning of its work, belongs to my colleagues in that first extraordinary faculty. Whatever was accomplished in those early years resulted from their splendid ability, their unbounded enthusiasm, and their fine personal interest.

As I look back over the twenty years, my heart is full of gratitude to the Great Architect and Builder, under whose divine guidance our institution has been able to serve so well. My ardent prayer is that the faith which has characterized our "Blue-
stone Hill’ from the beginning may never lag or fail, but that laboring in this faith she may go forward steadily to ever greater and better development for service to God and the Commonwealth.

Very cordially yours,

Julian A. Burruss.

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