
The revised edition of this excellent text is in keeping with the high standard set by the authors and their publishers in their science publications. The present edition marks a number of improvements in an already deservedly popular text on general science: it has been almost entirely rewritten, and the results of recent scientific discoveries and educational experimentation have necessitated the addition of some new material in connection with a number of topics. Particular attention has been given to household, community, and industrial problems. At the beginning of each chapter a list of questions for discussion gives special significance to the text and the experimental work which follows. A large number of new illustrations are included. The text represents undoubtedly much of the best thought on the subject of general science and will meet a response commensurate with its merits.

James C. Johnston

THE YOUNG WOMAN CITIZEN. by Mary Austin. 600 Lexington Avenue, New York: The Woman's Press. 1920. 183 pages. (Paper, $1.00; cloth, $1.75).

Mrs. Austin, in addressing the women of America, aims to awaken in them a sense of their social and moral obligations in establishing the world-democracy. The book is a brilliant presentation of the responsibilities that are assumed with the privilege of voting, together with a comprehensive survey of the development of the citizen from the age of savage tribes to the “present era of tumbling autocracies.” Mrs. Austin is one of the most eminent women of to-day. She has lived in different parts of the world and has been a close observer of civic, economic, and social conditions. She writes easily and beautifully, but she has passed from the academic stage to the arena of life and is accordingly more concerned now about telling people the truth than she is about saying things that are merely pleasant. “The Young Woman Citizen” is a book that should prove of interest and practical value to all of our citizens.

J. W. Wayland


This compact little book is edited with all the care which the Clarendon Press name implies, though the number of actual notes is reduced to the minimum. It contains a discriminating and sympathetic introduction and the essays on Wordsworth by Coleridge, Hazlitt, and Do Quincey. The selections from the poet himself cover the pick of his shorter poems and more than forty pages of his prose. Valuable as is this last in giving Wordsworth’s poetic creed, one might regret—if a reviewer must seek something to regret, even in the most satisfying book—that the volume does not include also some rich passages from the Prelude in which are found these same views, but uplifted and winged with poetry.

Elizabeth P. Cleveland

VIII

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The largest enrolment in the history of the school registered for the first term of the twelfth summer session. At the end of the first week the figure stood at 646; and advance registration for the second term already points to a registration in excess of 250. The increase in registration for the second term, August 1 to September 2, is due to the fact that all courses offered during the first term will be repeated; and to the additional fact that many persons who could not get accommodations for the first term preferred Harrisonburg during August to any other school during July.

Through the good offices of President Duke, Governor Westmoreland Davis, who was passing through the Valley in his automobile, was prevailed on to speak at assembly the morning of June 28. Addressing an audience composed almost entirely of teachers in service, the Governor took occasion to remind his hearers that it was through teachers and only through teachers that there can be aroused a public conscience which will help in the solution of the world’s present woes. “The schools,” said Governor Davis, “must teach children their relation to government, their participation in government, the relation of nations to world peace, the importance of law enforcement.”

Discussing the question of world peace, the Governor said teachers must mold the coming generation to the idea that it is not necessary to live in a state of armament. “It is idle to talk of peace, if we are all the while spending three-fourths of our revenues to keep ourselves armed to the teeth.”

Year in and year out, the temperature at
Harrisonburg during the summer school sessions is appreciably cooler than at any of the other large summer schools of the state. Its location in the Valley of Virginia, with cool blue mountains visible to the east and to the west; its nights when blankets must be pulled up; its excursions to mountains, springs, and caverns—all these are drawing cards, and perhaps have some influence on the large enrolment which the Harrisonburg summer school enjoys.

But this summer! What heat! What lazy afternoons! What sudden showers! Can one hereafter sing paens in praise of Harrisonburg's summer school climate?

Hard to say, you think? No. The question would never have been raised if there were not an easy answer. We can conscientiously look forward to Harrisonburg as the coolest summer school in the state when 1922 comes around. For hot as it is in Harrisonburg, reports from all the others assure us that we are still the coolest—even this hot weather.

Harrisonburg boasts one of the few training schools available for summer school students in the entire South. More than 240 children of Harrisonburg are enrolled, and under the direction of Miss Ethel Spilman regular instruction is being given in the first seven grades. Ten normal school students are doing their practicum teaching under the supervision of Dean W. J. Gifford, practical teaching having been introduced for the first time this summer.

The school has been popular for several summers, but the present enrolment is much the largest it has enjoyed. It became necessary to increase the staff of teachers, so many children applied. This was accomplished through the cooperation of the City School Board of Harrisonburg. The training school consists of Miss Ethel Spilman, principal; Miss Georgiana Stephenson, of the Waterman School, Harrisonburg, seventh grade; Miss Vada Whitesel, of the Main Street School, Harrisonburg, sixth grade; Miss Catherine Harrison, of Clarendon, Fairfax county, fifth grade; Miss Katie Lee Ralston, of the Main Street School, fourth grade; Miss Sara Roller, of Harrisonburg, third grade; Miss Pauline Miley, of Winchester, second grade; and Miss Martha Christian, of Winchester, first grade.

Assembly period comes early these summer mornings—at 9:30 out under the big tent top in the open-air auditorium. For some strange reason it never rains at this hour and the period out in the open prepares one to go through the rest of the day with fewer sighs about how hot it is. During the first week of the summer session a number of the clergymen of the city participated in the exercises, and there have also been some pleasant mornings devoted to music.

Services have been conducted and talks made by Rev. J. C. Copenhaver, of the Methodist church; Rev. J. E. Leslie, of the Lutheran church; Rev. Dr. B. F. Wilson, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. V. H. Persons, of the Baptist church; Rev. Ernest Coffman, of the Church of the Brethren; and Rev. Walter Williams, of the Episcopal church.

Musical programs have included the enjoyable solos of Miss Essie Stofberg, of Baltimore, and of Miss Dorothy Williams, of Newport News. One morning Rabbi J. E. Schwanenfeldt of Harrisonburg gave a program in which he discussed each of the songs, ending with "Cedest Aida." Another morning W. H. Keister, of Harrisonburg, who is almost as good a "sing" leader as he is school superintendent, got the whole crowd to smiling and singing as they had never sung before. He called for "pep" and got it.

The Clifford Devereux Company of Players presented three excellent performances in the open-air auditorium Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2. Maeterlinck's Monna Vanna was given as the opening play, with Rostand's The Romancers as a matinee and Bulwer-Lytton's Richelieu Saturday evening. Unfortunately the attendance was smallest Saturday evening when by far the most effective dramatic number was given. Mr. Devereux gave a striking delineation of the crafty cardinal; and on every hand it was said that Devereux in Richelieu was the best thing that a summer school audience had seen here in years.
On the Wednesday morning preceding the arrival of the Devereux company, Conrad T. Logan spoke at assembly of the three dramatists, indicating briefly the character of each of the plays.

President S. P. Duke attended the summer meeting of the National Education Association at Des Moines, At N. E. A. Iowa, July 3 to 10. Mr. Meeting Duke went as a representative of the Virginia State Teachers Association by appointment of its president, Dr. Wm. R. Smithey, of the University of Virginia.

Departing from the usual custom of a faculty reception during the first week of the summer session, the committee this year arranged in its stead a “Faculty Frolic” for Saturday night, June 25.

The affair was to have been held in the new orchard, part of the newly-acquired Smythe property, and was announced by the summer school social director, Miss Randolph, as an “orchard-warming.”

But “the rain it raineth every day,” and so the affair was transferred to the dining hall. Members of the faculty officiated at various tables, serving all kinds of picnic delicacies—including the inevitable hot-dog—to all comers, cafeteria-style.

Suffice it to say that a “pleasant time was had by all.”

Dr. Converse, Registrar, has announced the following honor list of students for the third quarter, session of 1921:

**Third Quarter Honor Degree Class—** All “A”;
- Sal Lewis Browne, Mrs. W. G. LeHew, Loudelle Virginia Potts, and Vergilia Pendleton Sadler. As near “A” as “B”, or nearer: Julia Ethel Parrott, Lena Maude Reed.

**Senior Class—** All “A”;

**Junior Class—** All “A”;
- Frances M. Barham. As near “A” as “B”, or nearer: Marion C. Adams, Meade E. Feild, Gladys E. Goodman, Mary E. Eskridge, Marguerite E. Goodman, Olive M. Coffman, Una M. Lewis, Isabel A. Sparrow, Constance E. Martin, Mary Louise Overton, Celia P. Swecker.

**Recent Appointments**

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As word is received each day from other graduates not included in the following list, The Virginia Teacher hopes to publish a supplementary list in the August issue which will inform readers as to the prospective location of those students not here included.

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- Willie Branham — Grammar Grades, Cherrydale.
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Mary Ferguson, B. S. — Grammar Grades, Richmond.
Louise Gibboney — Science, Lawrenceville High School.
Gladys Gwynn—Primary Grades, Norfolk.
Grace Henty—Grammar Grades, Roanoke.
Marion Hodges — Primary Grades, Portsmouth.
Rosa Hopkins — Home Economics, Central Academy, Patrick County.
Frankie Jones—Primary Grades, New castle.
Lena Kemp — Home Economics and Grammar Grades, Hampton.
Marie Kilby—Grammar Grades, Winchester.
Reba Kramar—Primary Grades, Rappahannock County.
Lucie Land—Primary Grades, Danville.
Gladys Lee—Junior High School Mathematics, Winchester.
Mrs. William LeHew — Grammar Grades, Harrisonburg.
Blanche McCauley — Grammar Grades, New Hope.
Lucile McClung—Primary Grades, Harrisonburg.
Margaret Martin—Grammar Grades, Middlebrook.
Vernice Miller—Primary Grades, Norfolk.
Vada Miller—Grammar Grades, Rural Demonstration, Junior High School, Pleasant Hill.
Jessie Mish—Primary Grades, Staunton.
Ruth Moon—French and English, Richlands High School.
Charlotte Morris—Grammar Grades, Rappahannock County.
Hellen Muse—Primary Grades, Petersburg.
Lula Phipps—Grammar Grades, Chincoteague.
Loudelle Potts, B. S.—Home Economics, Winchester High School.
Elizabeth Redd—Home Economics, Barhamsville Junior High School.
Lena Reed, B. S.—Latin, Martinsburg (W. Va.) High School.
Edythe Robson—Grammar Grades, McLean.
Ruth Rodes, B. S.—Science, Woodrow Wilson High School, Portsmouth.
Emily Round—Science and Home Economics, McLean High School.
Vergilia Sadler, B. S.—English, Fairfax Hall Academy.
Frances Sawyer—Primary Grades, Norfolk.
Mary Elizabeth Smith — Grammar Grades, Cherrrydale.
Gertrude Smith — Grammar Grades, Cherrrydale.
Frances Tabb—Grammar Grades, Portsmouth.
Alma Tatum—Home Economics, Apple Grove High School.
Mary Thrasher, B. S.—Primary Grades, Norfolk.
Edith Ward—Primary Grades, Norfolk.
Genevieve Warwick—Home Economics, Norfolk Elementary Schools.
Elizabeth Wimbish — Private Kindergarten, Roanoke.
Iona Wimbrough—Grammar Grades, Chincoteague.
Ruth Woody—Primary Grades, Portsmouth.

IX

NEWS AND NOTES OF THE ALUMNAE

Miss S. Frances Sale, formerly a valued member of the faculty of the Harrisonburg Normal School, but more recently of the Mississippi State College for Women, was a visitor recently welcomed by our school and town. At present her headquarters are at Lexington, Mississippi, but she is traveling over the country examining into the conditions of instructions and of beneficiaries who, in obtaining an education, receive aid from some benevolent fund.

Miss Elizabeth Cleveland attended the wedding of Miss Jennie Loving and Mr. William Hugh Sadler at Wilmington, Virginia, on the morning of June 29. Miss Loving was one of our honor graduates in 1916 and has since proved herself a most excellent teacher and school principal. Mr. Sadler, a young business man of Charlottesville, is brother to Miss Vergilia Sadler, who this year took the B. S. degree here.