

## NOTES OF THE SCHOOL AND ITS ALUMNAE

### INKLINGS

This is a time of prizes. Soon there are to be awards of the Dingleline Prize for the best Senior Essay and of the Snyder Prize for the best piece of writing in *The Breeze*. Both are awards worth coveting. But out of a class of a hundred and fifty—nay, out of the entire student body of four hundred, and out of a larger circle of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER's several thousand readers—there is surely a place for a Consolation Prize.

And so the Inkler is going to offer a Consolation Prize. It will go to the reader of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER who offers the best statement (Limit: 100 words) to support one of the following titles for this department: Inklings, Winklings, Tinklings, Twinklings, Thinklings, Blinkings, even Sinklings! The range is wide, my masters. You may build indiscriminately on Inklings. You may justify your title as wittily as you will. You need not use all of your hundred words. Our only reservation is that to us shall go all copyright privileges, "including that of translation into foreign languages, including Scandinavian!"

The Consolation Prize will be a book—and if there is any work of man that offers consolation more than another, it is a book. The winner is not required to read the book, but such a book as the Inkler has chosen will charm, will lure, will inveigle, will intrigue its new owner into being read, we are confident.—Come one; come all. Send in your words before July 1, and address them to the Inkler, care of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER.

Well, there are many newswes to report: *Breeze* news, Y. W. news, musical news, literary society news, athletic news, dramatic news, honorary society news,—even faculty news! In the midst of such bounty it is hard to know where to begin.

The student body has chosen as editor of the 1923-24 *Breeze* Margaret Ritchie, of Petersburg. Miss Ritchie was an honor graduate at the Petersburg High School a year ago, and has made a fine record at Harrisonburg during the past year. She has appointed as one of her assistant editors Doris Persinger, of Salem. Emily Hogge, of York county, who has during the past year been an

indefatigable getter-of-ads in her capacity of assistant business manager, has been elected manager of next year's *Breeze*. Her assistant will be named in the fall. Reporters who have thus far been elected are Clarinda Holcomb, of Roanoke, Mary Warren, of Norfolk, and Shirley McKinney, of Hinton, West Virginia. Three other reporters will be chosen in the fall.

The newly-elected Y. W. C. A. cabinet has recently had the benefit of visits from Miss Stella Scurlock, one of the national secretaries, and Miss Virginia Pritchard, a Secretary of the National Students Volunteer Movement. Barbara Schwarz, Y. W. president, with the other two of "the Danville trio"—Susie Geoghegan and Bertha McCollum—leaves June 1 for Blue Ridge, North Carolina, to attend the Southern Students' Y. W. C. A. Conference for ten days. Virginia Campbell, of Salem, Y. W. vice-president, and Miss Myrtle Wilson, a Y. W. faculty adviser, will also go to Blue Ridge.

Musically speaking, we have moved allegro, sometimes allegro molto. "The Gypsy Rover" was an andante performance, with legato movement. It contained some very pretty songs, and members of the Choral Club, with the assistance of Harrisonburg talent in the men's parts, made a fine impression with their audience.—We have enjoyed programs of song by the Bridgewater College quartet, shouting gleefully at their young man who "had nothing else to do," and their old man who kept "settin' 'round the fire." Mr. W. H. Ruebush, composer of "Old Virginia," was highly entertaining with his account in assembly of service in France during the war, and won great applause by singing the story of the admonitory parrot.—There have been a number of recitals: town pupils, school pupils, tiny folks, and then just joint recitals. These have been largely attended and have given every evidence of the careful training pupils in music are receiving.—One of the most literally allegro molto entertainments was the program presented in assembly May 25 when Professor and Mrs. Nevin Fisher and Miss Grace Berlin, of Bridgewater College, played three duos, two numbers from Mozart's D Major Sonata, and the Scherzo of St. Saens.

May Day ceremonies by the Senior class were particularly attractive, and utilized with



telling effect the natural beauties of the open air auditorium. Such a distinctive setting as Harrisonburg thus affords for its pageants and spectacles and plays is always a source of pride with us.—The Senior Tree planting took place on May 14, and never was tree more rich in wishes. What with Miss Aiken's hope that it would be an artistic tree, Miss Lovell's hope that it might be a healthy tree, Dr. Gifford's that this hemlock—like his memory of the Class of 1923—might be evergreen, Miss Cleveland's that it would be a tree that did not cavort over the campus as some trees have, and Dr. Wayland's hope that eventually it might be a pair-tree, the 1923 hemlock got off to a quick start. One need only look at it to see how fast it is growing!

"The Twig of Thorn" was the delightful little play presented in Sheldon Hall by students in expression May 9. Following was a one-act piece in which the Nine Muses, in Greek costume, met in convention assembled. The first play was Irish in its setting, and depicted realistically the Irish peasant and his home.—Already announcement has been made that Edna St. Vincent Millay's play, "The Lamp and Bell," originally produced at Vassar College, will be given as the Senior Class play during finals. The author of this play is a brilliant young woman who has attained a wide reputation for her poetry. Only a week ago Miss Millay received the award of the Pulitzer Prize of \$1,000 for the best volume of poems published in America in 1922.

The literary societies have often held formal debates during the closing weeks of the session. Following the establishment of a third literary society over a year ago, it was decided to hold a reading contest, each of the three societies being represented by two readers. The contest took place at assembly May 23, and although the judges' first ballots gave one vote each to representatives of the three societies, the final decision was in favor of Miss Louise O'Callaghan, of the Page Society, whose reading was the difficult scene from Macbeth (Act I, Scene V) in which Lady Macbeth receives her husband's letter and later greets him: "Your face, my thane, is as a book where men may read strange matters". Each of the literary societies presented a special program during recent months: The Lees on January 19, the Laniers on May 3, and the Pages on April 23. All of these pro-

grams were commemorative of the men whose names the societies bear.

The annual Field Day came this year on May 12 and brought with it more than ever the spirit of class competition. Mrs. Johnston's high school seniors arranged the program of events, and worked in committees on all its details. It was a complete success; but this opinion was held most strongly by Juniors who won 49 points in the contest as against the Seniors' 25. There were nine events: 100-yard hurdle, pitching basketball goal for accuracy, running high jump, throwing basketball for distance, sack race, 75-yard dash, three-legged race, hop-step-and-leap, and the always amusing dress relay.—Not to be outdone by students, the faculty had its own annual field-and-stream day on May 19. Brock's Gap was chosen for the faculty picnic, partly because of its excellent wading facilities, but also because it offered beautiful scenery and easy accessibility. Miss McGuire, as always, saw to it that there was a bountiful "feed," and conveyed also a formal gift from thoughtful students: a sticky, viscid, saccharine substance known as "lollypops." Mr. Duke ate his with rare enthusiasm.

An addition to the Harrisonburg faculty next year will be Mr. Clyde P. Shorts, who has taught education here during several summers past and who has had several classes during the session of 1922-23. Mr. Shorts is a graduate of the Edinboro State Normal School, in Pennsylvania, and of the University of Pittsburg. For several years he has been a member of the faculty of the Harrisonburg High School.

The installation of the Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Omega took place in Sheldon Hall the evening of May 24. This honorary society was established some years ago at the State Normal School at Farmville, and the formation of a chapter at Harrisonburg is the first step in a plan to bring about the extension of the society to teachers colleges all over the country. The society members are chosen in recognition of distinction in scholarship, leadership and service. Thirteen charter members of the society were elected by the faculty; further election to membership will be initiated by the society and approved by the faculty.—Charter members are Clara Aumack, West Point; Roselyn Brownley, Norfolk; Marjorie Bulard, Bluefield, W. Va.; Audrey Chewning,



Bremo Bluff; Emma Dold, Buena Vista; Anne Gilliam, Petersburg; Mary Lacy, Oak Park; Margaret Moore, Norfolk; Margaret Ritchie, Petersburg; Barbara Schwarz, Danville; Florence Shelton, Norfolk; Elizabeth Sparrow, Wilmington, N. C.; and Helen Wagstaff, Herndon.

Rev. Dr. B. F. Wilson, pastor of the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church, delivered the address at the installation of the new chapter, congratulating the school on the establishment of a society based on merit and service in contrast to such social considerations as often prevail in the selections of the usual Greek-letter fraternities. In a democracy there is no place for the Greek-letter fraternity; but the society based on scholarship and leadership and service can supply definite values, Dr. Wilson said. Miss Ethel Moring and Miss Emily Calcott, members of the Farmville chapter of Pi Kappa Omega, were present, and Miss Moring welcomed the new members into the organization. The ceremonies were impressive and the new organization begins most auspiciously.

#### ALUMNAE WHO BACKED THE GLEE CLUB

When the Glee Club went to Richmond, Norfolk, and Petersburg, the members were recipients of many courtesies during the trip. Alumnae of the school who generously entertained members of the Glee Club in their homes and were otherwise active included:

Norfolk: Louise Harwell, Winifred Banks, Bernice Gay, Ruth Sexton, Florence Shumadine, Louise Shumadine, Carrie Spradlin, Miriam Jones, Sallie Brown, Mrs. Gaskins, Helen Tatem, (Mrs. Rogers), Katherine Pettus, Margaret Jarvis, May Rowbotham, (Mrs. Peter Gatling), Sarah Tabb, Marceline Gatling, Marian Hodges, Sarah Wilson, Emily Nichols (Mrs. Spong), Ruth Rodes, Gladys Gwynn, Edith Ward, Kate Marie Johnson, Frances Stell (Mrs. H. L. Butler), Mary Lancaster, Nella Roark, Lelouise Edwards, Corinne Evans, Margaret Bulloch.

Petersburg: Lucy S. Gatling, Virginia Ridenour (Mrs. R. P. Winfield), Lucie L. Scott, Helen McCaleb, Mary McCaleb, Helen Allgood, Hellen Muse, Virginia Eppes, Helen L. Bowman, Florence Winfield, Annie Houser (Mrs. Grayson Holt), Harriet L.

Short, Annie Lee Jones, Ruth Ellis, Annie Moseley, Helen Thomas (Mrs. James Gouldner), Marie Beard (Mrs. James Scott), Mary L. Malloy, Bessie M. Hall, Bessie H. Peck, Dallas Warren.

Richmond: Susie Hawkins, Nell Critzer, Una Lewis, Audrey Girard, Mrs. Wise, Frances Rolston, Coralease Bottom, Alice Gilliam, Louise Forester, Marion Nesbitt, Elizabeth Robinson, Edith Starke, Miss Gregg, Miss Bell, Mrs. Sanger.

#### ALUMNAE NOTES

Virginia Garden writes from Barhamsville in New Kent County, where she is teaching: "In the school here we have two literary societies. During commencement we are planning to have a contest. . . . I certainly have missed H. N. S. during the past winter, although I have found it very interesting teaching here. There are so many places around here of historical interest. After another year's teaching I hope to be able to return to Harrisonburg for a degree in Home Economics.

On May 8 Katie and Louise Anderson, with two of their friends, paid us a visit. It was a pleasant occasion and we only regret that their stay was so brief. They were gratified at the evidences of growth in the school, but doubtless missed the old board walks upon which they used to trip, with the rest of our early students.

Mildred Hoshour is teaching at Mt. Jackson. The school there has reason to be proud of its new school building and of its debating team. The latter won much distinction in the recent contests preliminary to the state contests.

Frances Sawyer writes: "The Harrisonburg summer catalogue has just come to me, and when I look at the names of the faculty I can't resist my longing to come back for the first summer term. . . . I have been taking a class in educational measurements under Dr. Hoke of William and Mary, who is giving an extension course here in Norfolk. We have used as our textbook McCall's *How to Measure in Education*, which I noticed Dr. Gifford wrote up for the Virginia Teacher some time ago. . . . How is everything at H. N. S.? I haven't gotten over my homesickness for it



and everybody in it at all, and can hardly wait to know if there are two corners waiting for us for the first term this summer."

Frances's address is 2833 Lens Avenue, Norfolk.

Elizabeth Nicol writes a good letter from Washington City, where she has an attractive and hustling place of business, the "Playhouse Tea Shop," at 1814 N. Street, Northwest. She writes: "Jean is still in the occupational therapy work at Fort McHenry and is quite happy in it. However, I believe she considers returning to her teaching in September. . . . Wish I were coming to commencement but cannot this year, as the Shriners' Convention is here at that date. If all plans go well I'll be there next year for the first Degree Class Reunion."

Mary Bowman Rumburg writes from Macedonia, Ohio: "Another daughter of old H. N. S. is longing to come home. I've been expecting the little card which says, 'Are you coming to commencement this year' but since it hasn't arrived I'm afraid to trust it. You can just see how anxious I am to peer into all the old nooks and corners; and best of all to see the folks and those fine, new buildings, too. I'm sure there'll be at least a wee, little place for me. I am presuming that commencement exercises begin about June 1. Therefore I expect to leave Cleveland for Harrisonburg on May 30 or 31. . . . My school closes Friday, May 18."

Janet Bailey (Mrs. Fred Lee Troy) is still living at Big Stone Gap and teaching in the vicinity. She and her husband have purchased a lot near the old home of John Fox and are planning to build a home. Janet sends a good word about Elizabeth Black and Frances Menefee (now Mrs. Vicars, of Wise, Va.). She also says, confidently, that the Harrisonburg girls stand mighty well as teachers in her part of the state. We can easily believe it, from what we hear.

On April 29 Sarah Shields, returning from her first seven years in India, wrote us a letter from the S. S. City of Benares, in the Mediterranean, off Algiers. It was postmarked in Boston on May 15. She says: "I'm glad you let me know the time of commencement. I shall try to go, if possible. It will be so good to get home again, and Harrisonburg will be one of the first places to which I shall go. I've just written Frances Mackey. . . . I

heard from Elsie Shickel and wrote her hoping to see her, but her station is nearly three hundred miles from Bombay—much farther than I thought." Her Cincinnati address is 4338 Floral Avenue, Norwood.

Hazel Bellerby writes from South Richmond, R. F. D. No. 7: "I have been thinking of late that I should like to come back to Harrisonburg, to be near the place where I spent two such happy and successful years. . . . My work in teaching since I left H. N. S. has been a real joy. Last summer I attended the University of Virginia, continuing the work I started at Harrisonburg. For two years I have been teaching English at Westhampton High School. Then this past winter I have had the English department in Bainbridge Junior (night) High School. Night school work was very interesting. The classes were composed chiefly of factory boys and girls. This gave me a vision of teaching which I had never dreamed of before. . . . I am going to the University again this summer."

Ruth Sullivan is making a name for herself at Critz, in Patrick County. A recent issue of one of the southside newspapers gave an extended account of a six-course dinner that her department of the school served to a number of invited guests, and concluded: "Critz school is to be highly congratulated upon having a teacher of Miss Sullivan's gifts and training to direct this important department of the school work."

Here is an interesting, "newsy" letter that we hope our readers will enjoy as much as we have:

It is a great pleasure to get you the copies of Dr. Dixon's sermon on Sidney Lanier. I hope it will reach you in time, and that my successors in the Lanier Literary Society will be able to make use of it.

I have been intending to write to you ever since I heard from Dr. Wayland last month, for he said that you and he were jealously sharing my letter, and I didn't want to be partial.

He said you wanted to know more of my marriage—where and when. It took place in August, 1921, at my new home in Norfolk, or at least where my family is now living. We have lived here in Baltimore ever since.

After spending so much of my life in school, I felt lonesome with no regular occupation, as I was not keeping house; so this winter I have a job and put most of my earnings in the savings bank in preparation for the time when we shall have a house and need something to



put in it. My present occupation is proof-reading for one of the finest printers in this country. How I got the place, I really don't know, for all the experience I ever had was on that 1914 *Schoolma'am!* Really, I got into it because they sent to the University to get some one to type some French and German copy for a book, and after doing that I proof-read the book, which was also printed in Spanish, and Italian. We don't have much of the foreign language work, but occasionally there is some translating, and I have even written some original copy in French for them. My authority for questions of spelling and punctuation—especially in cases of "monosyllables and polysyllables ending in a single consonant," etc., is my old friend Woolley, whom I quote on all occasions. By the way, my husband studied under Dr. Woolley one summer at Wisconsin, and is as enthusiastic about his book as I am.

I never did think I was born to be a teacher, even though I taught three years, but I am simply fascinated with the printing business. There is such great variety in it, as it touches on so many phases of modern life, that it is always full of interest to me. As one of the men told me the other day when he handed me a book on paper manufacture, "Anything is interesting that you don't know anything about." Here there is so much to learn in the field of typography, design, paper, and numerous other things, that it is always interesting.

Please don't think that because I have since

obtained degrees from Randolph-Macon and Johns Hopkins I no longer have any interest in Harrisonburg. I am very proud of the way the school is growing, and of the records her alumnae are making. I spent most of the summer of 1921, when I wasn't sewing, trying to make that Cinderella Tea Room in Norfolk a success, and enjoyed very much knowing some of the more recent graduates, as well as renewing old acquaintances.

Please remember me most kindly to Dr. Wayland.

Sincerely yours,

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