

Means of Encouraging School Attendance in Rural Districts—Alberta Rodes; *Development of Home Economics*—Emily Round; *Cecil John Rhodes*—Mary Rumburg; *Stories and Story Telling in the Primary Grades*—Frances Sawyer; *A Trip to Philadelphia*—Aera Showalter; *The School as a Social Center*—Gertrude Smith; *The Value of Play in Education*—Mary Smith; *Admiral Raphael Semmes*—June Steele; *Should Immigration Be Restricted?*—Mary Stephens; *Some of the Needs of our American Girl of Today*—Mary Swift; *The History and Development of Portsmouth, Virginia*—Frances Tabb; *Boys' and Girls' Club Work as I Know It*—Willie Talley; *The School Lunch*—Alma Tatum; *Menu Making*—Helen Thompson; *Flower's Influence on Man*—Ruth Tomko; *The Development of the Jern Fox Country*—Floss Tucker; *Science and Its Part in the Struggle for Democracy*—Edith Ward; *The Eastern Oyster*—Genevieve Warwick; *Health Work in the School*—Elizabeth White; *The Epoch of Reform in England from 1800 to 1850*—Kathryn Willson; *The Production of Clean Milk*—Bertha Wilson; *The Culture, Curing and Marketing of "Bright" Tobacco in Virginia*—Elizabeth Wimblish; *The Life of General John Cropper of Accomac County, Virginia*—Iona Wimbrough; *The Importance of Physical Training in the Public School*—Ruth Woody.

VII

NEWS AND NOTES OF THE ALUMNAE

THE HOME-COMING HOUSE

This is the house our girls are building—
The loyal girls of Blue-Stone Hill—
One of the golden deeds they've fashioned
Out of the dreams they cherish still.

This is the house that Youth is building—
Youth, that keeps the heart full strong—
Thus to give unto Youth that follows
All the joy of its morning song.

This is the house that Faith is building—
Faith that works and Faith that wills—
Turning e'er from the twilight shadows
Unto the dawn on eastern hills.

This is the house that Love is building—
Love that crowns what Love bestows;
Into the years this Love is leading,
Unto the land Love's dreaming knows.

THE CORNERSTONE LAID

The skies were smiling and the hearts of many friends were beating in sympathy when, at 3 o'clock on Monday, June 6, a multitude assembled on May Pole Hill to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the Alumnae-Students Building. The formalities of the occasion were in charge of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, A. F. and A. M., and a large number of members of the Fraternity, representing the several degrees, were in the procession and participated in the usual exercises.

Supplementing the Masonic services, the school provided a brief program. "Old Virginia" was sung at the beginning. Next Mrs. H. S. Dance (Esther Coulbourn) of Roanoke made an appropriate and beautiful address on behalf of the alumnae and all former students of the Normal School. President Duke then spoke for a few minutes, calling attention to the significance of the enterprise in hand and paying a fitting tribute to the loyalty of old students, the faculty, the present student body, the citizens of Harrisonburg, and the friends of the school far and near.

Following the laying of the cornerstone by the Masons, Miss Grace Heyl, the chosen representative of the student body, spoke most effectively for her constituents. Hon. George N. Conrad, an old friend of the school, then made an eloquent address, on behalf, especially, of the good people of Harrisonburg and the surrounding communities. The exercises were brought to a close by the singing of "Blue-Stone Hill."

The music was directed by Miss Edna Shaeffer, who was assisted most cordially and efficiently by a group of singers from the alumnae and the students.

CONTENTS OF BOX DEPOSITED IN THE CORNER-STONE OF THE ALUMNAE STUDENTS' BUILDING, JUNE 6, 1921

Copy of Daily News Record, Saturday, June 4, 1921.

Copy of May number of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER.

Copy Annual Catalog, 1921-22.

Booklet of Views.

Commencement Program, 1921.

Catalog of summer session, 1921.

Letter to Alumnae from Alumnae Building Campaign Committee.

Copy of program, Commencement recital, Saturday, June 4, 1921.

Ceremonies and Program for laying of corner-stone by Rockingham Union, Lodge No. 27, A. F. and A. M.

Coin of 1921.

"Confederate Banners" by Mary Lynn Conrad.

Picture of first graduating class.

Wedding announcement of the first alumna who married.

Wedding announcement card of the last alumna married (received the morning of June 6).

Entire unbound copy of 1921 SCHOOL-MA'AM.

Poem written for this occasion by Dr. J. W. Wayland—"The Home-Coming House."

GREETINGS BY TELEGRAPH

How many greetings were flashed over the wires to Blue-Stone Hill during commencement week by old students and others in various parts of the country is not known, but many there were and all were significant. For example, at the banquet, when the wee hours of morning had chased midnight away, somebody read a message from Lelouise Edwards. It came like a glimpse of her cheering countenance or a song in her own ringing voice.

Reba Beard, in Petersburg, speaking for herself and all the other Harrisonburg girls in the Cockade City, sent this line:

"We are thinking of you all at this happy time."

It was indeed a time to inspire memory and poetry. Perhaps this is the reason that the Norfolk girls sent their message in verse:

"Greetings, Alma Mater,
We are really there with thee,
With our spirits circling round,
Though our bodies are by the sea."

This wire was delivered at the very moment that the cornerstone of the Home-Coming House was being laid. It was

signed by Alpha Holcomb and Marceline Gatling, but we know that it represented truly many others, not only in the cities by the sea, but elsewhere too.

ANENT MARRIAGES AND CORNERSTONES

Among the numerous interesting things that went into the cornerstone of the Alumnae-Students' Building were two wedding announcements—one of the first graduate to marry, the other of the one most recently married.

Alma Rose Harper was married to Mr. Henry Johnson on December 23, 1911; Margaret Amanda (Madge) Bryan was married to Mr. Hugh Gordon Burnet on June 2, 1921. This announcement of Miss Bryan's marriage reached the Normal School just a few hours before the cornerstone ceremonies on June 6. This timely event suggested the happy idea of making a bit of history; so Miss Cleveland and Dr. Wayland "got busy." Alma and Madge, accordingly, have tied together in the new cornerstone the two ends of ten very interesting years and, incidentally, have themselves been tied up in a very interesting way without any time limit.

In this connection it may be appropriate to note that Walter Wayland, who in 1913 was Senior Class Mascot, was born on April 15, 1909, the very day that the cornerstone of Maury Hall was laid.

NAMES IN THE REGISTER

An inspection of the Alumnae Register, kept in the library since May, 1918, shows that no less than 52 "old students" were present this year at commencement. Here is the list of names, as signed for June 6, and 7, by the ladies themselves, together with the respective addresses, as given:

Ella May Lane (1919), Broadway; Margaret Stone (1920), Bedford; Miriam Buckley (1917), 1339 15th Street, N. W., Washington; Lucy S. Gatling (1916), 1027 Shirley Avenue, Norfolk; L. Ruth Grove (1916), Fishersville; Mary Sue Grove (1919), Fishersville; Ruby A. Worley (1916), Glasgow; Carrie E. Bishop (1920), Proffit; Catherine Harrison (1920), Harrisonburg; Lillian Elliott (1916), Shenandoah; Dorothy Williams (1920), Newport News; Frances Kemper Payne (1919), Lynnwood;

Frances Rolston (1919), Pulaski; Freida Johnson (1915), Lovettsville; *Lena M. Reed (1919), Penn Laird; M. Caroline Eisenberg (1916), Staunton; Jennie P. Loving (1916), Stage Junction; *Dorothy Lacy (1919), Scottsburg; *Sallie Browne (1919), Charlottesville; Genoa Swecker (1919), Monterey; Virginia Buchanan (1914), Petersburg; Mary Bosserman (1915), Harrisonburg; Virginia Andes (1919), Frederick Hall; Marion Nesbitt (1920), South Boston; *Mary Ferguson (1919), Clifton Station; Nettie Shiflett (1917), Roanoke; Frances I. Mackey (1913), Riverside; May Davis (1920), Shenandoah; Clare Harnsberger (1920), Port Republic; Virginia Brock (1919), Harrisonburg; Rosa Lee Simpson (1919), Purcellville; *Vergilia P. Sadler (1911), Buckingham; Esther Coulbourn Dance (1915), Roanoke; Minnie Moore Bowman (1919), Harrisonburg; Helen V. Hopkins (1919), McGaheysville; Nell Critzer (1920), Afton; Mary Seebert (1920), Lexington; *Elidabeth Murphy (1919), Staunton; *Penelope Morgan (1919), Danville; Clara F. Lambert (1920), McGaheysville; Tita Bland (1920), Roanoke; Ruth Witt (1919), Roanoke; *Elise Loewner (1919), Harrisonburg; *Margaret Seebert (1920), Lexington; *Mrs. Wm. G. LeHew (1920), Harrisonburg; Hazel Davis (1919), Burke; Anna Potterfield (1919), Lovettsville; *Mary L. Brown (1919), Purcellville; Ruth E. Brown (1920), Purcellville; *Loudelle Potts (1919), Round Hill; *Mary Phillips (1920), Bedford; *Dorothy Fosque (1920), Wachapreague.

The date following each name indicates a graduation year—the most recent one prior to 1921. Several of the alumnae listed have graduated twice, once in a two-year course, again in a four-year course. The fourteen whose names are starred (*) were students during the past session, and nine of the fourteen received the B. S. degree on June 7. The other five, Misses Fosque, Phillips, Seebert, Morgan, and Lacy, are candidates for the same degree next year. Several other alumnae who are present as students did not register.

Only one member of the class of 1911, whose second reunion year this was, is found registered; but three—Vergilia Sadler, Ruth MacCorkle, and Ethel Sprinkel—were pres-

ent at the alumnae banquet. The class of 1916, whose first reunion was due, was represented by seven members: Lucy Gatling, Ruth Grove, Ruby Worley, Lillian Elliott, Caroline Eisenburg, Jennie Loving, and Ruth Witt. These registered; other members of the class may have been present. Mary Scott, another member of the class of 1916, sent her classmates a newsy letter from France.

It will be observed that three of those who registered—Frances Kemper, Virginia Zirkle, and Ether Coulbourn—have married since graduation. How many more will be married soon, we are not at liberty to announce, but wedding bells are always in tune.

Here are five marriages of alumnae that have recently come to our notice: June 2, Madge Bryan to Mr. Hugh Gordon Burnet, at Richmond; June 9, Mary V. Yancey to Captain Noland M. Canter, at Harrisonburg; June 22 Eloise Hinton to Captain Victor Parks, at Petersburg; June 28, Reba Beard to Dr. George G. Snarr, at Harrisonburg; June 29, Jennie Loving to Mr. William Hugh Sadler, at Wilmington.

May 31, Pearl Haldeman to Mr. Claude B. Stickley, at Winchester; June 6, Audry Rimmer to Mr. J. Willard Grimes, at Bluefield, W. Va.

OUR TEA ROOM

"Portsmouth 761-W, please—Is Alpha in?"—"At the phone"—"This is Marceline—just called up to see what you thought about reviving our Alumnae Chapter. Had a letter from Dr. Wayland today and we really have something to work for."

"Count me in there," says Alpha, "I just had a letter from Reba Beard telling me a little about the Home-Coming Building. My, don't those words sound good—*Home-Coming Building?*"

And so, after a year's recess, our first meeting was held January 25th. I believe our chapter formed two years ago was the first formed. It was so good to get together again. We met at Bush Street School, and the election of officers resulted in Marceline and I receiving our old posts, president and secretary, respectively, and Dorothy Spooner becoming our new treasurer.

Then we burst forth with plans to help towards *The Fund*. The quickest thing to

get up being a card party, one was arranged. This was held Saturday before Lent, and quite a neat little sum was realized.

Where she ever conceived the idea, I don't know, but at our second business meeting held March 4, our president suggested starting a tea-room. Of course we "fell"—for where is the girl who has not somewhere, sometime in her life, dreamed of and talked about starting a tea-room? It's a sort of fever with which every girl is afflicted. By March 15, it was necessary to have a call meeting—a store had been obtained and now for a name; finally "Cinderella" was decided upon, for not a penny had we to start on, and not a penny did we borrow. (Even now some business men look at us as if we were a new set of geniuses or lunatics—it's hard to say just what they think.)

Then came the work—but what fun! Painting cherry-red tables and chairs 'til they were toned down a glorious, cool gray. Then came Linda Carter with her stencils—these were put on in green. Then the wall—yes, it was clean—but being white, made the place look like a barn. We had a tiny molding put 'round about half-way up and below that calcimined gray; then just below the molding the story of Cinderella was stenciled in panels—now add gray curtains, a few ferns and 127½ College Place was truly transformed.

Mrs. Gay, who was at R. E. Lee School, became our dietitian, and finding she needed someone else, Mrs. Helen Tatem Rogers came in to help her. With Mrs. Gay's special dinners and apple pies and Helen Tatem's lemon pies and sandwiches of every description, 'tis no wonder the best of the twin cities come to us for lunch.

There is a chairman for each day and she has five or six girls who help her serve. And truly this is the test for a loyal soul—ever after this, sympathy will be mine for those who serve me—it is no easy job—but we love it, for it is for Alma Mater.

ALPHA HOLCOMB

According to THE VIRGINIA TEACHER, the world is fine at Blue-Stone Hill—that magazine is just one of the fine things you folks are always doing for those who have gone forth into the world, as it were. I came in from school 'bout five-thirty, fearfully tired, saw the postman had brought my TEACHER—so I sat right down to read it—now I feel better. It has a boosting spirit about it.

Our plans for the Alumnae Students Building are coming on fine—the Cinderella Tea Room is something we are mighty proud of—and we're just looking forward to making a "pile" of money for that building. We were so glad to have Mr. Duke and Miss Gregg with us on the fifteenth—and when Mr. Duke left we felt as if we wanted to go right back with him—for after all there's no place like Alma Mater.

I'm sending a complete list of the Harrisburg girls in Norfolk and Portsmouth, also a separate list of those who have shown an active interest in the Tea Room.

We are so anxious for all the girls to have a share in this.

Remember me to all at Blue-Stone Hill.

Sincerely,

ALPHA V. HOLCOMB

CINDERELLA "WORKING" FOLKS

Ethel Channing, Nella Roark, Helena Marsh, Kitty Pettus, Florence Shumadine, Louise Shumadine, Frances Stell, Katherine Broughton, Stella Burns, Linda Carter, Louise Edwards, Mary Folliard, Georgie Foreman, Marceline Gatling, Lucy Gatling, Alpine Gatling (Mrs. H. G. Martin), Alpha Holcomb, Helen Acton, Clara Menzel, Margie Menzel, Miriam Jones, Marie Johnson, Mary Lancaster, Mary Moreland, Mrs. Mary L. Nichols Hope, Dorothy Spooner, Bessie S. Taylor, Helen Tatem Rogers, Mrs. Ruth Shirley Vaiden, Pattie, Mrs. Elizabeth Peters Williams, Regina McLaughlin, Ruth Sexton, Hilda Barton, Sarah Wilson, Mrs. Leila Clay, Hazel Williams, Mrs. Irene Daugherty Stokes, Nancy Baker, Mrs. Violet Newcomer Isthording, Katherine Cannon, M. Alyce Millender, Hontas Norfleet, Margaret Norfleet, Mrs. Callery (Katherine Frazier), Gladys Charlton, Margaret Jorden, Mrs. J. O. Plonk (Virginia Weaver), Harriet James, Frances Hudgins, Susie Ennis Bowers, Louise Harwell.

Special mention might be made of Harriet James, who gives her lunch hour every day. Also Margie Gatling, whom we call our adopted member.

Hilda Barton has found it impossible to get down to the Tea Room but her sister, Annie, is there every day from twelve to four.

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