CURRENT EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

THE LIVES OF GREAT MEN

This book gives us first of all an insight into Roman history by showing us a bird’s-eye view of the people and city of Rome. Then, beginning with the early heroes, it introduces to us, one by one, the famous men and women of those ancient days. Not only does it tell of them in story form, but many translations from Livy, Horace, Plutarch, Cato, Polybius, Caesar, and some others add charm to this fascinating book. For it is fascinating. One can sit down and read it just as though it were a book of fairy tales. Yet it is even more interesting than if it were of fairies and goblins, for it is composed of stories of real men and women who lived and helped to make history.

Emma G. Dold


FOR EFFICIENT USE OF A SEWING MACHINE


To use the sewing machine most efficiently one should know its parts and understand the principle of the workings of these parts. Especially is this necessary for the teacher of machine sewing.

The purpose of this book, as the author states it, is “first, to teach the underlying principles and constructions of the mechanism of the sewing machine in such a manner that a teacher can operate any machine quickly and easily, tho she may never have seen that particular machine before; and second, to stimulate interest in a wider and more complete use of the machine in clothing classes.”

She accomplishes this purpose effectively by first giving the history of the sewing machine. Here the reader gets an appreciation of the principles of the different modern machines through the explanation of the various inventions as they succeeded one another.

This is followed by a full description of all types of sewing machines, their parts, use and care and complete instruction for the use of all the attachments for each type. These points are made clear and simple to the reader by the use of numerous illustrations, pictures and diagrams.

The book is complete and unbiased and would be a valuable addition to the Home Economics section of a school library.

Gertrude Greenawalt


OTHER BOOKS OF INTEREST


A complete first course in algebra. Graphic methods are given attention.


Encyclopedic volume containing information on every phase of the theatre. There are chapters on play brokers, contracts with authors, stage directing, stage machinery, decoration, scenery, costumes, lighting devices, copyrights, stock companies, press agents, ticket speculators, and audiences; and in addition, over seventy illustrations.


A book of suggested arrangements for the composition teacher.


A four year high school course in two volumes. Correlation of all the work in English is the aim. The books are well illustrated.


A popular story now reprinted as one of the Macmillan “Pocket Classics.”


NOTES OF THE SCHOOL AND ITS ALUMNAE

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Commencement Exercises of June 5 brought to a conclusion one of the most successful sessions that the school has had. Dr. Waitman Barbe, Professor of English in the University of West Virginia, delivered the principal address; while Hon. George N. Conrad, of Harrisonburg, representing the Virginia Normal School Board, addressed the graduating class.

One hundred and forty students received their diplomas, marking the completion of two years of Normal School work; and twelve students received the Bachelor of Science Degree, following the completion of the regular four-year course in Home Economics work.

The Senior Play this year, presented before an unusually large and appreciative audience, constituted one of the most ambitious dramatic productions recently attempted for such occasions. The offering was "The Lamp and the Bell".

On Monday night, prior to the annual Alumnae Banquet, campus night was celebrated with the singing of school songs and the presentation of a stunt by each of the four classes. On Tuesday morning the usual Class Day Exercises were held in the Open Air Auditorium.

SPECIAL HONORS AWARDED BY THE BREEZE

Rebecca A. Gwaltney, of Sussex County, who received her B. S. Degree on June 5, of this year, was awarded the Snyder Prize for an editorial entitled Memories, published in The Breeze of May 26.

The judges also recommended for honorable mention a news article, H. N. S. Delegates Give Report of Conference, written by Grace Heyl, of Charlottesville, for the issue of May 5; and Disillusionment, a piece of verse, published in the issue of June 2, the author of which was Helen Walker, of Norfolk City.

In awarding the Dingledine prize for the best graduating essay submitted this year the judges had great difficulty in reaching a conclusion. A large number of essays of special merit were found, but the prize could be awarded to only one.

The prize of $10 in gold was awarded to