

FUNDAMENTALS OF GERMAN. By Adolph E. Meyer. New York: Globe Book Company. 1927. Pp. 164. \$1.00.

In almost every field of language, teachers are feeling more and more the need of some textbook which reviews briefly the fundamentals and which is adapted to the second or third year of study. Meyer's *Fundamentals of German* seems to be a book to fill this need—as praiseworthy for what is left out as for what it contains.

MODERN ESSAYS OF VARIOUS TYPES. Edited by Charles A. Cockayne. New York: Charles E. Merrill Company. 1927. Pp. 391.

Here are fifty-four essays, inspiring and interesting, appealing—all of them—to the high school student. They are classified under five heads: essays, addresses, biographical sketches, book reviews, and editorials. Two reviews of each of three books offer opportunity for comparisons in method; the group of editorials include those awarded the Pulitzer prize in 1919, 1922, 1923, and 1924. Simple notes and helpful reading lists are offered. The collection is wide in its range of interests; it should admirably serve to awaken in young people an interest in the prose form which they quite usually seem to regard with indifference.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNÆ

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The list of honor students for the first quarter, 1927-28, as announced from the Registrar's office, is as follows:

SENIORS: *Course III*—Rowena Lacy, Oak Park. *Course IV*—Mary Moore Aldhizer, Broadway; Mary Armentrout, McCaheysville; Hilda Page Blue, Charlottesvill; Martha Derrick, Pulaski; Helen M. Goodson, Norfolk; Mamye Snow Turner, Stone Mountain; Virginia Mae Turpin, Norfolk. *Course V*—Pattie Waller Callaway, Norwood; Beth Cornelia Jordan, Roanoke; Annie Kathryn Womeldorf, Lexington.

JUNIORS: *Course III*—Kathryn T. Pace, Hampton. *Course IV*—Elizabeth Roberts Miller, Smedley. *Course V*—Mrs. Mary Finney Smith, Parksley.

SOPHOMORES: *Course II*—Elizabeth Larned Knight, Westfield, New Jersey; Mary Elizabeth Malone, Roanoke. *Course IV*—Mary E. Crane, Waynesboro; Kathryn Neeson Compton Harris, Wheeling, West

Virginia; Janet Elizabeth Houck, Harrisonburg; Elizabeth Lee Kaminsky, Norfolk; Nina Gray Pifer, Mt. Crawford.

FRESHMEN: *Course I*—Harriet Virginia Harris, Winchester. *Course II*—Gladys Gray Green, Saxe; Virginia Margaret Wilson, Harrisonburg. *Course IV*—Lola Katherine Davis, Harrisonburg. *Course V*—Lois Watson Winston, Hampden-Sidney.

Two students whose names appear in the above list attained the highest grade given in all subjects: Pattie Waller Callaway, Norwood; Beth Cornelia Jordan, Roanoke.

The past month has been an eventful one in several respects. The establishment of Kappa Delta Pi, a national educational fraternity, came January 23 as an outgrowth of Pi Kappa Omega, formerly the only honorary society on the campus and now dissolved. Dr. T. C. McCracken, dean of the school of education in Ohio University, and president of the national organization, came to install the chapter and to initiate the charter members: Mary Armentrout, Hilda Page Blue, Lorraine Gentis, Helen Goodson, Lucy S. Gilliam, Frances Hughes, Mary McNeil, Kathryn Pace, Florence Reese, Virginia Turpin, Sarah Elizabeth Thompson, Virginia Buchanan, Bertha McCollum, and Dr. W. J. Gifford.

A simplified election system has been planned and is to go into effect for the nomination and election of the new officers who will take their positions at the beginning of the spring quarter, with the supposition that they will be better prepared to do their work next year if they have this one quarter training. The nominations come from a convention consisting of five representatives elected from each of the four classes together with the president of the Student Association, the president of Y. W. C. A., the editor of the *Breeze*, the *Schoolma'am*, and the president of the Athletic Association.

The vice-president of the Student As-

sociation, the vice-president of the Y. W. C. A., the vice-president of the Athletic Association, the dean of women, and the president of the college, constitute an electoral board to pass on the nominees and to plan for the election days. Elections will be complete, with polls, ballots, and all necessary equipment. No candidate shall be recognized by the Board for more than one office at a time. At least two nominations must be made for each office and an officer is not eligible for re-election.

In connection with the election program a committee is working on the problem of improving the point system which determines the amount of extra-curricular work a student may carry, with scholarship work counting as points.

The college is in the thickest of the basketball season and everyone is deeply interested in the team's record. Frostburg Normal School, in Maryland, Leaksville Y. W., from North Carolina, Farmville, Fredericksburg, and Radford have been defeated by the local basketeers. The return games are to be played off in the very near future. The freshmen met and defeated a team from Alderson Junior College in West Virginia.

A large number of new books for each department has been added to the library. New hymnals for chapel have been purchased and are in service now.

February 13-18 was celebrated as Drama Week and received due attention on the campus. The Stratford Dramatic Club presented a program in chapel, and the expression department gave two short one-act plays one evening for the enjoyment of all those who could come.

The Y. W. C. A. did a big piece of work in arranging on the campus the Christian World Education Conference. Among the speakers who visited the campus February 16, 17, and 18, were: Sherwood Eddy, noted author; Dr. R. B. Eleazer; Mr. Charles Corbett, professor for many years

in Peking University, China; R. Wilbur Simmons, secretary, Intercollegiate Prohibition Association; and Mrs. Lucia Mead, prominent Y. W. worker.

The speakers not only gave talks at regular and special Y. W. services, but they spoke in the various history and education classes.

In conjunction with this meeting the famed quartet from Hampton Institute came to charm the school with their plantation songs and spirituals.

The Y. W. also had Dr. Walter Lingle of Richmond to come to the College to speak at vesper and chapel services.

The *Schoolma'am* and *The Breeze* sent three representatives to the first meeting of the newly organized Intercollegiate Press Association held in Farmville, February 10 and 11. Catherine Guthrie and Mary Armentrout were sent by the *Breeze* and Lucy Gilliam by the *Annual*. Every college in Virginia, with the exception of two, was represented at the conference.

February 14 the Glee Club went to Richmond to broadcast a program which consisted of solo and concert singing. Sallie Norman and Lillian Spain accompanied the group and played piano solos. Previous to the trip, *tune-in* cards had been mailed in order that friends and patrons of the College might be informed of the event.

Chapel has been unusually interesting recently. Several periods have been filled by the children from the training school, one notable program being that put on by the kindergarten with its miniature band. The literary societies continue the custom of giving one program a year at the assembly hour.

Undoubtedly hearts were trumps on the night of February 11, although the authentic time was scheduled for February 14. But on that night of nights the College gave its annual dance, sponsored by the Cotillion Club under the able direction of Bernice Wilkins, president of the organization. The

Cavaliers from the University of Virginia furnished the music. It was a charming dance.

ALUMNÆ NOTES

Mary Cook (Mrs. Lane), who has spent seven Christmases as a missionary in Brazil, is expected home on a furlough soon.

Grace Henty is teaching in Roanoke. Some of our college girls saw her there on their recent trip to Radford.

Evelyn Chesser is teaching at Bloxom, Accomac County. Her fifth grade is working out an interesting project in the study of ten famous Virginians.

Josephine Bradshaw (Mrs. Rea) delighted us by calling on November 11. She and her husband were just returning from Europe. Josephine was planning to tarry for a month or two at her old home in Highland before returning to her new home in the far west, at Gilroy, California.

Bessie Keeton writes from her school in Danielstown, Va. She is as much interested in English as ever.

Eleanor P. Jennings is teaching in Bluefield, W. Va. Her address is 1105 Highland Avenue.

Claire Lay is doing high school work in Bluefield, Va. She sends her remembrance to all the workers at Blue-Stone Hill.

Anna Allen is teaching in Grove City, Pa. Her address is 154 E. Pine Street.

Lillie Garver writes from Berryville, where she is teaching 5th grade.

Frances Herrick sends greetings from Norfolk. She is finding her work as a teacher interesting.

Louise Hite, of Lowesville, Va., still remembers her friends here at the college, and lets them hear from her now and then.

Velma Moeschler is making a fine success of her tea room, "The Meiringen," in Roanoke City. Her address is 23 Church Avenue, W.

In a recent issue of the VIRGINIA TEACHER reference was made to the untimely death of Mary Shields Alexander, a popular member of the class of 1915. From a letter of January 24, written by her sister Angelyn (Mrs. L. H. Justis of Littleton, N. C.) to Lillian Millner (Mrs. David Garrison of Norfolk), president of the class, the following items are obtained:

Mary Shields died Sunday night, November 20, 1927, in a hospital near her home at Wilson, N. C., as a result of heart trouble following other conditions not regarded as serious. On November 6, 1920, she had married Mr. John D. Weeks of Wilson. She leaves two children, Mary Alexander, aged five, and John David, Jr., aged four.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

TO MARK the formal inauguration of William Fletcher Russell as Dean of Teachers College, Columbia University, its Trustees have issued invitations to a Conference on Education and the Future America, to be held at Teachers College on April 10 and 11.

It is the desire of the Trustees to make this inauguration ceremony an occasion for reflecting together upon the achievements of American education in the past, upon its obligations in the future, and upon the part that all public-spirited citizens must play in helping our country to fulfil the dreams of its founders. In particular do they desire the counsel and advice of educators of America and other lands.

Randolph-Macon College, which was the first institution in Virginia to offer courses in physical education, has after many years succeeded in its campaign for a new gymnasium. This structure, a gift of alumni and friends of the college, was formally opened Wednesday, February 8, with a basketball game between Randolph-Macon and the University of Richmond.