

NOTES OF THE SCHOOL AND ITS ALUMNAE

INKLINGS

SOMEONE will have to reorganize the Society for the Prevention of the Perpetration of Ancient Jokes.—It seems that a speaker from the Normal School recently appeared at Linville-Edom and was called on to talk. He talked. But first he told the story of the fisherman who was rescued from the stream into which he had fallen. "How did you come to fall in?" said the rescuer. "I didn't come to fall in; I came to fish," replied the fisherman.—Now it appears, and further than this deponent saith not, that the same person within a se'nnight "pulled" the same story at a Kiwanis luncheon. Passed a few days, and a speaker at chapel told again the famous I-didn't-come-to-fall-in story, attributing it to the gentleman who had been at Linville-Edom. Verily, someone will have to reorganize the Society for the Prevention of the Perpetration of Ancient Jokes.

Four scholarships have recently been added to the list available for entering students of the State Normal School here. Each of these is worth \$100 and will be granted through President Duke, so far as possible to students who are members of the denominations offering them. Four Harrisonburg churches are presenting these scholarships, the Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

The recent adoption of textbooks by the State Board of Education has a special interest for Harrisonburgers in that two volumes on the list are the work of a local historian, Dr. John W. Wayland. The "History of Virginia" is a basal history textbook in the elementary schools, and his "History Stories for Primary Grades" is on the supplementary list for elementary schools.—Both are published by the Macmillan Company.

President S. P. Duke was the convocation speaker at Bridgewater College early in February, and delivered a striking message on "The Spiritual Leadership of College Students."—Dr. W. J. Gifford at the Elkton Methodist Church recently spoke on "The Business of Being a Parent."—Miss Katherine M. Anthony presented a demonstration lesson in the teaching of history to a sixth grade class before the February meeting of

the Rockingham Teachers' Association. It is good to find teachers' institutes and teachers' meetings devoting more and more of their programs to such practical and informing activities.—G. W. Chappellear gave an instructive talk on "Science and Religion" at assembly early in February.—Conrad T. Logan read some selections of light verse, even including a few of a decidedly saccharine character, at a recent assembly period.—C. W. Wampler, agricultural agent for Rockingham County, spoke on February 9 at assembly, recounting the work of the boys' and girls' agricultural clubs in the county schools. He also told of his recent trip to Chicago when the representatives of the agricultural clubs in this county were awarded a prize for the best cattle-judging done by any agricultural club in the United States.—Dr. W. H. Lichliter, of Cleveland, was the highly entertaining lecturer who addressed students and townspeople in the auditorium the evening of February 8.

What an amusing little play that was which students in expression presented the night of February 10! Stuart Walker, with his Portmanteau Theatre, has nothing on us. There is still some discussion as to whether our temporary stage should be called the Tom Thumb or the Hat Box, but certain it is that the Saturday night actresses made good use of the space that they had.—"Breezy Point," once the four summer boarders had arrived, lived up to its name. Laura Lambert, as an awkward servant girl, was a scream; but they were all good. Others in the play were: Roselyn Brownley, Margaret Moore, Lucy James, Mary Bell Baer, Mary Warren, Mattie Fitzhugh, Mae Burke Fox, Delia Leigh, Pauline Bowman, Emily Hogge, Edna Rush, and Carrie Dickerson.

Two games of basket ball have been played, at the present writing. The first was with Farmville, February 3, and the second was with Radford on February 9. The beatific smiles of Billiken were not for Harrisonburg on either occasion.—In a game tight as wax, Farmville slipped over a final goal or two and won by a score of 26 to 22. This score came at the end of a perfect nip-and-tuck.—When the southwest Virginians arrived the shadow of big Anna was cast over the Normal campus shortly after sunrise. The premonition was correct, for she saw to it that Radford won

by a score of 17 to 10.—On February 16, Harrisonburg's return game at Radford will be played. If ingenuity and work will win the game for Harrisonburg, Mrs. Johnston's sextet will surely "bring home the bacon."

The Schoolma'am has during fifteen years established so solid a reputation for cleverness and charm, for handsomeness and beauty, that one always expects Harrisonburg's year-book to be a model of perfection. But such a result is reached only after many a weary hour of labor by the editorial board; and it is therefore important in the choice of an editor and staff to see that there are no noddors among them. Audrey Chewning and Celia Swecker, as editor and business manager, were chosen last May and are deep in their work. The staff has now been elected, and at once goes to work. Upon these rests the duty of getting out a 1923 annual equal to all of those that have preceded: Marjorie Bullard, Anabel Dodson, Susie Geoghegan, Mary Lees Hardy, Mabel Kirks, Shirley McKinney, Margaret Moore, Nancy Mosher, Nancy Roane, Blanche Ride-nour, Alberta Rodes, and Helen Walker.—But what we have said about keeping up to the standard of past *Schoolma'ams* is not really necessary.—This new staff is well in tune with the best; indeed, it Hardy needs Moore Chewning.

PRESENTING TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

"SHELDON HALL" for the new building situated between Spottswood and Alumnae Hall, and "The Carter House" for the old Smythe cottage purchased a year or two ago, were the names chosen and recently approved by the Virginia State Normal School Board at its February meeting in Radford.

Sheldon Hall is so named in memory of Edward A. Sheldon, Superintendent of schools in Oswego, New York, and later the founder, in 1865, of the first normal school using Pestolozzian methods; Carter House is named in honor of Superintendent James G. Carter, of Boston, the immediate predecessor of Horace Mann as superintendent of schools of Massachusetts, and generally regarded as the father of normal schools in America, since he was the first to advocate teacher training institutions.

Names so far selected had honored prominent Virginians and it is the plan that the new buildings shall commemorate the names of persons who have been prominent nationally in the work of teacher training.

Maury Hall was named at the foundation of the school in honor of Matthew Fontaine Maury; Jackson Hall, for General "Stonewall" Jackson; Harrison Hall, for Gesner A. Harrison, a native of Rockingham County and a professor at the University of Virginia for many years; Ashby Hall, for General Stuart Ashby, a Confederate leader who died on the field of battle a few miles from Harrisonburg; and, Spottswood Hall, for Governor Spottswood who lead over the mountains the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe into the fertile valley of the Shenandoah.

ALUMNAE NOTES

HERE is a typical letter from Gertrude Bowler. Nothing would make our Alumnae Column more attractive than such letters as this from those who have carried out into the teaching field the splendid spirit that made their stay in school such a pronounced success. Let us have more of them.

"I am sending a check for one dollar, fifty cents (\$1.50) for the renewal of my subscription to THE VIRGINIA TEACHER.

"There are many reasons why I would not be without it. Each month, besides bringing, as it does, in an attractive, intimate sort of way, news of Blue Stone Hill, it has such up-to-date book reviews and alluring advertisements of recent textbooks, that help very much in my English work.

"Your article in the December number completely satisfied me. I should like to see it published, broadcast, in the daily press.

I trust that this year will be a banner one for all Harrisonburg activities.

GERTRUDE BOWLER

Two classes are to "reunion" in June! Think of it—the class of 1918 is to come back after five years and the class of 1913, after ten years! And we do hope that the "grand-children" and some of the husbands may be able to come too.

Elizabeth Kelley (Mrs. Landon L. Davis), president of the class of 1913, has already written that she is coming. Eliza-

beth is a host in herself—so come on, now, girls, all the rest of you. We have the Alumnae Hall ready for you, and if it won't hold all of you we'll erect a tent on the campus—just where, or near where the May Pole stood when you crowned Elizabeth May Queen.

Sarah Shields is coming home to America this year too. We hope she will get to Harrisonburg in time for commencement. She will have lots to tell us about her seven years in India.

Not long ago Margaret Seebert wrote an interesting letter to Miss Anthony from Montgomery, Alabama. She says in part:

"The State Teachers' Institute meets in the spring, about Easter, I think, in Birmingham.

"Besse Lay and I went out to the Masonic Home one afternoon last week. All the high school children from there come to Cloverdale. It is a wonderful place and well managed, I would say. The children from there are lovely—most of them above the average. They appreciate a visit so much. . . . I went with them in their bus to a ball game one afternoon. I enjoyed it thoroughly and they are still thanking me for going with them.

"We have a county teachers' meeting two Saturdays each month. We meet at different schools, so really see the county, other teachers, and other schools. I haven't seen one yet that I like as well as ours. They are wonderful, new buildings, with nice big lots. Ours is a ten-acre lot. I have never seen anything like them in the country before. You know that's where I am in my element. I want them for Virginia. I guess people will say it looks like it; but I'm coming back sometime. I'm learning how it is done now. The trucks and roads here make it possible. Some of our trucks go fifteen and twenty miles."

Everybody remembers Cliff Bennett, of course; but she is now Mrs. Wilson McArver. Her home is in Gastonia, N. C. Here is part of a recent letter from her.

"My memories of Harrisonburg are ever fresh, and it is my desire to visit the school sometime this spring.

"I have been married for over two years—my husband is in the cotton mill business—

a very natural thing since there are 102 organized mills in Baston County. The field for social work, or community work, as it is termed here, is wonderful. I have been in this work for three years, and I feel that the beginning has just been made. . . . With the advantages this state has offered its citizens, cotton mill people have made great improvement in the last five years. The principles of sociology learned at Harrisonburg have been a help to me in solving problems that come up daily.

"Remember me kindly to those friends whom I may have at Harrisonburg."

Under date of February 1 Carrie Bishop writes as follows:

"I am teaching in the Churchland High School, which is about five miles from the city of Portsmouth. We are getting a fine new building, and hope to get into it by the first of April.

"I teach all four years of English and first-year Science. And I just wish that you could see the charts, representing the study of different trees, that my class in Science have handed in. This was an outside project—the children worked in groups made up of four or five pupils to each group. There were eight groups in the class, and each group was responsible for a chart. I am going to make some pictures of these charts—if the sun shines soon.

"I spend a number of my week-ends in Norfolk, with my sister, Girtha, and I am surely glad that she is down here and near me. I think this country is very pretty, and the water unusually so, but I do miss the hills of Albemarle."

We dare say that she misses the mountains of the Valley and the sunsets from Blue-Stone Hill, too.

Lucy Landes writes: I have the nicest little school just two miles from home. . . . I can't see why every girl wouldn't want to teach.

From Edna Scribner this interesting news came recently: "This is my second year at Virginia. . . . Our position is quite unique, but we are truly gaining ground and after several more years the pioneer trouble will be over with.

"When I first came, I was sadly out of place. I missed dormitory life horribly; hav-

ing no rules or regulations left me with a desolate feeling. . . .

"May be you've been wondering about my degree—Dr. Manahan has too, because it's all hanging on trig, solid (geometry) and college algebra. You remember my extreme wisdom in math, no doubt. I'm just as wise here. If I can remember enough about those dry figures I'll get my degree in June.

"I've been majoring in English and zoology. We have graduate zoology under the great Dr. Kepner. He's absolutely marvelous. This term we are all doing original work. Won't it be lovely if we discover something?"

How it cheers our hearts to know that some of our old girls get homesick for Harrisonburg, "a habit I seem to be getting into of late," writes Josephine Harnsberger from Floris Vocational High School, Herndon. "Please don't think I'm not satisfied with Floris. It's a case of not loving Floris less but Harrisonburg more. I do have the nicest patrons and pupils in the world."

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