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A goodly number of the Harrisonburg faculty attended the Educational Conference in Richmond November **Thanksgiving** 22 to 25. Mr. Duke was at **Richmond** chairman of the resolutions committee and reported important matters to the business meeting at its last session. Mr. Johnston spoke before the Grammar Grade Section on "Science in the Grammar Grades;" Mr. Logan discussed before the English Section "The Use of Newspapers and Magazines in the English Class"; Mrs. Moody reported to the Home Economics Section on the findings of a committee appointed to consider the training of home economics teachers; Miss Mary Louise Seeger before the Primary-Kindergarten Association discussed "What the Teacher Should Expect of the Supervisor of the Primary Grades."

Miss Katherine M. Anthony was elected president of the Grammar Grade Section for the ensuing year, with Miss Katie Lee Ralston of Harrisonburg secretary. Mrs. P. P. Moody was elected president of the Home Economics Section.

Members of the faculty in addition to those named above were Dr. Wayland, Miss Day, and Miss Blosser, of the Training School at Pleasant Hill.

Two students, Pamela Ish and Ridgely Jackson, also attended the conference.

The hockey game played Thanksgiving morning between the Seniors and Juniors resulted as many another contest has in the last two years. the Juniors tied the Seniors with a score of 2 to 2.

An entertaining program was given at assembly the morning of November 30 when Scotch songs were sung by Miss Nelson Maxwell, Messrs. J. E. Schwanenfeldt, A. K. Fletcher, H. D. Newman, and J. T. Houck. Mrs. A. K. Fletcher was the accompanist. The same selections had earlier been presented as a program before the Harrisonburg Music Lovers Club.

One of the English classes, under the direction of Edna Draper, gave a program

on November 18 of book charades. "Stunts" illustrating children's books were shown, and spectators wrote down their guesses of what each stunt represented. "Through the Looking Glass," "Little Women," "Helen's Babies," and "Peter Pan" were among the books represented. This was in observance of Children's Book Week, celebrated over the country the week of November 13 to 19.

Demonstration work in home economics was very interestingly arranged December 7 when Miss Myrtle Wilson's class in experimental cookery prepared various candies for the instruction and delectation of the ladies of the Methodist church, meeting in Social Hall.

Miss Grace Brinton spent several days in Winchester recently where she went to study the home economics equipment of the Handley Schools.

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NEWS AND NOTES OF THE ALUMNAE

THANKSGIVING BANQUET

One hundred and twenty Harrisonburg Normal folks attended the Thanksgiving luncheon at Richmond on Friday, November 25. Short talks were made by President Duke, Dr. W. T. Sanger, Supt. Keister, Miss Mary I. Bell, Miss Anthony, Miss Gregg, Miss Seeger, Miss Day, Professor Johnston, and others from the side of the faculty, present or past. Among the former students who gave reports of their work were Helen Browder, of Danville; Mary McCaleb, of Petersburg; and Esther Hubbard, of Roanoke. All gave evidence of the genuine Harrisonburg spirit and presented in outline the fine plans they have in mind regarding Alma Mater.

The Richmond girls, under the leadership of Mary Hawkins as president, were hostesses in their accustomed charming style. Mary Davis was toast-mistress, and performed her duties with excellent judgment.

Two telegrams were read during the luncheon—one from the faculty at home—

at Blue-Stone Hill; the other from Grace Gaw, speaking for all of our girls who are teaching in the Old North State.

Professor Johnston contributed no small share to the general interest of the occasion by passing around several excellent photographs of the "Home-Coming House," showing its present stage of development. Perhaps one should say, its present plight of arrested development. It was only a year ago, at the Richmond luncheon, that the movement was launched by the Alumnae to erect this building. Wonderful progress has been made; but such a house cannot be constructed without money—much money; and the roof, which Mr. Johnston's photos showed lacking, is an urgent need in the teeth of winter.

But already evidences of this year's campaign are coming in. We are confident that all our loyal workers are taking a new grip on this project; and those who have not before this made a contribution are now looking the opportunity straight in the face. We expect great results to show from the Richmond meeting.

"Blue-Stone Hill" and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung around the tables, as usual. Already many who were present are eagerly looking forward to the next occasion of like nature—the Thanksgiving banquet of 1922.

A GOOD GAME AND GOOD SPIRIT

A feature of the conference week in Richmond was a basket-ball game between alumnae of Farmville and alumnae of Harrisonburg. Credit for the idea must be given to our girls in Richmond. They conceived the plan with reference to our building campaign. Inasmuch as the alumnae of both schools are at work upon buildings for Alma Mater, it was deemed appropriate to have a match game between former students and divide proceeds for the respective buildings.

Accordingly, following the reunion luncheon on Friday, November 25, the impromptu teams and their loyal supporters went immediately to the gymnasium of the Y. W. C. A. building, of Richmond, where the game was staged. Banners, songs, yells, and the various other items appropriate to such contests were in liberal and enthusiastic evidence. Both President Jarman and President Duke, with several members of the school faculties, were on the scene, and were greeted with reusing cheers.

The players for Farmville were the following young ladies: Josephine Gleaves, Elizabeth Rowe, Florence Hall, Ella Jenkins, Mary Darby, Blanche Conwell, Martha Fitzgerald.

The Harrisonburg girls who took active part in the game ("active" is the word) were the following: Marion Nesbitt, Mary Davis, Virginia Faulkner, Edith Ward, Ethel Parrott, Mattie Worster.

Cheers and songs were led for Harrisonburg by Gertrude Bowler and Lillian Hatcher. Frances Sawyer was on the reserve force of players—ready in case of need.

Marion Nesbitt's playing was almost spectacular—she perhaps never played better in her life. All the girls did well, and the game was voted a great success. The fact that the score was 30 to 10 in favor of Harrisonburg is only incidental: the good game played and the fine spirit of sportsmanship and fellowship displayed was much more essential. Considering the short time for practice and for giving publicity to the game, the gate receipts were encouraging. It is to be hoped that a similar game may be arranged for next year—with better opportunities for preparation and advertising.

May Davis is teaching again at Shenandoah, in Page County. Recently she wrote to Miss Lancaster: "My VIRGINIA TEACHER just came. I wish I could read every word of it tonight. It seems such an age between copies. . . . I am so glad our Shenandoah girls like H. N. S. Of course, it's the finest school ever, isn't it?"

She declares that a visit to Harrisonburg always seems to her "like coming home, after being away a long time."

Miriam Jones was married a few weeks ago to Mr. Thomas Roper Houston. Norfolk is the home city of both these young people, and we have no doubt that they are more at home there now than ever.

On November 19 Virginia Leach was married at her home in Front Royal to Mr. Henry O. Cooper. On December 15 Mr. and Mrs. Cooper began to be "at home" on Braddock Heights, Alexandria.

Daisy Johnson (Mrs. Hutchison) is teaching again this session in Aldie high school, Loudoun County. Her post office is Lenah, Va.

A few days ago Pauline Callender sent us a post card picture of an old log house in

Ritter Park, Huntington, W. Va. This house is supposed to be the oldest erected by white men in that section of the Ohio Valley. It is now in charge of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is used as a meeting place for that organization and as a museum for historical relics.

Edith Suter (Mrs. C. A. Funkhouser) of Dayton recently paid a near visit to the Normal School. She had to look over on the campus from the sun parlor of the hospital, but even under such conditions she was gratified to observe how far the work had progressed on Alumnae Hall. She says: "Old Blue-Stone Hill is surely growing, and I still feel as proud of it as I did when I was there."

Charlotte Morris and Reba Kramar are teaching at Smedley in a two-room school. They have a fine chance to try out some of their progressive ideas—and they are doing it. They are counting on being with us at commencement; and both sent checks for the building fund. Alumnae Hall will mean much to all loyal friends of the school, such as they both are.

Virginia Mecartney is principal of Alberta high school. She reports a recent visit from Mr. Ellis, State Supervisor of High Schools, and fine co-operation on the part of her assistant teachers. They are developing basket ball, hot lunches, health contests, etc.

Emily C. Beard writes from 229 Armstead avenue, Hampton. She says that the Harrisonburg girls in and around Hampton are planning hopefully for their share of the Alumnae Building Fund; and we are confident they will carry these plans to a successful issue.

Louise Lancaster holds a good position in the education department of the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro. She says: "In the rush and hurry of the last year or two I have missed getting my copies of the VIRGINIA TEACHER." But she encloses a check for a new subscription and gives other evidence of her loyalty to Blue-Stone Hill. For example, she is planning to be with us next commencement, June 3-6.

Rosa Tinder made a great success in Winston-Salem, N. C., last session and is doing it again this year. She writes a good letter and sends a check for Alumnae Hall.

"I feel sure," she says, "that every old student of Harrisonburg is much interested in having such a building."

Annie Lee Crawford and Mamie Eppes are also teaching in Winston-Salem. Our Harrisonburg girls in Winston-Salem are very enthusiastic about Supt. Latham and his wife. They regard them as real leaders in education and wholesome social service.

Marguerite Whitney sends in a check from Whitmell to pay the balance on her pledge to the Home-Coming House. She says: "This gives me great pleasure, as it is from my very first earnings as a teacher."

That sounds very truly of the Harrisonburg spirit.

Nora Crickenberger is principal of Bassett high school. She says: "There is a big task here and I am enjoying it—especially life in the 'teacherage.'" With her best wishes for all at the Normal School she sends a check for Alumnae Hall—"to help put the roof on."

Leone Reaves is teaching in the Old North State. She did not receive any special request to contribute to the building fund, but hearing of the movement incidentally she at once mailed a check for \$25.00. She declares that she does not want to be left out in such a splendid enterprise. That is just like Leone—and our girls in general.

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