
Believing that "there is nothing in the composition course upon which time may be spent more profitably than upon the familiar essay, and that no form of the student's writing will maintain a higher level of excellence," the editor of this collection has magnified the familiar essay as a teaching device in the composition class.

It is a most attractive anthology—one of the best among the numerous essay collections published during recent years. In addition to the forty essays there are brief biographical notes and a valuable working list of essay volumes.


Sixteen short stories selected by the editors of sixteen popular American magazines, each proposing the story he liked best of those he had published in the preceding twelvemonth. Reflecting on the title after finishing the stories, one recalls the old story about the man who "took in too much territory."


Over three hundred letters from as many authors, actors, bankers, painters, merchants, inventors, singers, clergymen; all of them in answer to a request for a "little message of inspiration" for high school graduates. Our own Dr. Wayland is represented with a letter that begins: "Blessed is the man that can do his own work."

SAFETY FIRST PICTURES TO COLOR. By Matilda Bruer. Chicago: Hall and McCreary Co. 16 cents a set, postpaid.

A set of sixteen little drawings, each illustrating an immanent accident and adorned with a precautionary word. Used as seat work for coloring, they will help build habits of carefulness in school children.


Excellently done. A host of sentences for practice furnish drill in fundamental grammatical principles. The book is designed for use in grades six to nine.


A highly compressed history written by an Edinburgh professor.


A study of the factors conditioning the progress of children in school, and of the problems that must be solved before the relationships between the factors and school success can be reliably determined.
although the team played well both individually and collectively. The game in Farmville February 25 was lost by a score of 15 to 9. We later retaliated by a victory on our own floor, March 5, when H . T . C. won 26 to 21. Again defeat overtook us when William and Mary beat us 23 to 21. These scores show good playing for our team, but the other teams had the rabbit’s foot. Re-assured by their early victory over Fredericksburg, the squad visited that college Saturday, March 13,—and lost! The score that came over the wire to the anxious rooters back home was 34 to 19. Unfortunately, this game at Fredericksburg offered some of the girls their last chance to throw a goal for Alma Mater.

Another team soon to set forth for the “battlefield of wits” is the debating team which will represent the literary societies. Farmville, Radford, and Harrisonburg are to compete in triangular debate April 30. Interest waxes high, and the auditorium bids fair to be filled with enthusiastic boosters.

Everything seems to center around and in our old assembly hall. Children from the junior high school had charge of the programs February 20 and 22. The first program was the “Marriage of Miss Better Speech to Mr. Junior High,” which ceremony was “consolidated” with all due respect and sincerity. The second program represented a literary society meeting of the high school pupils. Musical programs are still in order in chapel: March 15 Miss Sarah Furlow and Sarah Evans sang several selections. The following week Miss Edna Sheaffer had charge of the program and taught the whole student body some new hymns. March 17 the High School Glee Club and Orchestra gave a program that included songs and saxophone and cornet solos. All these programs were too short to satisfy the audience; there were repeated encores. The Lanier Literary Society gave a parody on “Hamlet” in chapel one day, and it was as successful as when it won the prize at the Annual Bazaar. March 8 Mr. Conrad Logan read some very humorous selections concerning that marvelous character, Paul Bunyan. March 12 and 15 the French Circle, under the direction of Mr. Albert Tuller, gave a pleasing account of some French plays and poems. Frances Clark gave a synopsis of Rostand’s play, *Cyrano de Bergerac*, and Eloise Bowers, Edna Phelps, and Marion Kelly read several French poems.

Still listing the activities around Sheldon Hall, we find that there have been two class stunts during the past month. Negros, white folks, and Mr. Jimmy Johnston—the “interrupter”—held the attention of the students during the Senior Minstrel February 27. Sketches, jokes, songs, and jigs occupied the participants and observers alike until everyone left in a good humor. Best of the year.

Closely following this, “Odz and Enz” appeared March 5. This annual stunt of the Sophomore Class was a huge success. It was hard to tell which was the best, the Odz or the Enz. There are two more stunts to be produced: the Freshman Stunt will be some time in April and the Junior Stunt will come in May. “Dorothy Vernon” appeared in Sheldon Hall Saturday night, March 13, much to the delight of everyone. This movie was well worth while, as the attendance proved conclusively.

“Prof. Pep,” a play of town talent, was given in the college auditorium Friday night, March 12, and was a roaring success. The Marionettes of the college gave a play, “The Chaperone,” Friday night, March 3. This fulfilled all anticipations.

The Y. W. services in the main have been leading up to the proper choice of officers for the next year. Dr. E. R. Miller and Rev. J. J. Rives have talked at Sunday services. Officers have now been elected: Emma Pettit, president; Sherwood Jones, vice-president; Mary Smith, secretary; Mary Fray, treasurer; Thelma Dunn, undergraduate representative.
Lucy Gilliam, Jennie Deitrick, Katherine Vance, and Ruth Cary have been added to The Schoolma'am staff. The officers of the literary societies have been chosen and are as follows: Lanier—Alice Walker, president; Laura Lambert, vice-president; Ruth Cary, secretary; Bernice Jenkins, treasurer; Katherine Pace, chairman of the program committee; Mary Louise Dunn, sergeant-at-arms; Louise Elliott, critic. Page—Sherwood Jones, president; Mildred Reynolds, vice-president; Helen Goodson, secretary; Virginia Brumbaugh, treasurer; Gladys Netherland, chairman of the program committee; Julia Reynolds, sergeant-at-arms; Claire Lay, critic. Lee—Martha Hubbard, president; Emma Dold, vice-president; Elizabeth Mason, secretary; Annie Younger, treasurer; Elsie Davis, chairman of program committee; Mary Pritchard, sergeant-at-arms; Hilda Blue, critic.

There have been several music recitals of college and town students. Miss Alice Aiken had two exhibits in the faculty room during March, one of work in costume design and textiles, and jewelry, another of small sculptures carved from ivory soap.

Dr. J. W. Wayland, who has been touring Western United States, has returned to the campus to resume his classes during the spring quarter. The faculty and student body are very glad to see him back.

Mr. George W. Chappelear has been entertaining with a daily tea party in his laboratory recently. Whatever faculty members and students happen to be in Maury Hall at that propitious hour are invited to imbibe. It is a charming custom.

ALUMNÆ NOTES

GRACIOUS REFLECTOR

A fragrant bouquet is handed the State Teachers College and its graduates by the editor of The Peabody Reflector, student magazine published at the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee. From the April issue we quote:

"The Virginia Teacher of December, published by the State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, contains a most carefully organized and readable article on social studies called 'Trade and Commerce in Virginia,' by Elizabeth P. Cox and Pamela Ish.

"Miss Ish will be remembered as one of the very outstanding students in last year's summer school. She is now supervisor of the fourth grade in the college. (And student, also, we believe.)

"Could we risk the bet, we would wager that the Harrisonburg college has sent us as many brilliant and capable students as any in the South—or perhaps more. From that place came in recent times, Miss Frieda Johnson, Miss Mamie Omohundro, Miss Marie Alexander, Miss Ish, and several others from the faculty. Also, Miss Elizabeth Gunther and Mae Joyce came as graduates.

"Well, we have there Miss Katherine Anthony as alumna and friend, and Mr. Logan as summer faculty member and friend. So the reason is clear."

Margaret Miller writes from Dublin High School, where she is teacher of mathematics.

Ollie Lowman's address is Oriskany, Botetourt County. She is teaching patriotism through song, as well as other things.

Mabel Kiracofe is still teaching in Norfolk. Her subjects this year are history and civics.

Verlie Story, now Mrs. Giles, lives at 1505 Russell St., Lynchburg. Her two small daughters make her life quite busy and happy.

Mildred Kidd is teaching at Whitmell—her fourth year there—and is a summer student at the University of Virginia. She sends greetings to all her old friends at Blue-Stone Hill.

Kerah Carter heads her letter at McDowell, Highland County. She often thinks
of Harrisonburg, and says, "Perhaps I will be there this summer." We hope so.

Neva Lee Williams sends a cheering message from Capron, Southampton County. She enjoys her work as teacher there, but recalls with pleasure her days at Alma Mater.

Lizzie Burgess is teaching at Ridgeway, Henry County. She is working up a pageant this spring in connection with history and civics.

Mary Louise Steele and Lillas Greenwalt are teaching Round Hill School, Frederick County, and are making a good record. They have worked out several community co-operation projects very successfully.

On March 16 Elizabeth Matheny paid us a short visit. She was on her way home; and in her affections Harrisonburg is near to Monterey.

Laura McCraw is supervisor of Pittsylvania County schools. It is a big county and a big job, but she seems equal to both.

Kathleen Watson is still teaching in Charleston, W. Va., but she is planning to come back to college and finish up her work for a degree. Her address is 407 Broad Street.

Mattie Fitzhugh and Matilda Roane teach in Churchville, Augusta County. On March 15 they made a short visit to Harrisonburg and the college.

Jennie McIvor's address is still Naruna, Campbell County. She sends a good report of her school.

On Lincoln's birthday Joe Warren wrote us a card from Chattanooga. She said: "Have driven over Chickamauga Park and through the National Cemetery. Will go up on Lookout Mountain soon."

Erna Glasscock also teaches at Whitmell. She is teaching good citizenship through good music.

Isa Ratcliff writes from New River Depot. She is doing good work as a teacher, but is still a student too.

Frankie Showalter is teaching at Troutville, and sends us a good word now and then.

Sina Kite's address is Front Royal. She and her pupils have been working out some interesting projects in a "Know Virginia" series.

Gertrude Bain is teaching in the city of Portsmouth. Her address is No. 4 Chelsea Apartment, North Street.

Macie Lee Henderson writes about an interesting historical pageant that the schools of Montgomery County are putting on this spring.

Now and then Mary Lancaster Smith (Mrs. E. E. Garrison) sends us one of her good letters. Her address is 547 Lee Street, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Margaret Helm is doing fine work as teacher in Alexandria. Her address is 229 S. Pitt Street.

Lena Reid wrote recently from Maryland State Normal School, Salisbury, Md. She was at that time making a special study in the life and work of Thomas Jefferson for the use of primary grades.

We take pleasure in reporting the following marriage:

Lucy Scott Mackey to Mr. Edward Jeffries Carr, in Washington, D. C., on March 3, 1926. Since March 10 Mr. and Mrs. Carr have been at home, 3107 Edgewood Ave., Richmond.

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