pliments from his fellow-Rotarians on the quality of the dinner.

This commencement will be Glee Club Reunion year, and for the former members who will be on the campus there will be given an informal reception Saturday evening, June 4, between 4 and 5 o'clock.

Through error the name of Grace Henty was omitted from the official list of honor students for the second quarter, as published in the April issue of The Virginia Teacher.

Mrs. Ora Hart Avery, director of home economics training in Virginia, and Dr. Mary E. Brydon, of the Department of Health, were recent visitors at the State Normal School.

The Reverend Norman Binsted, an Episcopal missionary stationed in Japan, addressed students at assembly the morning of April 21, while he was in Harrisonburg attending the Valley Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Virginia.

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NEWS AND NOTES OF THE ALUMNAE

CAMPAIGN ECHOES

At the Normal School plans are being made to lay the cornerstone of the Home-Coming House at commencement, and at the various organized centers in Virginia and elsewhere our girls are loyally working to make these plans feasible and full of promise.

Beatrice Eshelman, secretary of the Harrisonburg chapter in Washington City, has reported great enthusiasm for the project in her district. Merla Matthews is chairman and Nannie Burnley is treasurer in the same organization.

Gertrude Bowler, Catherine Harrison, and Mary M. Snead compose the central committee for Fairfax County. They have already sent in substantial evidence of their interest and efficiency, and more good reports are soon expected from them.

At Middlebrook, Augusta County, a box party was held one evening recently and a neat sum was cleared for the building fund. Tenney Cline Hulvey, Bettie Sommerville, and Nell Wayland are the campaign committee in that community.

Margaret Coleman, Ethel Plumb, and Mabel Kendig are the organizers in and around Waynesboro. They and their associates are laying effective plans and are already carrying them out.

Ruth Calhoun, who is teaching at Fishersville, paid us a visit at the Normal a few days ago. She and the other Normal girls at Fishersville will either join forces with the Waynesboro girls or work under an organization of their own. Mary Early has already sent in her personal check from Fishersville.

Rachel Rodgers, Avice Roane, and Caroline Eisenberg are the efficient organizers in Staunton. They are receiving hearty support from the other Normal girls at Fishersville will either join forces with the Waynesboro girls or work under an organization of their own. Mary Early has already sent in her personal check from Fishersville.

Lillian Gilbert is chairman at Manassas. Her associate organizers are Mrs. A. A. Hooff (Ruth Round) and Mrs. C. C. Lynn (Neville Dogan). Their district includes the county of Prince William. We know these leaders and other workers in their community so well that we know what to expect from them.

Rockingham County is organized under five special committees, on the basis of the five magisterial districts. Irma Burtner, Lizzie Trussell, and Nellie Myers are the committee in Plains District. Ruby Martz, Ora Scott, and Mr. Ira Long have charge of the work in Linville. Stonewall is being looked after by Helen Hopkins, Pauline Callender, and Ruth Taliaferro. Erma Cline and Annie Moore, with others, are gathering the
forces in Central, while Nell Critzer, Mary Seebert, and Elizabeth Lam are looking after the interests of the work in Ashby. Mrs. Clyde Payne (Frances Kemper) of Lynwood is general director for the county.

The city of Harrisonburg has an organization of its own. Several months ago the business and professional men of the city gave unmistakable evidence of their interest in the new building by subscribing more than $5,000. They are not to be canvassed again; but our girls in the city are now taking steps to show their spirit (which is truly the "Harrisonburg spirit") in their own way. They will also give all others who have not already aided the campaign an opportunity to do so. For example, on the evening of April 30 they provided an entertainment for the community, given by a large delegation of students from Staunton Military Academy, from which a handsome sum was realized. The Harrisonburg Committee is made up as follows: Mrs. Tom Brock (Virginia Zirkle) chairman; Lucy Spitzer, secretary; Edna Dechert, treasurer.

The Normal folks in Shenandoah County are lining up splendidly in the campaign. The southwest end of the county is being organized by Bessie Swartz, Ruby Brill, and Clara O'Neal; the northeast end (the townships of Johnson, Davis, and Stonewall) is being directed in the work by Katharine Hottel, Grace McInturff, and Mildred Hoshour.

The committee for the city of Winchester and the county of Frederick is composed of Pearl Haldeman, Rosalie Brock, and Johnetta Wright. These ladies are all well known as enthusiastic and efficient leaders. The reports we have had from them are very encouraging.

The central committee, Vada Whitesel, Freida Johnson, and Mrs. R. C. Dingledine (Agnes Stribling), has been actively at work during the past month or two in the effort to aid the local committees over the country in every possible way. By correspondence and by the sending out of personal messengers they have been able to assist at many points. Any chapter or any individual who desires information or suggestions should communicate with them at once. They have been hoping to secure the services of Miss Haldeman (Pearl) as a general field secretary. Miss Haldeman's wide acquaintance among our old students and her well proved efficiency as an organizer will make her very helpful to the various chapters that may secure her services.

Not long ago a letter came in from West Tampa, Florida, and with it was a check for the new building. The donor was Miss Martha A. Dabney, who was at Blue-Stone Hill as a summer student several years ago. Her memory was so good and her recollections were so pleasant (not to speak of her loyalty) that she sent in her contribution, with an accompanying good word, from that distant city without waiting for any one to ask her to do so. Such examples of hearty co-operation are inspiring. In face of them one can not help being proud of the "Harrisonburg spirit."

Letters from Alice Gilliam and Kate Clary tell of the forward steps recently taken by the Richmond chapter in the building campaign. One thing is the sale of 6,000 tickets for a moving picture benefit on May 16, 17, and 18.

At a recent election the Richmond chapter chose Mrs. M. H. Chiles (Juliet Coffman) president, Mary Hawkins vice-president, Mary Quigg recording secretary, Mrs. G. C. Chewning (Emily Smith) treasurer, and Alice Gilliam corresponding secretary. We are sure that everybody was sorry to accept the resignation of Mary Lancaster Smith as president, but she doubtless presented reasons that were bound to be acknowledged as good and acceptable.

Helen Ward, writing from Centralia, says: "We are working, and hope by about May 15 to send a check towards the Home-Coming House. We expect by that time to have all subscriptions in." In another letter of recent date she says: "I'm so happy over the plans for the new building. We Chesterfieldians have not forgotten our Alma Mater, and you will hear from us soon."

Mrs. Chas. F. Leek (Zola Hubbard) enclosed two checks in a letter of May 2, one for The Virginia Teacher, the other for the Home-Coming House. She and her husband, Rev. Mr. Leek, are both students at the University of Richmond and both expect to graduate next year. "I wish I could send just lots and lots," she says. "If there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to call on me."

More "Harrisonburg spirit!"
Marguerite Shenk sends a good letter from Lynchburg. "About two and a half months ago," she states, "the Harrisonburg girls in this city organized. Ray Hanger is secretary and treasurer, Margaret Kinnear is vice-president, and I am president."

We have learned that Miss Kinnear has since been made president, owing to a temporary break-down of Miss Shenk's health. The chapter has put through successfully one or two enterprises already, and others are being planned.

Reports from other chapters are soon to be forthcoming. The work is being more fully appreciated from day to day, and the support being given it is most cordial and thoroughgoing. All who learn of it soon realize that it is not a thing to be done in an hour and forgot in a day, but a task of an earnest year, for all the years to come.

Mrs. H. P. Burgess (Inez Coyner), who graduated in 1912, sends a check and a pledge from her home in St. Augustine, Florida. Part of the cheering message that accompanies her gift is as follows:

"I am so glad to have the privilege of helping with the building. It is a fine undertaking and you surely have my good wishes. Blue-Stone Hill is as dear to me as ever."

A Norfolk paper recently ran the following notice of one of the activities of the Local Alumnae Chapter in raising their pledge toward the Alumnae-Students Building Fund. The news article was accompanied by two pictures, one of the interior of the tea-room and the other of the "waitresses" lined up on the outside. In the "waitress picture" were Marceline Gatling, president of the local chapter, Dorothy Spooner, treasurer, Linda Carter, LeLouise Edwards, Mary Lancaster, Ethel Channing, Helen Acton, and Mrs. I. V. Gay, the dietitian in charge.

**CINDERELLA TEA ROOM OPENED TO AID SCHOOL FUND**

Girls of Harrisonburg Normal Serve as Waitresses to Raise Money.

A tea room operated for the sole purpose of helping to erect a school building—that is the object of the Cinderella Tea Room, which was opened last Wednesday at College Place and Boush street. The alumnae of the Harrisonburg State Normal School are conducting the tea room, and hope the revenue derived from it will assist materially in the building project now being planned by the school.

For the last two weeks those who have passed down College Place toward Boush street have enjoyed the sight of girls in huge, all-over aprons brandishing paint brushes and transforming a bare-looking little store into a study in gray, with stencils of green. The stencils, made by one of the alumnae, portray on the wall the entire story of Cinderella, and her slipper and Prince Charming.

"Why did you name it the Cinderella?" one of the paint-covered girls was asked.

"Because we change from school teachers to cooks and waitresses, and then, of course, we are poverty-stricken!" she replied.

"The alumnae are going to put up another building at the school," she continued. "Each chapter has pledged a sum of money, and we have taken this means of raising ours. Of course it means lots of work and time, but we are willing to do it."

"So it is entirely a benefit affair?"

"Yes, no ulterior motive. Food is guaranteed, and every possible thing is done to make it a success. We have hired an experienced cook, so we expect to give real service."

Norfolk members of the alumnae club serve at different times as waitresses. Mrs. L. V. Gay, an experienced dietitian, is in charge of the preparation of food.

**HELENA MARSH PUTS THE STORY IN THIS WAY**

Mr. Johnston came to see us. We had a dinner party at the Fairfax. Mr. Johnston told us about the plans for the Alumnae House. Now we have a tea room. That's the Alpha and Omega of the matter.

But if you really want to know some of the horrid details, this is the story:

Marceline Gatling had the brilliant idea of making a concerted effort in the form of a tea room. We named it the Cinderella, because forsooth we change from school-ma'ams to cooks and then a unanimous afterthought claimed the name on the grounds of poverty also.

We decided that pearl grey with green stencils would be a nice color scheme, and proceeded to effect the desired result with much paint, merriment, and elbow grease. Linda Carter made charming stencils of the coach, the witch, the page, the Prince, and Cinderella herself.

We secured the capable services of Mrs. Gay, formerly manager of one of the school lunch-rooms, and her assistant, a dusky
maiden yelept Rosie. These two are the real chefs, and we girls do the salads, sandwiches, desserts, and the serving. One person is chairman for a chosen day and has a committee to help her.

Of course many of us can not be down for luncheon, which is the busiest time, but a treasured few can manage it. Herein are shown the advantages of matrimony—the girls who are married and not teaching hold the fort frenziedly from 12 till 2 o'clock.

But on Saturdays we give the dear public SERVICE. There's more system about our establishment than there is at Childs—and of an elegance! Last Saturday Mrs. Gay fixed the chicken "specials," Rosie washed the dishes, Mary Lancaster made salads. Helen Tatem Rogers made lemon pies. Lelouise Edwards made sandwiches. I made iced tea, hot tea, and coffee, and Dorothy Spooner, Alpha Holcomb, Marceline Catling, Sarah Wilson, Margie Menzel waited on the tables. Helen Acton sat up in the corner jingling the cash box and lending an air of eclat to the place. She always does get a white collar job somehow, if you remember.

It really is a lot of fun, as well as work. And it should be a big success. We have had a most encouraging start. And it's such fun to watch the bewildered expression of people who say in horror, "But isn't it an impossible amount of work?"

And to answer blandly—"Well, yes, I suppose it is. But we don't mind. It's for Harrisonburg, you see."

Edna Scribner, from her school down by the sea, sent some time ago a big box of wild flowers, gathered by her school children. The violets were as fresh as if just plucked, and the arbutus was handed around generally so that many might catch a whiff of its perfume and a glimpse of its delicate blush.

Miss Hoffman and Miss Cleveland, who met with the Harrisonburg ex-students at Woodstock when they organized for systematic work on Shenandoah's share in the alumnae building, report a pleasant reunion and a fine spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm. They also enjoyed a never-to-be-forgotten ride through that green wonderland and up Massanutten mountain.

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