

Lincoln, Nebraska, May 26, 1922.

Dear Dr. Wayland:

I find upon my arrival in the city your little book entitled "Christ As a Teacher." I shall take it in my valise and read it on the way.

Appreciating your kindness in sending it, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. J. BRYAN.

En Route. May 30. 1922.
(Mailed at Lexington, Ky.)

Dear Dr. Wayland:

I am so pleased with your little book, "Christ As a Teacher," that I am enclosing five dollars for extra copies. Please send two to Mrs. W. J. Bryan, 1520 Ogden Drive, Hollywood, Los Angeles (my wife is there for the summer), and the rest (I do not know how many it will buy) to me in care of *The Commoner*, Lincoln, Neb. I will be north during the summer.

You may quote me as saying that you have embodied a great thought in beautiful and impressive language. The book ought to be in the library of every preacher and teacher.

Yours truly,

W. J. BRYAN.

THE OLD WAY VS. THE NEW WAY.

The old style of teaching civics with a deadly adherence to a formal textbook, memorizing the names of officers, constitutions, branches and functions of government, etc., will never make active, public-spirited citizens of those who are compelled to pursue them. If civics is not capable of making better citizens, then the sooner it is dropped from the curriculum the better. . . The civics class should spend a great part of its time in the court house, in the city hall, and in the various other places where the actual practices of civil government are in operation.—John J. Tigert, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

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NEWS AND NOTES OF THE ALUMNAE

During the summer terms a large number of our former students have been in attendance upon classes—some to renew certificates, others to gain credits toward diplomas, and some, according to their own declaration, "just because they wanted to spend some more time at Blue-Stone Hill."

Already the "home-coming house" (Alumnæ Hall) has served excellent purposes. During the greater part of the first summer term the upstairs room were occupied by students. This term thirty-two girls are domiciled therein, and the building is in charge of Marceline Gatling, a graduate of 1913. Miss Gatling came to Harrisonburg on a visit, but was prevailed upon to take a place in the summer faculty again; and so, quite appropriately, she was put in charge of Alumnæ Hall. In a short time, it is confidently expected, the entire building will be finished. The spacious reception room, with its artistic fire-place, will be a delight to all our girls whenever they see fit to pay Alma Mater a visit.

Marguerite Shenk, of Lynchburg, is one of those who came back this summer because she had the desire rather than the need to come. She did not take regular class work, but spent some time observing the work in the training schools.

Agnes Christian, of Richmond, with several members of her family, paid us a visit recently. She and her party were on an auto tour through various parts of the Valley.

Do you all remember "Lise"—Elise Loewner? Everybody says "Yes." But now you must sing her praises to a different tune—she has changed her name. After teaching last session in Roanoke City she decided that she had found a place for life; so on August 3 she married Mr. Richard Aufenger, and after September 1 will be at home on King George Avenue, No. 516, Roanoke.

Genoa Swecker taught last year in Monterey; and she, like Elise, became so attached to her place of work that she decided to remain there for good. Accordingly, she will

marry Mr. John Emory Slaven on September 7 and be at home in Monterey.

CLASS REUNIONS

Next June, 1923, will be the time for two class reunions—the first five-year reunion of the class of 1918 and the ten-year reunion of the class of 1913. Already plans are being laid by the officers of these groups to get the class members back in large numbers. The chief obstacle that has been found to lie in the way of such home-comings at commencement is the late closing of many of the schools over the state in which our girls are teaching. Just how this difficulty is to be overcome we do not see just now; but we are hoping for large reunions next June. It has been suggested that all married members of the class of 1913 bring with them their husbands and children, and thus set a precedent for all reunions hereafter that fall on ten-year or longer periods.

Marion Nesbitt just could not stay away from Harrisonburg any longer; so she came back for the second term to take a few classes, renew old friendships, and breathe this fine mountain air again. Marion is teaching in Richmond, where her family moved last fall. Would it not be fine to keep Marion here for the Varsity next session?

An invitation to a double wedding of Elizabeth Mott and her sister Catherine, to take place on September 7, was recently received by us. Elizabeth is to marry Mr. Catesby Todd Field; and her sister Catherine is to marry Landon Carter Catlett, junior, United States Army. The wedding is to take place at Ware Church, Gloucester County, Virginia.

We had a delightful visit a few days ago from Elizabeth and Maria Murphy, of Staunton. They are, however, only on their vacation, as Maria is Chief Dietitian in the Veterans' Bureau, of New Orleans, while Elizabeth has been teaching at the George Mason High School, of Alexandria. It is a great pleasure to those who stay here to see the old students keep in touch with the school, as these girls have so splendidly done; nothing of interest to the school is foreign to them.

Ruth Sanders, we understand, is now chief of the Woman's Bureau of the Richmond Police Department.

Lucile McLeod Hayden is visiting her old home at Bridgewater. Her present home is at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The local Junior High School ought to be the best in the state, with the addition this year of Mamie Omohundro, Annie Hundley, and Dorothy Spooner. Their splendid records elsewhere make good advertising material for the Harrisonburg Junior High School.

SELF-MASTERY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE UNKNOWN

The translation of a Latin sentence is not primarily an intellectual task; it is a matter of will-attitude, a matter of self-mastery in the presence of the unknown, the difficult, the complicated. The examination of a flower under the microscope is not a matter of counting stamens to be followed by the chasing of Latin names through a book; it is a matter of moral and aesthetic standards as well, of the pupil's power to wonder, to admire, to pursue the suggestions of nature until we reach the fundamental laws.—W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University.

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