

THE NEW SECOND READER. By Eva A. Smedley and Martha C. Olsen. Illustrated by Matilda Breuer. Chicago: Hall and McCreary Company. 1928. Pp. 192. 68 cents.

The authors with the completion of this book have given to the elementary school a series—primer, first, and second books—of worth-while, well-graded reading material. As a supplementary reader it has much value, for the stories are short enough to hold the interest and there is sufficient variety for everybody. The illustrations are most attractive.

M. L. S.

STRAYER-UPTON ARITHMETICS. By George Drayton Strayer and Clifford Brewster Upton. New York: American Book Co. 1928. Lower Grades, pp. 339. Middle Grades, pp. 352. Higher Grades, pp. 393.

This is a new set of arithmetics which conforms to the best of modern theory and practices in teaching arithmetic. I notice the following outstanding points: (1) The problems relate to things that are real and interesting to children, as a group of problems based on *Saving for Summer Vacation*, *Buying by Parcel Post*, etc. (2) Abundant test material on the fundamental operations is provided, as well as frequent improvement tests with directions for self-scoring by the pupils. (3) Many excellent teaching exercises are given, as carefully graded exercises which prepare the pupil for the difficulties in dividing by nine, and a clear statement of the five steps to be taken in long division. (4) The book for the higher grades makes clear in an interesting way the practices of modern banks and, in explaining how money transactions are conducted, gives information of real social value.

I believe the use of this series of books in our public schools would do much to improve the teaching of arithmetic and give satisfactory results in pupil ability to meet life situations which call for knowledge of arithmetical processes.

EMILY GOODLETT

## NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNÆ

Dr. Kilpatrick's visit to the College was one of the biggest events of the month of April. The great teacher and philosopher spoke to the faculty and student body on the evening of April 23, in Walter Reed Hall, contrasting the present era with the era of the "buggy" and showing how education develops with civilization. His attack was, of course, scientific, but his appeal was human. The calmness with which he held his hearers showed that he is a true teacher. Since his visit there has been a rush on his works in the College library.

Another important happening was the an-

nouncement that the *Breeze* had won second place among college newspapers entered in the contest sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. For the past several years the *Breeze* has sent delegates to the convention of that organization which is held yearly in New York City. The benefits derived are beginning to make a showing.

Our college annual, the *Schoolma'am*, has gone to press with every one of her belongings. The book returns about the first of June in all her finery of print and engraving.

Florence Reese, president of Student Government, and Frances Bass, vice-president, attended the thirteenth annual conference of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Association of Student Government. This year the group met at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg April 19-21.

Among the prominent people who made addresses on the problems of student government were Dr. D. R. Anderson, President of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Professor John L. Manahan, Dean of the School of Education, University of Virginia, and Miss Mary L. Sherrell, of Mt. Holyoke College, Massachusetts.

Another group of Harrisonburg representatives went to Randolph-Macon during the past month. Adelia Krieger, Evelyn Wolfe, Anne Bulloch, and Stribbie Lottier attended a Y. W. C. A. conference there. Dr. William Geiger of William and Mary College made the main talks.

New officers of the local Y. W. C. A. were installed Thursday, April 12. The Reverend J. Lewis Gibbs of Staunton talked on the responsibility of youth. Mary Boone Murphy took the oath of office as president, which was administered by the outgoing executive, Marion Wagner.

Chapel programs have been varied. Professor Milton Smith, of Teachers College, New York, and Rabbi I. Mortimer Bloom of the Hebrew Temple, New York City, have



given interesting talks. The Dayton orchestra and the Bridgewater male quartet gave concerts on different occasions; Mr. and Mrs. Potter, of Charleston, West Virginia, gave a concert. Mr. Potter is brother-in-law of Dr. Rives of the local Methodist Church. Mrs. Potter sings and Mr. Potter plays. During their stay in the city they gave several programs in the Methodist Church.

One of the loveliest musical programs given in chapel was the Easter cantata sung by the Glee Club. A choral fantasy, "King Nutcracker," based on the "Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikowsky, was given by the College Glee Club the latter part of March. The girls spent the greater part of April preparing for the trip which took in Danville, Roanoke, and V. P. I. The Glee Club brought the V. P. I. Dramatic Club to the College April 21. The boys presented "Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh," a romantic comedy in three acts which was a scream from start to finish, with the girl parts so carefully and yet ridiculously portrayed. The quartet which accompanied the players sang some things that were well worth listening to.

The Choral Club functions with its usual high grade activity. Friday evening, April 12, the organization presented "The Bells of Beaujolais," a two-act operetta. Under the able direction of Miss Shaeffer the Club put on a very attractive production. The chorus singing was particularly good.

The Aeolian Music Club, which promotes music of the best type on the campus, has admitted five new members. Henrietta Chapman, Lillian Spain, Nelson Chapman, and Elizabeth Brinkley passed the entrance examinations on piano, while Phyllis Palmer passed the voice exam. The new members gave a program in chapel, and the high degree of their accomplishment was evident.

Spring fever has in no way retarded athletics. Many students are working hard to gain as many points as possible before the end of the school year. The system provides for girls who have only average ability

in certain activities as well as for those who specialize in one sport. In that way a girl may win her points in more than one activity.

Warm weather has aroused renewed interest in swimming. Miss Florence Skadding, who gave the life saving tests here last spring, returned April 25 to give the tests to a new group and to investigate those who were working for the Examiners' seals. Her trip extended to April 28 and included an exhibition of some very fine diving. The meet with George Washington University did not materialize, but plans are even now being made for next year.

The annual basketball awards were presented by Mr. Duke in assembly, April 11. Clelia Heizer, captain-elect for next year, received a sweater and a letter. Doan, concluding her fourth year of varsity basketball, Miller and Cockerill, each having finished her third year on the team, and Smith and Quisenberry, two-year players, received stars. Cockerill and Doan are not returning.

Track practice, in preparation for Field Day, has been started. The class leaders are: Margaret Shackleford, freshman; Elsie Quisenberry, sophomore; Audrey Hyatt, junior; and Bill Alphin, senior. Each girl must attend sixteen practices to obtain her points. Those going out for track may go out for only one other event—swimming or tennis.

Baseball season is opened. Helen Holladay is manager of the senior team; Frances Rand, junior; Virginia Hughes, sophomore; and Harriet Dickson, freshman. The final clashes have not come yet.

The tennis courts are greatly improved by a new wire cage and resurfacing. Work on the new buildings continues as rapidly as possible. The annex to the service building is almost under roof and the new dormitory will soon reach that stage.

The sophomore class had its annual tree planting Friday afternoon, April 13. Mina



Thomas, president of the class, conducted the exercises, while Dr. Wayland, honorary member, made the address. The words of the song were composed by Nancy McCaleb, a sophomore. Phyllis Palmer, another second-year girl, read an original poem, "The Beauty of Growth."

The freshman class has been making itself known. "The Sketch Book," an original musical play, was presented by the Froshes April 27, at the conclusion of their "baby day." The day was a great success despite the heavy snowstorm, and the play came off well under the direction of Catherine Sponseller and Helene Duvall, with the aid of Miss Marbut. Elizabeth Bishop, Ruth Archibald, and Mary Buchanan were cast in the leading parts. The choruses were particularly original and snappy. The orchestra also was composed entirely of freshmen.

The freshman *Breeze*, under the editorship of Frances Snyder, of Roanoke, was a worthy issue. It very appropriately came out in red and white at the end of the play. The freshman class added distinction to itself April 27.

Freshman privileges have been extended for the spring quarter. First-year girls may now go down town one night a week.

Officers have been elected for various organizations. "Dots" Murphy succeeds Lucy Davis as president of the Alpha Literary Society. Mildred Rhodes is the new secretary-treasurer. Eugenia Ely is now president of the Blue Stone Orchestra; Madeline Hinkel, vice-president; Mary Buchanan, secretary; and Othelda Mitchell, treasurer and business manager.

The Frances Sale Club has installed Eugenia Ely, president; Mary Watt, vice-president; Lestelle Barbour, treasurer; Mary Brown Allgood, secretary; Dorothy Rhodes, sergeant-at-arms; and Marianna Duke, chairman of the program committee.

The newly elected leaders of the French Circle are Mina Thomas, president; Eliza-

beth Kaminsky, vice-president; Edna Phelps, secretary; Elsie Quisenberry, treasurer; and Virginia Thomas, chairman of the program committee.

The officers of the Lanier Literary Society for this quarter are Lillian Jackson, president; Anne Garrett, vice-president; Axie Brockett, secretary; Rosalie Wynne, sergeant-at-arms; Till Bell, critic; and Mary M. Nickols, chairman of program committee.

The Art Club is doing some splendid work. On several occasions the members have sponsored art exhibits which bring to the College copies of the works of the great masters. Frequently girls are given an opportunity to order duplicates. Advertising has improved greatly in quantity and quality since the Art Club has taken over the direction and making of posters.

The Math Club is not lazy. Dr. Converse's numerous volumes on mathematics are being catalogued by the members. The Day Students enjoy the companionship they get through their organization, and the weekly luncheons are drawing them even closer together.

Dorothy Cox and Lucy Taylor are going to Farmville to represent H. T. C. in the triangular debate between Harrisonburg, Fredericksburg, and Farmville. The Debating Club had charge of the preliminaries here.

That spring is really here is evidenced by the fact that preparations are numerous for both May Day exercises and the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester. The May Day Court is at this time a secret organization, but the plans for the float and parade in Winchester are better known and promise a lovely effect.

The progress of students during the past quarter is shown in the merit roll. To Mary Travers Armentrout goes the unique distinction of receiving all A's during the second quarter. The list of honor students:

SENIORS: Mary Moore Aldhizer, Broad-



way; Mary Armentrout, of McGaheysville; Pattie Callaway, of Norwood; Martha Cockerill, of Purcellville; Martha Derrick, of Pulaski; Beth Jordan, of Roanoke; Rowena Lacy, of Oak Park.

JUNIORS: Elizabeth Cockerill, of Purcellville; Eva Kinsey, of Covington; Effie Elva Kirkpatrick, of Debee, N. B., Canada; Mary Thelma Miller, of Roseland; Mary Finney Smith, of Parksley.

SOPHOMORES: Mildred Berryman, of Newport News; Mary Crane, of Waynesboro; Ruth Dold, of Buena Vista; Harriet Harris, of Winchester; Janet Houck, of Harrisonburg; Elizabeth Kaminsky, of Norfolk; Elizabeth Knight of Westfield, N. J.; Bernice Mercer, of Norfolk; Sylvia Myers, of Harrisonburg; Nina Grey Pifer, of Mt. Crawford; Blanche Sprinkle, of Roanoke.

FRESHMEN: Lola Davis, of Harrisonburg; Gladys Green, of Saxe; Katherine Thayer, of Norfolk; Lois Winston, of Hampden Sidney.

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EVANGELINE JOSEPH has just completed her directed student teaching in the Harrisonburg Training School and here recounts her effort to have fifth-grade pupils make an artistic book for nature study.

MARY LOUISE SEEGER, who is a professor of primary education in the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg, prepared this summary of information regarding habit formation for a recent meeting of the local Parent-Teachers Association.

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