

The annual catalog containing announcements for the session of 1921-22 is now being received from the printer and copies will soon reach teachers and prospective students throughout the state. A booklet of views portraying the school plant and all kinds of student activities has also recently been published. This will be sent on request.

The list of honor students for the second quarter ending March 18 has recently been announced. The following students received in no class a grade of less than A: Dorothy Elna Lacy, Mrs. W. G. LeHew, Anna Seaton Cameron, Sara Leone Upp.

Students whose grades average nearer A than B, or as near A as B are as follows: Vergilia P. Sadler, Sallie L. Browne, Kathleen Huffman, Rosa Payne Heidelberg, Penelope C. Morgan, Mary L. Brown, Loudelle Potts, Ruth Rodes, Martha F. Brown, Anna K. Estes, Frances M. Sawyer, Mary Louise Stephens, Edith R. Ward, Maria C. Dove, Annie Katherine Hundley, Iona Mae Wimbrough, Helen L. Baber, Anne B. Gilliam, Meade E. Feild, Christine F. Gladstone, Constance E. Martin, Mary Louise Overton, Celia Pearl Swecker, Sarah L. Tabb, and Mabel V. Mosely.

Miss Elizabeth Trappe, instructor in violin and director of the Harrisonburg High School orchestra, gave a delightful recital the evening of April 5 in the auditorium. Miss Trappe was assisted by Mrs. N. D. Hawkins, soprano. Mrs. Jos. T. Houck, of Harrisonburg, was accompanist.

Miss Margaret Bradley, of Harrisonburg, sang two beautiful alto solos the morning of March 18 before students at assembly; and at the same time Mr. P. H. Baugher, baritone, entertained with several selections, including the ever popular "On the Road to Mandalay."

Mrs. N. D. Hawkins sang a series of historical songs the morning of April 8, these numbers being introduced with appropriate remarks by Dr. J. W. Wayland. They included "The Campbells Are Coming," "Oh, Charlie Is My Darling," "The Girl I

Left Behind Me," "Robin Adair," and "Bonnie Dundee."

Dean W. J. Gifford recently addressed an educational conference at Leesburg on educational tests and measurements, and Dr. J. W. Wayland spoke before the same conference. President S. P.

Duke spoke at Norfolk the evening of April 13. President Duke and Dr. Gifford were both speakers at the Linville District school fair held at Timberville Saturday, April 9.

Miss Katherine M. Anthony has recently visited with Miss Ada Baugh, rural supervisor of Rockingham county schools, the schools at Tenth Legion, Lacey Spring, and Cootes Store, where silent reading tests were given with fine results. Miss Baugh has been giving special attention to the readjustment of individual children in the various grades.

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NEWS AND NOTES OF THE ALUMNAE

CAMPAIGN PLANS

At a meeting of nearby members of the general alumnae committee, held at the Normal on March 12, Miss Freida Johnson, Miss Vada Whitesel, and Mrs. R. C. Dingleline (Agnes Stribling), were appointed a special executive committee to push the campaign for the new Alumnae-Students Building.

Tentative plans for the building, provided by the school architect, were inspected, and the place on the campus to be occupied by the structure was discussed. The site chosen is the very best one available—the eminence near the old Maypole, facing southwest and overlooking the school grounds and the beautiful valley, with the majestic Alleghenies in the distance.

Misses Johnson and Whitesel and Mrs. Dingleline have already appointed local executive committees in a number of towns and magisterial districts of adjacent counties, and it is proposed to extend this organization as rapidly as possible, for it is very desirable

to have assurance of adequate contributions by commencement. Work has actually begun on the foundations for the building, and if contributions are made promptly it may be possible to have the structure under roof by autumn.

Upwards of 5000 students have been enrolled at Blue-Stone Hill from first to last, winter and summer; and if each of these will make a gift of \$10 on the average the amount necessary to complete the building will be provided. To be sure, it may not be possible to get in touch with every one of the five thousand in the time set aside for the campaign, and it may not be convenient for every one reached to contribute as much as the average at this time. Accordingly, it will be necessary for a number of those who are well able to do so to give more than \$10—and many of them have done so already. Checks for \$25 and more are not unusual, for our girls (and boys, too) are taking hold of this splendid project with the real Harrisonburg spirit. This spirit may be a little hard to define, but it means success. And we can readily determine some of the factors in it—loyalty, energy, optimism, public interest, among the rest.

In Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Roanoke, Petersburg, Danville, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Staunton, Winchester, Newport News, Harrisonburg, and other centers where our old students are found in considerable numbers, organizations have already been effected or are in process of formation. These centers and many others will take care of the campaign in their respective communities skilfully and systematically. Enough has been done in some of these places already to justify most optimistic prophecies. Wherever it is possible for even a small group of our people to get together and form a simple organization for this campaign, it should be done. Local centers are effective centers.

In many instances, however, it may not be convenient for our graduates and other old students to work in a group. In such cases let each one constitute herself a committee of one, and take the steps best adapted to co-operate in this fine enterprise. The special executive committee already named will, as promptly as possible, try to communicate with each one of our number who is more or

less distant from the centers of organization, giving each one an opportunity to make a contribution. But if each old student who reads this report will take time by the forelock and send in a check without waiting to be called upon, it will be all the better. Time and postage stamps are both money, and every cent saved is a penny earned for the home-coming house.

The following practical suggestion, however, is offered for the good of the cause. When you send in your check ask yourself the question whether it represents all you wish to give, or all you can give if the donation is made in several instalments. Perhaps instead of writing your check for the full amount of your gift, it will be easier for you to give your check now for only part of it, asking at the same time for one of the forms whereby payments of contributions are made in easy instalments. One of these forms will be sent to any one who desires it and it may aid you in solving the problem of giving more nearly what you really desire to give. Five dollars now, five dollars in three or four months, and then another payment of five or ten dollars at the end of a year may be much easier than ten or fifteen dollars down; and such a plan may enable you to meet your own desires more nearly and at the same time to aid the work more effectively. For we must know, right from the start, that we have undertaken a big job, and it can not be done unless every one does her best.

But, being done as projected and planned, it will not only be an aid to Alma Mater, it will also be an honor to all her daughters and all her sons. And it will promote the cause of education in our state and nation most vitally and helpfully. Any one who knows what demands are now being made upon our schools and homes will appreciate the significance of any important aid that is given to the training of teachers and home-makers.

IN LOUDOUN AND LEESBURG

On March 31 the State Teachers' Association in District H met at Leesburg for a session of two or three days, under the presidency of Miss Lulu D. Metz, of Manassas. Dr. Gifford was on the program, among others, and because President Duke was detained in Richmond it fell to the

lot of Dr. Wayland to go as a substitute. He spoke on "What Makes Teaching a Profession." Dr. Gifford discussed "Educational Diagnosis"—the use of standard tests in determining the needs of pupils and the most helpful remedies.

Leesburg is historic and hospitable. From first to last the teachers in attendance at the conference from the several counties of District H were made to feel most cordially welcome. Delicious and wholesome lunches were served gratis and in rich abundance. The good people of the community had evidently conspired in advance to prevent the possibility of any visitor's being hungry or unhappy.

And Harrisonburg girls were finely in evidence. So many were present that a complete roster can not be attempted, but the Normal delegates were delighted to see them all. Mabel Kiracofe, Catherine Harrison, Katie Rieley, and Ellen Collier, with others, boarded the car from Washington before Leesburg was reached. In the spacious hall Daisy Johnson, Ida Monroe, Sara Monroe, Anna Potterfield, and Edith Martz were some of the first to greet the visitors. But now we must say "Mrs. Beavers" when addressing Edith, and "Mrs. Hutchison" in speaking of Daisy.

Carrie Bishop, Rose Simpson, Dorothy Iden, Pamela Ish, and Eliza Lunsford soon made themselves known, as did also Stuart Trainham. Mrs. McCarty, from Fauquier, said that she wants some more helpers of the Normal kind—and we approve her judgment. We met a number of young ladies who are expecting to come to Harrisonburg, some for the first time, others to complete courses of study already begun.

A certain gentleman, principal of one of the Loudoun schools, said, "I have a very high opinion of Harrisonburg, for I know something of the girls who have been there."

One thing that pleased the visitors especially was the fact that so many of the persons they met are readers of the *VIRGINIA TEACHER*. It really seemed difficult to tell some of the young ladies any news at all about Harrisonburg—the invariable answer was, "I saw that in the *VIRGINIA TEACHER*." It may be that one or two of them have additional means of keeping in touch with the said town, but of those facilities, if such ex-

ist, no mention was made. Several of our best girls, however, did say very positively that they are coming to commencement.

The Leesburg meeting was made all the more enjoyable to Harrisonburg folk by the presence of Miss Rachel E. Gregg, one of our former teachers, now of the State Department of Public Instruction, with headquarters in Richmond. And some of them almost felt like claiming Dr. Mary Brydon, too, since her sojourns at the Normal are so pleasantly remembered.

TWO REUNIONS IN JUNE

According to our plan whereby each graduating class holds a special reunion at Alma Mater every five years, two reunions are due this year: that of the class of 1916 and the second reunion of the first class, that of 1911. This double interest should break all records. Each year the number of old students returning for commencement has been growing. Let this growth continue; for growth in numbers means growth in strength, and growth in strength means more work and better service in our several fields, at home and abroad.

The only thing we regret is that the new home-coming house is not ready. Let us hope that by June, 1922, it will be ready. It will be a most effective means for promoting school spirit and fellowship as well as for enlarging our usefulness through all the educational agencies of the state.

Emma Winn is teaching with her habitual success at Ballston. She writes: "It was very enjoyable to be so near Washington during inauguration week. I saw President Harding while delivering his address, which I heard distinctly. . . . I read the *VIRGINIA TEACHER* with pleasure."

Agnes Lake sends a good word from Lakota. Louise is now Mrs. W. R. Button, and her address is 605 Russell Street, Charleston, W. Va.

Among the "old students" who visited Alma Mater at Easter were the following: Jennie Loving, from Stage Junction; Dorothy Spooner, from Portsmouth; Elsie Kean, from Fishersville; Helen Bowman, from Petersburg; Violette Rainey, from Rockville,

Md.; and Mabel Kiracofe, from near Alexandria.

Miss Kiracofe's school took the prize at the county school fair. Miss Kean is planning to return next session to complete her course.

Willie Guthrie has been teaching third grade in Danville for the past three sessions. She has a good record and in all probability will make it still better. Her address is 132 Gray Street. We count Danville as fortunate in the large number of our girls who are teaching there.

Lucile Reaves taught from 1917 to 1919. Then she married. Her present name is Mrs. John Paul Underhill, and her address is Machipongo, Va.

Marion Russell is now Mrs. A. W. Knight, and her home is in Jacksonville, Florida, at 3236 St. Johns Avenue. Recently she paid the Normal a visit. She did not bring along her husband or her three little girls, but she did show us kodak pictures of the latter. The oldest one, whose name is Marion, is ready to enter the first grade at school.

Emily C. Beard sends interesting news items from Hampton and tells of the splendid plans that she and her associates are making to aid the Alumnae-Students Building campaign. There are ten of our girls in Hampton and vicinity and eight or more in Newport News.

Mary Jordan Stone has just sent us a message from her rural school at Mizpah, Montana. She also gives us the address of Mrs. R. M. Rubush as 203 W. Grant Street, Alliance, Ohio.

Cecile Grasty (Mrs. Gregory) writes from 501 W. 169 Street, New York City. She is keeping house—has held her position since July, 1920.

One of the fine things that has been done in Prince William Connty, under the direction of Lillian Gilbert, county home demonstration agent, was the putting on in 1920 of a "kill the rat" campaign. Every school community in the county except two (they probably had no rats) took part in the work. More than 33,000 rats and mice were killed. One boy killed 419 rats and over 1000 mice.

Miss Gilbert writes: "Am so glad to learn about the Alumnae-Students Building, and hope to do my bit to help make it possible."

Evelyne Alexander is teaching in one of the large schools of Philadelphia. Her address is 2013 Wallace Street. She writes interestingly of her work and winds up with: "Please extend to the faculty and students my very best regards."

Virginia Eppes, writing from Petersburg under date of April 4, says that she has decided to go to Korea as an educational missionary. She will attend a training school in Richmond next year, and will sail for her distant field of service in the fall of 1922.

We are sorry not to have her nearer to Blue-Stone Hill than she is now, but we know that her heart is big enough to take in her friends here too, wherever she may be, and she may be assured that she will be followed by the prayers and good wishes of all her old teachers and fellow students.

Walter A. Colaw is now living in Monterey, where he holds a responsible position with the Parson Pulp and Lumber Company.

Annie R. Byrd, writing from Washington City, says: "I feel very happy to be able to tell you that I am going back to the schoolroom again." She has accepted a position as teacher of arts and crafts with the Federal Board for Vocational Education. She will take a short course of special training, but is expecting to rely in large measure upon the training she received here. We are satisfied that she will do her teachers credit. Her address is 436-A Warner Street, N. W.

Martha J. Fletcher, now Mrs. F. Spencer Snead, sends us greetings from her home in Ivaton, W. Va. She sends in the names and addresses of three other "old students."

If we are ever to have a complete, up-to-date directory, we shall have to rely upon the good offices of all our friends. Any one who sends us the present address of an old student is rendering Alma Mater a real service.

Eva Funkhouser is an osteopathic physician, and is located at Williamson, W. Va. Her box number is 587. She has been en-

gaged in her present work for nine or ten months. She gives the address of Lucy Robinson as Williamson.

Roberta Armstrong is now Mrs. Rector A. Engleman, and her address is Kerr's Creek. She is principal of Highland Belle High School.

Gaylord Gibson, Lovettsville, sends in a check for the home-coming house and says: "I am so glad that we shall have something there to remind you people of us. I don't think there is the slightest danger of any of us ever forgetting Blue-Stone Hill."

Now, can anybody beat that? And doesn't it sound just like our girls?

We do not need any building here or anywhere to remember them, but we are pleased at the thought of being able to make them more comfortable when they come back "home" and of promoting the splendid traditions and influences that they have left here.

Margaret C. Allebaugh wrote on March 14 from San Diego, California, but gives her address as Harrisonburg. She sends a cheering message to Blue-Stone Hill and expresses appreciation of her student days. Miss Allebaugh is a trained nurse, and is thus a worthy servant of humanity.

Wilhelmina Cullen is teaching at Bridgewater, where she has been engaged for several years. Evidently the good people of the community think well of her—as she deserves. She gives the addresses of Augusta R. Cullen as 1220 D Street, N. E., and that of Sara L. Cullen as 1105 O Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Nellie F. Wampler is teaching and doing mission work at Pirkey, Va. She has been at this place of work for a number of years and intends returning next year. We dare say that the people of the community would be lonely without her. Part of her work there has consisted in helping to build a school house and a church.

Pattie Mae Gill writes from Holland, Va. She gives her present name as Mrs. B. F. Morgan; her present work is house-keeping; and she states that she has held her position three months.

Ida Via is now Mrs. Robert A. Mahone and her address is Massie's Mill, Va.

Nella Roark is teaching English in Norfolk. Her address is 87 Jackson Street, South Norfolk.

Rev. David F. Glovier is pastor at Rolla, this being his fifth year in that charge. Every now and then we hear good reports of his work.

Gertrude Bowler is teaching at Herndon this session and from all accounts is carrying into her work there the same brightness and fine enthusiasm which characterized her work as a student. She says in a recent letter: "Margaret Bear and I enjoy and re-joy THE VIRGINIA TEACHER. It plays many haunting melodies in our hearts. We always 'pass it on' with the (certainly pardonable) proud assertion, 'This is gotten out by our Alma Mater.'"

Myrtle Haden is teaching at Gretna, Va. Her last letter contained a check for the renewal of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER, "the *sine qua non* of every H. N. S. girl's life," as she terms it; also a check toward the Alumnae-Students Building Fund, accompanied by the request to let her know what else she can do towards this cause; and finally the announcement that she expects to return next session to take up the home economics course.

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