

in a natural and easily read style. The story is told simply and clearly. It shows the steady growth of democracy, the development of culture, and the industrial progress of our country during the last hundred years. At times the narrative is woven around some figure of national importance, as Columbus, Washington, Lincoln.

AFTER TESTING—WHAT? By Hobart M. Corning. Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Company. 1926. Pp. 213.

Supt. H. C. Corning has completely re-organized the Trinidad, Colorado, schools on the basis of homogeneous grouping after testing. To those who think this sort of grouping the way out of our educational maze, his clear concise account of the working out of the scheme will be most stimulating.

Supt. Corning's basis for the grouping is somewhat unusual: "Classify vertically by mental age and then classify horizontally by intelligence quotient."

THE TEACHER'S TECHNIQUE. By Charles Elmer Holley. New York: The Century Company. 1922, 1925. Pp. 378.

A general survey of the problem of technique in the upper grades and in the high school. Readable, but not particularly stimulating.

NORTHWARD HO. By Vilhjalmur Stefansson and Julia Augusta Schwartz. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1925. Pp. 181.

Although this book is an adaptation from various writings of Stefansson's, Miss Schwartz has done her work so well that it is a complete story. Good for a supplementary reader in the study of the far North, or as legitimate food for the upper grade child's hunger for "thrills."

BOOK OF MODERN ESSAYS. Compiled and edited by John M. Avent. Boston: Allyn and Bacon. 1924. Pp. 244. \$1.20.

An admirable volume originally published in the "Modern Library for High Schools" of Boni and Liveright, now reissued in the series of "Academy Classics" of Allyn and Bacon.

Its tone may be seen from a list of essayists included: William James, E. V. Lucas, H. S. Canby, Chesterton, Agnes Repplier, van Dyke, A. C. Benson, Walter Prichard Eaton, le Gallienne, Crothers, Conrad, Woodrow Wilson, and van Loon.

JOHNNY GOES A-HUNTING. By Cyrus Lauron Hooper. Chicago: Rand McNally Company. 1925. Pp. 200.

A fanciful tale of a small boy's attempt to kill Mr. Bear.

GRADED DRILL EXERCISES IN CORRECTIVE ENGLISH. By William A. Boylan and Albert Taylor. New York: Noble and Noble. 1926. Book One, Grades 4 and 5. Pp. 82. 50 cents. Book Two, Grades 6 and 7. Pp. 103. 58 cents. Book Three, Grades 8 and 9. Pp. 131. 65 cents.

In line with the general movement today to provide material for correct habit formation. These three books contain an abundance of drill material in which pupils learn by repetition correct language forms. Upon the teacher depends to a great measure the effectiveness of this material,

however; a dull teacher can blight such books. But then no drill work is fool-proof!

PROBLEMS IN BLUEPRINT READING. By Drew W. Castle. Peoria, Ill.: The Manual Art Press. 1926. Pp. 87. \$1.44.

Based on the assumption that reading the printed page and reading a mechanical drawing are psychologically similar, this book teaches blueprint reading without giving instructions in drawing.

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S READING. By Mary Graham Bonner. New York: Funk and Wagnalls Company. 1926. Pp. 177. \$1.75.

Annotated book lists classified under these heads: Imaginative Books, etc.; Books for Children from Four to Eight; Books of History and Historical Romance; Books of Nature, etc.; Boys' and Girls' Stories; Poetry for Children; Other Books not listed.

GREAT RIVERS OF THE WORLD. By Wilson S. Dakin. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1925. Pp. 204.

A study of the world's great rivers emphasizing their influence on man. Well written with plenty of valuable detail chosen to facilitate the problem attack.

TOPSY TURVY TALES. By Mildred Batchelder. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1926. Pp. 90.

An account of the adventures of the kitten Topsy Turvy and his friends. A silent reader for young children.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNÆ

NEWS OF THE CAMPUS

Field Day, May 22, was the big day of the third quarter for the Athletic Association, and the events were more interesting and exciting than usual. Each class was represented, and although the honors for individual events were divided, the Sophomore Class won the day by having the highest number of points.

Another "day" celebrated on the campus this month and new in the annals of H. T. C. this year was the Junior Class day. The rest of the week was considered Junior Week and ended with the class stunt, a play, "The Smyle Shop," written by Mildred Reynolds, of Roanoke, a present Junior.

There is yet another "day" in May—naturally, May Day. Mary Green, of Greenville, was crowned queen and from her throne saw episodes from Shakespeare given.

At the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester May 4 and 5, the College float won second prize in the parade. "The Wild Rose," an operetta by Rhys-Herbert, was given both nights in the Handley School auditorium by the H. T. C. Glee Club. This was presented here April 23 and in Roanoke May 1.

April 30 the Radford Debating Team debated our team, Virginia Harvey and Mary McNeil, in Sheldon Hall and won the decision of the judges. At the same time, Marion Kelly and Georgie Brockett debated at Farmville, and again the opposing team won. Mr. George W. Chappellear took the debaters in the school Ford and they were accompanied by Mrs. W. B. Varner and Laura Lambert.—April 27, by way of diversion, some of the faculty members are said to have debated in Sheldon Hall.

Entertainments have been plentiful during May, and besides the Junior stunt the Freshman Class had its annual presentation. The student body reviewed their days at H. T. C. in "Freshmen Memoirs," The Athletic Council had a variety show April 24 appearing under the name "Saturday Review." To present the latest styles the Y. M. C. A. had a Fashion Show April 29. This was given to raise money to send representatives to the conference at Blue Ridge.

Everything and everybody is being entertained, it seems. Miss Ruth Hudson entertained the Stratfords at a garden party May 15. Laura Lambert gave a week-end house-party for these fortunate ones, and then in the dining hall there was a farewell banquet.

Mrs. J. C. Johnston had a "house-warming" at her new home, "Edgelawn," April 30, for the varsity basketball squad.

Mrs. W. B. Varner and Miss Clara Turner gave a party in the dining hall for the ladies of the faculty. April 23 these same hostesses entertained the girls who have scholarship work in the dining room. May 6 the Annual Staff had a dinner at Friddle's. The Pi Kappa Omega Society had its last

banquet and an open meeting for the year May 22. May 31 the Glee Club had a dinner in the grill room of Friddle's Restaurant.

Speaking of entertainments reminds one of the May Day baskets all around the campus May 1. Each class gave these to their president, honorary member, big sister, and mascot.

May gifts to some girls have been invitations to join various societies. The literary societies have taken in new members. Virginia Turpin and Virginia Buchanan are new Pi Kappa Omega members. The societies have all elected their officers for the Fall Quarter of next year.

Excitement of assorted types reigned May 10 when Billy Sunday talked in chapel. May 12 Mr. Homer Rhodeheaver talked and the student body realized their treat. Other speakers in chapel have been Bishop Bell, Reverend J. J. Rives, Reverend H. E. Beatty, Reverend James Witherspoon, Mr. Harry Strickler, Dr. H. D. Campbell, of Washington and Lee University, and Miss Roberta Carnes, of the national Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The chapel programs have been varied; during National Music Week the Æolians gave a program consisting of talks and musical numbers. The Music Department joined in the Music Week parade May 8. The same evening the Negro Glee Club of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute gave a selection of folk songs to the faculty and student body.

Doris Kelly has been elected president of the Athletic Association for the coming year. Lorraine Gentis has been elected editor of *The Schoolma'am* for next year, and Lucy Gilliam business manager. Hilda Blue is future editor of *The Breeze*, and Mary Fray business manager.

Charlotte Lacy, a member of the Music Department, gave a piano recital May 12. The Expression department gave an open recital May 21.

Commencement fills the minds of every-

one at present, and the Seniors and Sophomores are being entertained at every turn. The final exercises will take place June 8.

ALUMNÆ NOTES

The recent commencement was much enhanced by the presence of a large number of "our girls" who came back for the week or for a few days. Some came for the week-end at Blue-Stone Hill and then returned for the joys and the tragedies of final examinations in their own schools. We bid them welcome! Their visits are always an uplift to those of us who work here, and they, we trust, get a renewed grip on the fine things of life by the rekindling of memory's fires. We trust that as the years go by more and more of the students of former days will return each year—not only at commencement, but whenever they find it possible to do so.

Katie Winfrey, a member of the class of 1913, sends greetings from her home in Culpeper.

Thelma Phaup writes from Rescue, in Isle of Wight County, where she is doing good work as a teacher.

Bertha McCollum, who taught at Winston-Salem, N. C., during the second half of last session, returned to college for her degree in June.

Ruth Frankhouser, who has been making a fine record in Winston-Salem as a supervisor of physical education, has returned to college for a summer course.

Annie Troth sends a word of greeting from Alexandria, where she has been teaching during the past session,

Lucile Early (Mrs. Albert Fray), whose home is at Advance Mills, Albemarle County, taught last session at Earlysville. She was able to "keep house" and "keep school" at the same time.

Edna Scribner, since taking her A. B. degree at the University of Virginia, has engaged in school work in the city of Charlottesville.

Mr. E. H. Munch, of Shenandoah County, who took a summer course here several years ago, has been principal of schools in Virginia and one or two other states. This summer he is back for another course of study at Blue-Stone Hill.

Ada Lee Berry, who took her B. S. degree here in 1919, has been making a fine record. Last session she taught at Blackstone, Va.

Pauline Callender, who has been dean of girls at Greenbrier College, Lewisburg, W. Va., has returned for additional work at Alma Mater.

Kathleen Watson, who has taught several years in Charleston, W. Va., has returned to Harrisonburg to continue work towards her degree.

Flossie Winborne, who with her two sisters has been here in past sessions, has returned for further work in the college.

Kathryn Willson, a member of the class of 1921, has returned to Harrisonburg as Mrs. Howard, wife of Dr. E. P. Howard.

Edna Dechert, in the First National Bank, and Delucia Fletcher, in the Rockingham National, are making their marks in the financial world.

Elsie Proffitt and Loudelle Potts have been teaching in Winchester. We have a suspicion that they had a hand in making that exquisite float with which the Handley Schools kept our girls from taking first prize in the Apple Blossom pageant. And we should not overlook the fact that Winchester can boast of several more Harrisonburg girls among its efficient teachers.

As usual, this June has been a good month for brides. The following list of marriages is by no means complete, but it will indicate what is going on and will also serve as evidence of our interest and good wishes.

May 14, Elizabeth Ewing to Mr. Edgar Chambers, at Williamson, W. Va.;

June 12, Adah Long to Mr. Eugene H. Piggott, at Herndon, Va.; at home after June 25, at Vienna, Va.;

June 14, Katharyn Sebrell to Mr. Chesterfield C. Critzer, Jr., at Charlottesville;

June 19, Fannie Lee Woodson to Mr. Chester L. Goodwin, at Harrisonburg; at home after July 1 at Alexandria;

June 22, Ione Bell to Mr. H. Forrer Rolston, at Harrisonburg.

Miss Katie Lee Ralston, fifth grade supervisor in the Harrisonburg Training School, is the author of an entertaining article which appeared in the *Journal of the National Education Association* for June, 1926, under the title, "The Resurrection of Miss Sara." Utilizing the story form, Miss Ralston tells of a teacher whose rebirth dated from her determination to attend a distant and expensive summer school for teachers.

MARRIAGE ITSELF NOT A BAR TO TEACHING

"Women teachers must not be dismissed merely because they are married." This is the gist of a decision recently rendered in a test case brought into an English court. The decision is of far-reaching importance. The plaintiff, Mrs. Ethel Short, has been an assistant mistress in a council school in Dorsetshire since 1914. She married in 1921, and in July, 1924, she and other married women employed as teachers by the same local education authority received notice terminating their engagements. The chancery court decided that the notice was invalid and ordered the corporation to pay the costs.

Of about \$13,000,000 expended for public education in South Carolina last year, nearly \$10,000,000 was voted in special elections by the people themselves.

A national parent-teacher association of Negroes was organized in May, during the meeting in Atlanta, Ga., of the National Congress of Parent-Teacher Associations. Colored people representing five states attended the meeting, and the colored national

association was formed with the assistance of officers of the national congress.

CHURCH MUSIC A UNIVERSITY STUDY

A chair of church music will be established this fall in the school of music of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. The new department, made possible by a gift of \$100,000 from the Carnegie Corporation, will institute courses in the history of music, including an introduction to ritualistic music of the Hebrews and study of forms of church music from early Christian times to the present. Community singing will also be taught.

The General Education Board during the past year made an appropriation aggregating \$24,534 to the State departments of education of two States, payable in annual installments over a period of two or three years, to assist in maintaining divisions of schoolhouse planning in those States.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

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