

THE MUSIC HOUR. SECOND BOOK. By Osbourne McConathy, W. Otto Miesner, Edward Bailey Birge, Mabel E. Bray. Illustrated by Shirley Kite. New York: Silver, Burdett and Co. 1928. Pp. 128. 76 cents.

In this book the child's natural desire to sing is strengthened by an abundance of suitable singing material. There is a wide range of interests, from Adventures—A Motor Car Ride, to themes like the Harmonious Blacksmith and Spring Song.

There is a wide range of literature representing such poets as Walter de la Mare, Robert Louis Stevenson, Oliver Herford and others. There is music from such composers as Mozart, Handel, Stephen Foster. One outstanding feature about the book is the number of beautiful illustrations which alone would charm the soul of any child.

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CIVICS AT WORK. By Thames R. Williamson. New York: D. C. Heath and Company. 1928. Pp. 346. \$1.16.

Vocational guidance, civics, and civil government are combined in this new book. The section on vocational guidance is business-like, and the one on civil government simplifies and humanizes this subject. With this book children in the grades will learn many important facts with interest and get well started on the road towards good citizenship.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. By Willis Mason West. New York: Allyn and Bacon. 1928. Pp. 773.

This is a new history for high schools. The scholarship of the author is well supported by the prestige of the publishers. The printer, the engraver, and the binder are also up to high standards. The work is conceived in the spirit of modern America and is dedicated to worthy citizenship. It is an attempt to make clear to the student the fundamental history of American institutions. Political matters are subordinated to the treatment of social and industrial life. This is especially true of the period since the Civil War.

JUNIOR CITIZENS IN ACTION. By Walter R. and Frances K. Hepner. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. 1928. Pp. 269. 92 cents.

This is a social civics reader for the intermediate grades. The home circle is taken as a potent genesis. Mr. Hepner tells the story of Edward Bok's boyhood; the club learns why State City is a healthful town; the Pony Express and a Presidential inauguration come in for a share of interest and attention. Attractive pictures enhance the volume.

OURSELVES AND OUR CITY. By Frances Carpenter. New York: American Book Company. 1928. Pp. 309.

The big double-column pages in this book are interesting reading, and they are made all the more attractive by numerous pictures. Altogether it is just the sort of volume that a boy or girl in the grades will want to lay hands on and read from cover to cover. And then the reader will not only be better informed but also feel more like being a real citizen.

## NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNÆ

### NEWS OF THE CAMPUS

The commencement season program was modified because of the sudden tragedy which resulted in the death of three students and the injury of a fourth. The final exercises were on Monday, June 11, with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, and a recital by the music and expression departments Friday evening, June 8.

Sixty-five students receiving the bachelor of science degree, and 122 receiving the normal professional diploma made the largest graduating class in the history of the college. Degrees were awarded posthumously to Margaret Knott of Portsmouth and Pauline Vaden of Danville, the two seniors who were killed in the accident. The two year diploma was likewise awarded posthumously to Florence Sedwick, the sophomore who was killed. Mr. Duke announced that he would confer the bachelor's degree upon Lorraine Gentis as soon as her condition permits.

Dean W. S. Gray, of the University of Chicago, was the commencement speaker. His address centered around the thought that elders, and particularly teachers, have a great responsibility in molding youth by guiding children in what they read.

President Duke made a number of important announcements. To many the fact that the A. M. degree is now the minimum requirement for faculty members was news. This change means progress in the standards of the school.

The following resignations in the faculty were announced: Dr. N. S. Herod, professor of Physics, goes to Georgia Tech; Miss Mary Morgan and Miss Alberta Ross leave the Home Economics department; and Mrs. Prentiss Welch and Miss Marie Alexander leave the training school, the latter to accept a position in the faculty of the State Normal School at Livingston, Alabama.



Miss Katherine M. Anthony, who has just completed a year's work at the University of Chicago, and Miss Margaret V. Hoffman, who recently received the A. M. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, return to the college staff after leaves of absence.

New appointments are Dr. H. G. Pickett, University of North Carolina, Physics; Professor R. M. Hanson, A. M., University of Nebraska, Geography; Mrs. Adele Blackwell, A. M., George Peabody College, Home Economics; Miss Julia Robertson, A. M., Columbia University, Home Economics; and Miss Grace M. Palmer, A. M., Columbia University, Fine Arts.

The "Snyder" prize, given annually to the writer of the best article appearing in the *Breeze*, was awarded Kathryn Pace, of Hampton. She is the present editor of the newspaper.

Bishop A. R. Clippinger of Dayton, Ohio, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. The size of the student body made it necessary that the service be held in Walter Reed Hall since its seating capacity is larger than that of any of the city churches. Bishop Clippinger carried every visitor, faculty member, and student with him in thought as he showed how religion and science are allied and not opposed. The gripping sermon together with the appropriate music arranged by Miss Edna Shaeffer filled an hour of worship that will not soon be forgotten.

The Saturday of commencement was "Alumnæ Day." A number of the old girls returned; Alumnæ Hall was reserved for their accommodation. The dinner Saturday night was a substitute, simple in every phase, for the annual Alumnæ banquet.

The vesper services under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. were held in the open-air auditorium early Sunday evening. Bishop Clippinger again spoke; the music and the out-of-doors made the service very lovely.

Later Sunday evening the Seniority service was held on the campus. The two upper classes went through the rites of the pass-

ing on of seniority, the major feature of which is the giving of the caps and gowns to the juniors by the seniors.

The *Schoolma'ams*, in the nineteenth edition, were distributed shortly before the students left College. Helen Goodson, Norfolk, and Lucy Gilliam, Petersburg, together with their staff, published a very worthy volume. The book is dedicated to the memory of James Chapman Johnston, former professor in the College who died about a year ago.

The merit roll for the third quarter, 1927-1928, is announced as follows:

*Seniors:* Mary Moore Aldhizer, Broadway; Mary Travers Armentrout, McGaheysville; Pattie Waller Callaway, Norwood; Martha Overton Cockerill, Purcellville; Martha Cosby Derrick, Pulaski; E. Lorraine Gentis, Norfolk; Mary Alice McNeil, Fishersville; Mary Gordon Cameron Phillips, Gloucester; Mrs. Mary Finney Smith, Parksley; Mamie Snow Turner, Stone Mountain; Virginia Mae Turpin, Norfolk; Genevieve Warwick, Norfolk.

*Juniors:* Elizabeth Cockerill, Purcellville; Kathryn Neeson Compton Harris, Wheeling, W. Va.; Janet Elizabeth Houck, Harrisonburg; Elizabeth Roberts Miller, Smedley; Kathryn T. Pace, Hampton; Blanche Sprinkle, Roanoke.

*Sophomores:* Margaret Helen Baillio, Oceana; Estelle Shirley Crockin, Norfolk; Ruth Elizabeth Dold, Buena Vista; Elizabeth Lee Kaminsky, Norfolk; Hannah Naomi Lewis, Norfolk; Bernice Amelia Mercer, Norfolk; Sylvia Graham Myers, Harrisonburg; Mary Elizabeth Ruhrman, Pa.

*Freshmen:* Rebecca Beverage, Monterey; Caroline Marie Mauck, Harrisonburg; Shirley Elizabeth Miller, Edinburg; Virginia Gertrude Rust, Flint Hill.

#### ALUMNÆ NOTES

Nan Wiley of Crozet mailed a post card on June 25 from Toronto, Canada, where she was attending the Baptist World Al-



liance. She says: "We drove through the country and have found such wonderful scenery and such pleasant people."

Frances Sellers writes from Damascus, Va., and says, "I am preparing a literary society program on 'Contemporary Writers of Virginia'."

The Richmond *Times-Dispatch* of June 10 carried a fine picture of Sarah Chaffin, who had just taken her M. A. degree from Columbia University. After graduating here Sarah went to George Peabody, where she took a B. S. degree. She will teach next year in the University of Texas.

At least six members of the class of 1913 were present this year at commencement, to-wit, Mrs. Landon L. Davis (Elizabeth Montgomery Kelley), of Waynesboro, president of the class; Martha Miller, of Staunton; Mrs. Charles L. Funkhouser (Edith Suter), of Dayton; Anna H. Ward, of Chester; Frances I. Mackey, of Riverside; Alma Reiter, of Harrisonburg.

Mrs. Davis, at her class reunion, read letters from other members of the class, namely, Mary Settle, who now lives in Norfolk; Janet Farrar, who has been teaching in Cleveland, Ohio, for several years; Juliet Gish, who wrote from Knoxville, Tenn.; Janie Werner, who is still teaching at Charlottesville; Mrs. Hare (Nannie Cox), who lives at Fort Blackmore, Va.; and Lillian Gilbert, who wrote from George Peabody College.

We are pleased to record the following marriages:

June 1, Reefa Belle Hoover to Mr. William H. McGuffin, at Timberville. At home, after July 1, at Warm Springs, Va.

June 14, Elsie Virginia McPherson to Mr. Harry L. Hart, at Buchanan, Va.

June 30, Mary Stuart Hutcheson to Mr. Ralph T. Dalton, at Waynesboro, Va.

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ELIZABETH L. KNIGHT, who is a junior in the College, here presents the assembled dances arranged by members of a class of which she was a member.

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