

tative analysis for a beginner who does not expect to make a field of applied chemistry the major work. The reviewer does not agree with Professor Fish in many points of technic; for example this book requests the student to weigh several portions of exactly 0.2 grams of chemically pure, specially repared anhydrous Sodium Carbonate upon WATCH GLASSES. Such a procedure in the hands of a beginner requires much time, and while exact portions are being weighed, the salt hydrates. A glass-stopper weighing bottle containing the sodium carbonate, and only approximate portions weighed, and then corrected by calculations, appears more desirable.

The book is especially suited for students of agriculture, who require but limited practice and knowledge of quantitative chemical determinations for usual routine in their major field.

H. G. PICKETT

MODERN HISTORY. By Carl L. Becker. New York: Silver, Burdett and Company. 1931. Pp. 864. \$2.25.

This is a scholarly work, presented in a way well calculated to catch and to hold the interest of the high school student. The style is simple and effective. The maps and charts with which the text is well supplemented are of good quality, and the numerous illustrations are unusual and are especially well selected to enable the reader to visualize the character of the material civilization of the period under consideration. The subject matter is skilfully organized and interpreted to give meaning to the history of the last three centuries. Approximately one-half of the book is devoted to a discussion of the course of events since 1870.

O. F. F.

PERSONAL HYGIENE APPLIED. By Jesse F. Williams. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders Co. 1931.

This popular and extensively used textbook has been completely revised and has been brought up to date by the addition of the latest information on health. The latest facts and increased illustrations make this a desirable textbook for the college student. The theme—"Live Most and Serve Best"—is stressed throughout the book.

RACHEL F. WEEMS

HEALTH THROUGH PROJECTS. By G. D. Brock. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. 1931. Pp. 268. \$2.00.

This summary of problems and projects for pupil-health activity which also supplies the teachers with a condensed array of information for health instruction is both interesting and practical.

The projects suggested in relation to the different topics are planned to teach the pupils to "live health" unconsciously. The best methods of instruction and plan of treatment are well outlined in the introduction. Some of the topics discussed include ventilation; cleanliness and daily morning inspection; mental health; cereals and rest; pupil health organizations; teeth; correlating health with other subjects.

A health score chart for graded school pupils and a health census represent some of the practical methods of making health a part of the daily life given in the second division of the book.

This is a most usable book, especially by the teacher in the elementary grades. It also is a good textbook in hygiene in teacher-training institutions, in correlation with other books on health.

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## NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

When college opened on Monday, September 21, students who had last year watched the completion of Wilson Hall and had witnessed its dedication on May 15 found its "occupation" had been completed during the summer. The administrative offices were all in use, and the routine of registration was all cared for in this building. On the second floor of Wilson classrooms have been assigned to the Education Department and to Mathematics; on the third floor are the English and Art Departments. Offices and classrooms for history, classical languages, and geography are now on the second floor of Reed, while Physical Education and French occupy the first floor, along with the Training School offices. The rooms vacated by administrative offices on the first floor of Harrison are now being used by the library, permitting much-needed expansion.

Enrolment figures compiled in the first week of the session showed a total registration of 747 students, giving Harrisonburg again this year the largest student body among the four teachers colleges of Virginia. Indeed, indications are that this is the largest student body in any Virginia college for women.

For the first time separate dormitories have been set aside for freshmen, who are now the exclusive occupants of Jackson, Ashby, and Wellington. Upper-classmen serve as presidents in these dormitories. Shenandoah has again been leased by the college, although the owners during the summer made changes in this building to provide a larger number of small apartments. On each floor are six apartments—two consisting of two rooms, kitchenette, and bath, two with two rooms and bath, and two containing one room and bath.



These arrangements have lured a number of upperclassmen, even from Johnston.

The Entertainment Series arranged by Miss Edna Shaeffer's committee has just been announced. It consists of John Gay's *Beggar's Opera* on November 5, the Shawn Dancers on January 6, Tony Sarg's Marionettes on January 18, and an elaborate musical number during the Spring Quarter. Lectures and moving pictures will also be included, among them Walter Hampden in a screen version of *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

New members of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor fraternity, have recently been announced by Alpha Chi Chapter: Dorothy Martin, Norfolk; Janet Lowrie, Cuba; Lelia Kearney, Norfolk; Lois Hines, Danville; Grace Epperson, Gladys; Mrs. Victor Campbell, Harrisonburg; and Constance MacCorkle, Old Fields, W. Va.

Initiates in the Stratford Dramatic Club this fall are Jane Maphis, Strasburg; Edna Motley, Chatham; Elizabeth Carson, Lynchburg; Janie Shaver, Harrisonburg; Jacquelyn Johnston, Harrisonburg; and Mildred Simpson, Norfolk.

To the Cotillion Club the following members have been added: Mary Cloe, Betty Bush, Elizabeth Maddox, Helen Wick, Kitty Bowen, Dorothy Williams, Grace Williams, Eleanor Wilkins, Anne Salmond, Louise Thweatt, Anne Dorries, Kitty Wherrett, and Emily Peterson.

New members of the college Glee Club are: Gladys Garth, Greenfield; Catherine Matthews, Cambridge, Md.; Allie Higgins, Guilford College, N. C.; Marian Smith, Norwood, Pa.; Pauline Perryman, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Lois Bishop, Norfolk; Anne Salmond, Charleston, W. Va.; Mary Coyner, Waynesboro; Louise Harwell, Petersburg; Genevieve Smith, Charleston, W. Va.; Minnie Baylor, Swoope; Mary Spitzer, and Elizabeth Kerr, Harrisonburg.

Membership in the literary societies includes the following: *Lanier*—Rhoda Price, Elizabeth Maddox, Eleanor Wilkins; *Lee*—Bess Rhoades, Cornelia Gilmer, Mary

Haga, Hazel Burnette, Anna L. Hawthorne; *Page*—Bernice Bowden, Christobel Childs, Sara Frances Gayle, Courtney Dickenson, Dorothy Gresham, Grace Williams, Virginia Greenwood.

On President S. P. Duke was conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws by Hampden-Sidney College at its commencement on June 10. The statement made by President Eggleston in conferring the honorary degree follows:

"A native of Franklin County, Virginia; a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, class of 1903; distinguished in his studies, in debating, in oratory, and in athletics; a teacher eminently successful, and a principal equally so; Master of Arts of Columbia University, class of 1913; at the head of list of scholarship winners in Teachers College, Columbia University, 1913; head of the Department of Education and director of the Training School at the State Teachers College at Farmville, Va., in 1914; in 1918 State Supervisor of High Schools for Virginia; under appointment of the State Board of Education since 1919, President of State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.; member of Phi Beta Kappa; an educator who is fulfilling the great promise he gave upon his entrance into that field—the Board of Trustees of Hampden-Sidney College confers the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Samuel Page Duke."

### ALUMNAE NOTES

#### ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

At the annual Alumnæ meeting last June, Mrs. Johnston Fristoe was elected president of the Association, and Mrs. Harry Garber was re-elected secretary. Other officers are Mrs. Paul Haldeman, vice-president, and Miss Mary Bosserman, treasurer.

The annual fall meeting of Harrisonburg Alumnæ will be held in Richmond, Wednesday, November 22, at Miller and Rhoads's Tea Room from four to six o'clock. All alumnæ expecting to attend will please notify Mrs. Garber.