

Miss MacDonald's intimate knowledge of her own state adds piquancy and charm to the telling.

Teachers, too, will find it a motivating power for developing interest in these two subjects. The numerous illustrations help to enrich the contents, and checking exercises are found at the end of each chapter.

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A PRACTICAL READER FOR ADULTS. Book III. By Josephine Dwight Mason and Gertrude E. O'Brien. Boston: D. C. Heath and Company. 1933. Pp. 238. \$1.12.

This third and last book of a series (reviewed in the VIRGINIA TEACHER, November-December, 1931) represents the work done in advanced evening classes and contains an "informal account of American history." This volume meets the values set forth in this former review.

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WRITING CRAFTSMANSHIP. Models and Readings. Compiled by Maurice Garland Fulton. Revised Edition. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1933. Pp. 841. \$2.00.

Enlarged to almost twice its former size, this collection of readings for Freshman English has been rearranged to provide in Part One a book of models, in Part Two a book of discussion materials. Two assignments now very popular—the autobiographical sketch and the research paper—have been given special attention. Searching and specific teaching helps appear at convenient stages throughout the book, but do not intrude. The volume is a fine example of excellent book-making, excellent editing.

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### NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

The Don Cossack chorus sang at the college December 1. In their Russian costumes, these thirty men gave church music, folk songs, and other songs of their homeland. A Cossack song and dance were a special feature of the program. The chorus took two encores.

The Athletic Association gave its annual play, *Trial by Jury*, November 17. The play was a trial of certain campus customs and of faculty members. It was written by Sarah Lemmon, of Marietta, Ga., and directed by Madaline Newbill, of Norfolk. The dance choruses were directed by Louise Borum, of Big Stone Gap; Virginia Bean, of Vinton; and Pam Parkins, of Norfolk.

The *Schoolma'am* gave its annual bazaar November 24, displaying a variety of wares. Ray Frye's orchestra furnished music. Classes and organizations gave stunts, the prize for the best being awarded to the sophomores. The prize for the best poster advertising the bazaar was awarded to Helen Kumm, of Iron Gate, and Eleanor Biggs, of Lynchburg. Doris Miller, of Clarendon, held the lucky number in the bags of candy sold at the bazaar and received a cake.

The Alpha Chi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi recently named nineteen candidates for membership. Nine were seniors. They were: Catherine Bauserman, Woodstock; Rebecca Beery, Harrisonburg; Rowena Briel, Richmond; Kathryn Harlin, Harrisonburg; Mary Sue Hamersley, Randolph; Lillian Lambert, Bridgewater; Catherine Minnick, Mt. Jackson; Ruby McCloud, Norfolk; Vada Steele, Harrisonburg. The juniors were: Kathleen Carpenter, Norfolk; Julia Courter, Amelia; Douglas McDonald, Scotts, N. C.; Catherine Matthews, Cambridge, Md.; Frances Pigg, Washington; Joyce Rieley, Troutville; Ruth Shular, East Stone Gap; Marion Smith, Norwood, Pennsylvania; Eugenia Trainum, Louisa; Mary Van Landingham, Petersburg.

The Virginia Education Association held its annual convention in Richmond November 28, 29, 30, and December 1. Miss Katherine Anthony spoke on "Social Studies as a Source of Growth in Language Ability." She also spoke on the "Technique of Developing a Unit for a Combination of Grades." Miss Grace Palmer discussed "Rural Art and its Appreciation." Mr. Raus

M. Hanson presided over the geography section. Miss Julia Robertson gave a talk on "Reference Materials and How to Use Them." Miss Edna Shaeffer presented the college Glee Club in two programs, and directed a group of more than five hundred school children in a program of group singing.

Mr. C. T. Logan, head of the English department, prepared a paper on *Composition Teaching in America Before 1850* that was read at the meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English in Detroit on December 1. His paper undertook to show that composition as a school subject was well established in America by 1850.

Two pictures have been shown at the college recently. They were *The Affairs of Voltaire*, starring George Arliss, and *Cavalcade*, a play written by Noel Coward.

Dr. John W. Wayland, a member of the faculty at Harrisonburg who is now on leave, addressed the student body on the literature of the Shenandoah valley. He discussed certain literary incidents, and then gave instances of writing and of publishing in towns of the valley.

Miss Elizabeth P. Cleveland, a member of the original faculty here, spoke to the student body recently. She recalled old times on the campus, struggles as well as amusing incidents.

The Aeolian Club gave a reception for all students taking any kind of music at the college. Members of the music faculty and officers of the club were in the receiving line. Two fifteen-minute programs were given by members of the club, and Mr. Robert Schane sang.

The Debating Club is planning intercollegiate debates with Shepardstown Teachers College and Mary Baldwin College. Consideration is being given to an engagement with East Radford State Teachers College.

Basketball sports leaders have recently been elected in the classes. They are: Mary Smith, Lancaster, senior; Julia Courter,

Amelia, junior; Marguerite Holder, Winston-Salem, N. C., sophomore.

The junior class has ordered its class rings from the C. H. Eliot Co., of Philadelphia, Penn.

## ALUMNÆ NOTES

### ALUMNÆ VISITORS AT THANKSGIVING

We were glad to welcome so many alumnæ back for all or part of the Thanksgiving Holidays. Quite a few of the girls teaching in Norfolk came up, among them Helen Goodson ('28), Leonide Harriss ('29), Dorothy Lindgren ('29), Othelda Mitchell ('30), and Florence Mitchell ('29).

Elizabeth Peake ('29) and Sally Face ('33) are teaching at Hampton.

Betty Bush ('33) and Kitty Bowen ('32) are teaching at Grottoes. They have an apartment together.

Several of the girls who graduated in '33 are teaching near their respective homes. Laura Melchor, of Winston-Salem, is teaching not far from her home. Lillie Tucker, of Crewe, is teaching the second grade at Blackstone. Emma Jane Shultz, of Staunton, is teaching near Waynesboro. Marie Burnette ('31) is teaching at Evington.

Anne Trott ('31), Mary Moore Aldhizer ('28) and her sister Sidney ('29) are teaching in Arlington county.

"Wally" Farinholt and Eva Holland, both of '32, are teaching at Quantico. Martha Warren of the same class is teaching near Lynchburg.

Frances Rolston ('32) is teaching at Charleston, W. Va., having the position formerly held by Helen Holladay. Elizabeth Rolston ('26) is teaching in Washington, D. C.

Mary Haga ('33) is doing substitute work in Danville. Bernice Bowden, of the same year is teaching in Albemarle county. Ruth Henshaw is at home this year. Dorothy Rhodes is teaching at Middletown.

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