

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Final exercises marking the completion of the twenty-sixth session of the college ended on June 11, when Dr. William John Cooper, of George Washington University, former U. S. Commissioner of Education, delivered the commencement address to 222 graduates. Of these 129 received the bachelor's degree: 41 in the home economics curriculum, 65 in the high school teaching curriculum, and 23 in the elementary teaching curriculum. Professional diplomas were also awarded to 93 students who had completed a two-year course.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. E. H. Pruden, of Petersburg, in Wilson Hall on June 10. On the preceding Saturday evening the graduating classes had presented, under the direction of Miss Ruth S. Hudson, a three-act comedy entitled *The Romantic Age*, by A. A. Milne.

The Snyder Prize for the best-written article appearing during the year in the college newspaper, the *Breeze*, was awarded to Miss Dolores Phalen, of Harrisonburg, for her interview with Richard B. Harrison following his appearance here in *The Green Pastures* last spring.

Announcement has been made of two appointments to the faculty this fall. Dr. Argus Tresidder, of Buffalo, New York, will be professor of speech and dramatics to succeed Miss Ruth S. Hudson, of Luray. Dr. Tresidder holds the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees from Cornell University, where he has been assistant in speech and business manager of the Cornell Summer Theatre. He has also been director of dramatics at the University of Tennessee. Miss Hudson's resignation follows a long and valued service to this college since 1911.

Dr. Amos Showalter, of Bridgewater, Virginia, will be associate professor of biology. Dr. Showalter, who holds the doctor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, was acting professor of chemistry

last year during the illness of Dr. George A. Williams. Miss Julia Duke, who has for several years been an instructor in biology, has resigned to carry on further study in the George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, where she has been granted a scholarship.

The past summer school, with an enrollment of 415 students for the first term and about 125 for the second, was very successful. There were unusual opportunities at the training school for observations in the teaching of the new curriculum under the special direction of Miss Nellie Walker, Miss Violetta Davis, Miss Gladys Goodman, and Mrs. Lucibel Crookshank. Lectures, most of them on current topics, were presented in chapel and at various special programs, by President S. P. Duke, Mr. J. N. McIlwraith, Dr. O. F. Frederikson, Mr. R. C. Dingleline, Mr. Raus M. Hanson, Dean W. J. Gifford, Mr. Clyde P. Shorts, Miss Katherine M. Anthony, Mr. C. T. Logan, and Dr. H. G. Pickett.

Virginia Stickley headed the Student Government organization and Minnie May Combs, the Y. W. C. A. during the summer. Fannie Rowe Brown edited the *Summer Breeze*.

Forty-three students were graduated at the commencement exercises held the evening of August 29. Dr. Sidney B. Hall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, speaking on this occasion, traced the history of teacher education in America. Dr. John McDowell delivered the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, August 25.

The Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association will hold its annual convention at the college on November 1 and 2. Virginia Cox, editor of the *Breeze*, is state president of the association, and Elizabeth Bywaters is state secretary. They, together with Evelyn Pugh, Gene Averett, Catherine Cartee, Frances Wells, and Elizabeth Thweatt, form the local committee in charge of arrangements.