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AMONG THE ALUMNAE

Elsie Shickel, president of the class of 1911, is preparing to go abroad as a missionary. Sarah Shields, president of the class of 1912, has been engaged in mission work in India for several years past; and, as it was announced in the *July Teacher*, Eva Massey is also planning to be a missionary. Eva was editor-in-chief of the *Schoolma'am* in 1912.

Lucile Campbell, Agnes Lake, and Janie Werner mailed a post card on July 18 at Buffalo, N. Y. On one side was a picture of Niagara Falls, on the other, this message:

"We have enjoyed this trip—it is wonderful. Went to Toronto to-day. It is a beautiful city."

Evelyne Alexander remembered Blue-Stone Hill with a post card from Valley Forge. On it is a picture of the Anthony Wayne equestrian statue; and her message was, "I am here for the day with friends from Philadelphia. This is a wonderful place."

Mabel Hitt was, at last accounts, on her way home from Porto Rico. She came by way of Panama, the Dutch West Indies, Cuba, and Florida. She wrote:

"I have visited the Canal Zone and all the cities there."

Of Cuba she said: "This is a beautiful island, but a little warm at the present time." (July 29).

Pauline Callender recently sent messages to her friends from Alexandria, Washington, and Frederick, Maryland.

On July 26 Janet Farrar wrote: "Here I am 'way out in San Francisco. This is a wonderful city, of course. We are having a nice trip. Came by Chicago, through the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver. From there

through Seattle and Portland. From here we go to southern California, then to Salt Lake City and Yellowstone Park."

Joe Warren sends greetings from Columbia University and says: "I am planning to go up the Hudson to West Point before I return."

But no matter how far our girls go they can not outrun our good wishes—nor Cupid. Two marriages we have just heard of:

Ruth Vaiden to Mr. Shirley Pattie, on May 13, at Norfolk.

Ruth Boes to Mr. Wilbert M. Scott, on August 5, at Clifton Forge.

After August 20 Mr. and Mrs. Scott will be at home at Cameron, Missouri.

Florence Allen is going to teach next year in Portsmouth, and Anna Allen will at the same time teach in Hampton.

Arline Cutshall is having a pleasant summer at Roanoke. Now and then she sends us a message. One was written on a Hollins College post card.

One thing we are hearing of that we do not like—some of our girls, and some of the best ones, are going out of Virginia to teach next year. But we can not much censure them. With the cost of living still soaring, they naturally (and properly) give due consideration to an adequate salary. We know that they have as much loyalty to home as any other young women, but at the same time they must pay their debts and lay by something for a rainy day—or a wedding day. We hope it will not be long before old Virginia will not be second to any state in recognizing the value and the needs of her teachers.

Linda Carter has been teaching in primary grades during the past year or two, and just now she is back at Blue-Stone Hill in the second term of the summer school.

Pauline Miley is growing accustomed to the dignity of her degree, and her smile is as unflinching as ever. Recently she paid a very brief visit to Alma Mater.

Carrie Bishop is planning to teach English and literature. Incidentally she is cultivating her fine penmanship. Very properly she thinks that good writing should be good writing in every respect.

Mattie Worster is another one of our girls who is proving herself an expert in the Locker system of writing as well as in the accepted standards of fiction. She has been at the summer school both terms.

Ruth Witt is teaching in the second term of the summer school, after a brief vacation in the earlier months of the season. Her versatility and efficiency make it difficult for her to take a rest at all.

Nannie Clarkson made a flying visit to Harrisonburg recently, but many of her friends were disappointed because it was so "flying." She has been teaching in her home county, Nelson.

Bessie Scoggin has been teaching diligently since her graduation, but just now she is back at Alma Mater as a student again.

Beulah Anderson is married. The lucky man is Mr. Walter R. Blankenbeckler. The wedding took place at Seven Mile Ford on August 4. On their wedding tour the bride and groom stopped a few days in Harrisonburg.

Grace Fisher is still making music. Roanoke is her home, but her many friends at Blue-Stone Hill and elsewhere are always glad to see her.

Mary Seebert is preparing for her work next session at Bridgewater College. We are glad to have her near "home."

Julia Staples has been working during the past months in Raleigh, N. C., but at present she is taking certain courses in the summer school.

Vada Whitesel and Virgie Buchanan are among the number of our graduates who are teaching in the Harrisonburg schools. During the summer Violette Rainey and Catherine Harrison also made a name for themselves in the same schools. And there are others.

Margaret Coleman and Frances Kemper taught at Waynesboro last session. Several times they visited the Normal, but they never stayed long enough to satisfy their friends.

Hazel Haun lives at Woodstock—her old home—and once in a while she pays Harrisonburg a visit. We have a notion that she, Katherine Hottel, Olive Magruder, Dick Bowman, and others, will soon organize a Woodstock chapter of the alumnae—or maybe they will call it the Shenandoah Chapter.

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