cepts. The bulk of the book, however, is devoted to a presentation of modern economic problems. Among the problems presented are money and banking, forms of business organization, railway transportation, municipal monopolies, the labor force, labor organizations, labor legislation, methods of paying for labor, agricultural economics, insurance, marketing, public expenditures and public debts, taxation, industrial unrest, and social and industrial betterment.

The material furnished in the text is not sufficient in itself for a full course of a year. Supplementary reading must be supplied, and at the end of each chapter there is a list of topics upon which this supplementary reading can be based. The text is well adapted to use in high school work.

Poems by a Little Girl, by Hilda Conkling. With a preface by Amy Lowell. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co. 1920. 120 pages. ($1.50.)

Hilda Conkling is the nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. Grace Hazard Conkling, assistant professor of English at Smith College. She "tells" her poems to her mother, who writes them down. Hilda writes in natural cadences instead of regularly stressed meter, but her poems are nevertheless, in the words of Miss Lowell, of "the stuff and the essence of poetry." Containing poems "told" between the ages of four and eight, this collection offers to the teachers of children many illustrations of the imaginative spirit of childhood. There is too much native sense of beauty and proportion here, thinks Miss Lowell, to be entirely killed "even by the drying and freezing process which goes by the name of education."

A notion of Hilda's genius may be had from the little poem, "Dandelion":

O little soldier with the golden helmet,
What are you guarding on my lawn?
You with your green gun
And your yellow beard.
Why do you stand so stiff?
There is only the grass to fight!

C. T. L.


The author is well known and the book is well worthy of his reputation. One of the finest things to his credit is that, eighteen years ago, he saw and told the truth about Prussia. This volume, in the introduction, sketches the background of modern progress in the earlier periods of history, but the emphasis of treatment is put upon the last four hundred years. More than two hundred pages are devoted to the period since 1870. The World War is presented with enough detail to make it illuminating and interesting.


A brief survey of the World War, designed to keep bright in American high school boys and girls that "splendid fervor for freedom and democracy" aroused by the war. Includes interesting comment on the Peace Treaty and points to the League of Nations as the great accomplishment growing out of the war.


The most popular story of Spain's best-known living novelist, with ten pages of questions and exercises and fifty-five pages of Spanish-English vocabulary appended.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The appearance of the June issue of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER will find the eleventh session of the State Normal School at Harrisonburg ended, and the opening of the summer session at hand. Final week saw a larger number of friends and relatives of graduates in attendance upon the commencement exercises than has ever been the case before. Special efforts were made to look after their entertainment, and the week was therefore gay with receptions and meetings.

After rainy days Friday and Saturday, the Weather Man relented. Sunday was cool and the white-garbed student body marched to the baccalaureate service at the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church without having to blink their eyes in the dazzling sunshine.

Monday night was ideal for the postponed senior play, "The Lost Pleiad," which was easily one of the most effective out-of-door entertainments ever presented here. Novel lighting effects and further improvement of the stage settings make the open-air auditorium an asset hard to appraise, and under the direction of James C. Johnston, "The Lost Pleiad" won many extravagant compliments.

Tuesday night Dr. William M. Davidson, Superintendent of Schools of Pittsburgh,
made an address of unusual power and spiritual force at the commencement exercises.

The faculty received the friends and relatives of the graduates Monday afternoon in the library from 4 to 6 p. m., and Tuesday afternoon at the same hours gave a reception in the Y. W. social rooms in honor of the alumnae.

Class day exercises Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock included the reading of the class prophecy by Erma Tieche, an address by Raymond C. Dingledine, honorary member of the class, the reading of the class poem by Nella S. Roark, the last will and testament by Ellen Campbell, and the reading of a poem "The Foot of the Path" by May Williams. Announcement was made of the gift to the school of a handsome brass fire set for use in the library, and gifts were also made from the class to Mr. and Mrs. Dingledine, to Miss Edna Shaeffer, and to Mr. and Mrs. James C. Johnston.

At eleven o'clock Monday night, June 7, after the senior play had been presented, a long line of alumnae and Alumnae graduates, faculty and faculty Banquet wives, entered the dining room of Harrison Hall. The alumnae banquet of 1920 was the largest ever held here, more than two hundred persons being present to enjoy the delightful repast prepared under the direction of Miss Mary Seebert, of the degree class of 1920, and served by the students of the junior home economics class.

The evening's enjoyment was enhanced by an excellent orchestra, and there was heard an occasional expression from some light-footed young lady who hated to hear such music "go to waste!"

President Duke served as toastmaster with much grace and much wit. Toasts and responses were made as follows: "The Alumnae Association," Dr. J. W. Wayland, response, Mrs. R. C. Dingledine; "The Class of 1915," Miss Rachel Gregg, response, Miss Maria Murphy, of Staunton; "The Degree Class of 1920," President Duke, response, Dorothy Spooner; "The Senior Class of 1920," Raymond C. Dingledine, response, Sarah L. Wilson; "The New Members of the Faculty," James C. Johnston, response, Conrad T. Logan; "The H. C. of L.," Dr. Henry A. Converse, response, Miss Elizabeth P. Cleveland.

The hour of two was past when, full of the "Harrisonburg spirit," the banqueters clasped hands in one great circle about the boards, and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Miss Rachel E. Gregg, now of the State Department of Education, but formerly a member of the faculty of the Reunion of the Class of 1915 School, gave in the Y. W. rooms in Harrison Hall a tea to the members of the Class of 1915, twenty-one in number, who were present for their class reunion. Miss Gregg is the honorary member of the class, and her love for her girls was such that she was unwilling to be absent from their reunion. Those who represented this class are listed elsewhere in this issue of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER.

Clare Harnsberger, home economics senior of the class of 1920, was the recipient of the Dingledine prize for the best senior essay out of a class Prize Award of eighty-three. Miss Harnsberger's subject was "Sonnets, and Especially Sonnet-forms." Honorable mention was made of the essays submitted by Penelope C. Morgan, Nella S. Roark, Catharine Harrison, Thelma Miller, Margaret Seebert, and Helen Heyl.

President and Mrs. Duke entertained the members of the degree class and the senior class the evening of Thursday, Reception at Hill Crest June 3, from nine to eleven o'clock. In the receiving line were President and Mrs. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Dingledine, and the presidents of the two classes, Dorothy Spooner and Sarah Wilson. President Duke is honorary member of the degree class, and Mr. Dingledine is honorary member of the senior class.

A unique exhibit of dresses recently made by students in the sewing classes was shown in the auditorium the evening of Fashion June 2. Students displayed their own handiwork, announcing the materials from which each dress was made, and the total cost of the materials. There were some rather elabo-
rate evening dresses, but even these had been made at a cost not exceeding twenty dollars. A pleasing feature was the large number of simple dresses shown. About fifty juniors wore cool, fresh linens and sensible gingham. But the climax was the two voile commencement dresses, very attractively embroidered in wool, each costing $3.29!

The cooking, sewing, and manual arts exhibits were especially attractive and interesting. The sewing rooms were decorated with many beautiful and inexpensive costumes showing what one can do to overcome the high cost of dressing, and the manual arts room held many useful articles of furniture and other things which help to make a house a home.

The cooking exhibit was especially instructive, for it helped to solve the problem of the school lunch. It showed the duty of the school and its patrons in seeing that the children have the proper nourishment, and the advantages of a hot lunch prepared at school over the cold lunch brought from home.

She has come at last! Who? Why, the Schoolma’am, of course! Who else is it that we would send a reception committee consisting of Miss Cleveland, Gertrude, Elise, Marion, and Hazel Davis, all the way to Staunton in the pouring rain to meet? Oh, there isn’t much we wouldn’t do for the Schoolma’am! She is the great lady of the campus, and she has proved herself quite worth all the trouble she has caused. Never was there another as clever, as witty, as beautiful, and as altogether charming as our Schoolma’am!

And the book itself is so handsome that we know we are not bragging when we say these nice things.

The annual commencement tournament of the Racquet and Pinquet Tennis Clubs was postponed until Monday at 8:30 a.m., rain having prevented the contest Saturday. A victory for the Pinquets would have given them their third successive triumph, and with it a silver cup. This fact proved an unusual stimulus to Merla Mattheus and Margaret McDonald, Racquets, who won handily over Elizabeth Mott and Harriet James, Pinquets. The sets were 6-2 and 6-4.

Field day was another of the evidences of good work and good athletics at H. N. S.

The day was the result of a project of Mrs. Johnston’s in having her class of high school seniors plan the events, mark off the field and provide a system of scoring. The seniors, juniors, and sophomores took part. Final scores were as follows: juniors, 174 points; sophomores, 116 points; seniors, 99 points.

The first event, hop, step and jump was won by the sophomores with Hattie Deathrage in the lead making 27 ft. 1 inch.

Bertha Wilson won first place for the juniors in the basket ball throwing for distance with a throw of 67 feet. The juniors also won first place in the three-legged race with Mott and Coleman in the lead, and in the high jump with Agnes Christian clearing 4 feet, 3 inches.

In the sprinting first place went to Mary Davidson, second to Rita McGaha, third place to Nella Roark. June Steele won the basket ball throwing for goals, putting 26 in in a minute. The sophomores won the volley ball game over the juniors and seniors.

Mr. Duke and Dr. Converse were the judges. Nella Roark and Clara Lambert scored.

The Y. W. C. A. has been giving some very interesting programs lately.

Thursday, May 27, the seniors had charge of the program.

Y. W. C. A. Services
Louise Harwell was leader. Miss Anthony made a very interesting and helpful talk on The Importance of Play in the Social Service Program. The senior class gave a clever little sketch, a protest against borrowing, entitled Neither a Borrower nor a Lender Be.

Thursday, May 3, the degree class had charge of the last service of the session. Dorothy Spooner was leader. Joe Warren, Carrie Bishop, and Nell Critzer, taking as their themes Faith, Hope, and Love, respectively, left with us messages that we will not soon forget, messages that quickened the inspiration
which association with the girls themselves has brought.

Members of the faculty of the Harrisonburg Normal School have continued in demand as commencement speakers during the past month. Dr. Henry A. Converse delivered an address at the closing of the Mt. Clinton High School; on the evening of May 21 President Duke spoke at Strasburg, Dr. W. J. Gifford at Edinburg, and Raymond C. Dingledine at McDowell, Highland county. President Duke made the address at the closing of the Bristol High School May 25, of the Dayton High School May 27, and of the Woodstock High School May 28. The evening of June 1 Raymond C. Dingledine was in the western part of the state, speaking at the commencement of the Eagle Rock High School, Botetourt county; Dr. W. J. Gifford was in southeastern Virginia at the commencement of the Jarratt High School, Sussex county; and Conrad T. Logan was in the northern end of the state making the commencement address at the Boyce Agricultural High School, Clarke county.

This opportunity to send its faculty all over the state spreading the gospel of teacher-training and compulsory education and service and the like is one that the State Normal School at Harrisonburg welcomes.

June Steele, of Harrisonburg, a junior was elected president of the Athletic Association for the year 1920-21.

June Steele Honored

Miss Steele’s athletic record is an unusual one, as she has been captain not only of the renowned junior basketball team that won the series of 1919-20, but also of the Harrisonburg High School team, 1918-19.

The downpour of rain Friday made necessary the postponement of the senior open-air play; in consequence the last of the musicales arranged by the music department for final week was advanced to June 4.

What a treat that final recital was! The Glee Club was at its best, and the instrumental music was of the highest order. Miss Shaeffer and Miss Hoffman may well take pride in the skill and training evident behind the playing of the students on this final program, and the school may feel just as much pride in the rare ability of Elkanah Powell.

As a specimen of the high quality of work done in the music department, witness the following program:

**Commencement Speakers**

Ballade Op. 47 No. 2.................Chopin
Frances Stell

Whims ................................ Schumann
Maisie Morgan

Valse Brilliantis..................Moszkowski
Mary Dunn

A Gypsy Maiden, I..................Parker
Miriam Jones

Sprites of the Glen .................Denre

To a Water-lily .....................MacDowell

Scotch Poem ..........................MacDowell

Tarantella .........................Pieczonka

Butterfly ........................ Grieg

Rosa Heidelberg

Love Dreams, Notturno No. 1.........Liszt

Papillons ..........................Olsen

Christina Hughes

Scherzo Op. 41 .....................Opchin

Grace Fisher

Voices In Dreamland..............Dr. John W. Wayland

Stars and Fireflies

Silence of Night

Spirit of Danger

Shadow Dance

Spirit of Storm and

Storm-Fiends ...............Bliss

Song of Raindrops

Sleep Song of Raindrops

Birds at Dawn

Song of Sunbeams

and Birds

Glee Club

On May 14, the Stratford Dramatic Club presented “The Eastern Gate” at the New Theatre in Lexington, Va. Mr. Stratfords Go Johnston met the girls at the station in Lexington on Friday, with the announcement that “everything is going fine; all seats sold.” The girls were then hurried to the hotel and after supper hastened with all their oriental trappings to the theatre.

The curtain arose at 8:30 o’clock and the players beheld a packed audience. Everyone did her best and acted as if she had been used to—well, to halls and halls of men! The audience was very appreciative and everything went along well until the heroine brought in something about a W. & L. man and later about a V. M. I. man.
Then, gentle reader, the foundations of the building shook and the players stopped playing until the applauders ceased applauding.

If you have talked to any of the members of the club, of course you know about the "marvelous time" they had after the play. Some of the troupe came home Saturday, but others remained over until the last minute possible.

Graduating Classes, 1919-1920

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Nancy Capitola Baker, Norfolk.
Margaret Elizabeth Bear, Churchville, Augusta County.
Linda Sparks Berrey, (December, 1919), Criggersville, Madison County.
Tita Mae Bland, Roanoke.
Sallie Hopkins Bossor, Dayton, Rockingham County.
Gertrude Kathryn Bowler, Lynchburg.
Allie May Brindel, Roanoke.
Helen Frances Browder, Danville.
Margaret Virginia Carpenter, Harrisonburg.
Mary Mozelle Carper, Boyce, Clarke County.
Ethel Adelia Channing, Fentress, Norfolk County.
Annie May Davis, Shenandoah, Page County.
Leolousie Edwards, Norfolk.
Mary McKaan Pollard, Norfolk.
Iris Fay Glassock, Buffalo Lithia Springs, Mecklenburg County.
Alice Virginia Good, Dayton, Rockingham County.
Effie Myrtle Goode, (July, 1919), Mosley's Junction, Powhatan County.
Goldie Elizabeth Hammer, Harrisonburg.
Sadie Katherine Harper, Mt. Clinton, Rockingham County.
Catherine Harrison, Harrisonburg.
Eva Louise Harwell, Norfolk.
Mary Virginia Haskins, South Boston, Halifax County.
Hazel Haun, Woodstock, Shenandoah County.
Daisy Lee Hentone, Keeseetown, Rockingham County.
Helen Hay Heyl, Charlottesvile.
Delesie Mae Hitt, Nuvum, Madison County.
Ressie Pauline Johnson, Clifton Forge.
Clara Frances Lambert, McGeheysville, Rockingham County.
Ethel Princes Lanier, Dinwiddie County.
Mrs. William G. LeHew, Harrisonburg.
Mary Louis McCaleb, Iron Gate, Alleghany County.
Olive Mizpah Magruder, Woodstock, Shenandoah County.
Mary Thecla Miller, Roseland, Nelson County.
Marion Belt Neshott, South Boston, Halifax County.
Margaret Griffin Norfleet, Norfolk.
Clara Elizabeth O'Neal, Woodstock, Shenandoah County.
Mary Catherine O'Neal, Woodstock, Shenandoah County.
Katherine Frances Bacon Pettus, Jefferson, Mecklenburg County.
Katherine Mozelle Powell, Beaver Dam, Hanover County.
Violette Hope Rainey, (August, 1919), Dinwiddie County.
Mabel Rawls, (February, 1920), Holland, Nansemond County.
Ella Moore Reeves, Bridgewater, Rockingham County.
Nella Shepard Roark, Alta Vista, Campbell County.
Ruth Somerville Royston, Lexington, Rockbridge County.
Edna Roberson Stribbener, Earlysville, Allemand County.
Margaret Strain Seebert, Lexington, Rockbridge County.
Esther Louise Shumadine, Norfolk.
Clarece Browne Smith, Drewryville, Southampton County.
Betty Guy Somerville, West Augusta, Augusta County.
Mary Frances Stell, Norfolk.
Sarah Margaret Stone, Bedford, Bedford County.
Louise Watkins Walker, South Boston, Halifax County.
Chloe Eliza Wells, (August, 1919), Champ, Dinwiddie County.
Maud Lucelle Wittsell, (August, 1919), Dunkirk, Maryland.
May Williams, Stony Creek, Sussex County.
Charlotte Yancey, Harrisonburg.
Elizabeth Stuart Yancey, Dayton, Rockingham County.

HOME ECONOMICS COURSE

Marion Arthur, Lawyers, Campbell County.
Mary Edna Bonney, London Bridge, Princess Anne County.
Elizabeth Weston Bowden, South Hill, Mecklenburg County.
Ruth Elizabeth Brown, Lincoln, Loudoun County.
Ellen Campbell, Blacksburg, Montgomery County.
Cecile Munsey Chapman, Norton, Wise County.
Elizabeth Margaret Ewing, Harrisonburg.
Dorothy Hinds Fosque, Wachapreague, Accomac County.
Mary Sue Groce, (August, 1919), Fishersville, Augusta County.
Margaret Clare Harnsberger, Port Republic, Rockingham County.
Lillian Carter Hatcher, Chester, Chesterfield County.
Ross Payne Heddleberg, Rustburg, Campbell County.
Emma Greene Hupp, South Boston, Halifax County.
Miriam Eleanor Jones, Norfolk.
Besse Gladys Lay, Coeburn, Wise County.
Mary Elizabeth McGehee, Keysville, Charlotte County.
Marion McMaster Marshall, Chincoteague, Accomac County.
Peneope Campbell Morgan, Danville.
Elizabeth Carroll Murphy, (December, 1919), Staunton.
Mary Judkins Phillips, Bedford, Bedford County.
Margaret Friend Proctor, Drakes Branch, Charlotte County.
Edith Irene Sagle, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.
Margaret Stith Thomas, Drakes Branch, Charlotte County.
Sarah Lovicy Wilson, Virginia Beach, Princess Anne County.
COURSES LEADING TO THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
Elementary Teaching and Supervision
Carrie Elizabeth Bishop, Proffit, Albemarle County.
Francois Grace Fisher, Roanoke.
Pauline Miley, Fairfield, Rockbridge County.
Home Economics
Anna Rachel Allen, Stephenson, Frederick County.
Mary Spottswood Glassett, Blacksburg, Montgomery County.
Pauline Elizabeth Layman, Troutville, Botetourt County.
Merla Glenn Matthews, Clarendon, Alexandria County.
Mary Hall Nash, (August, 1919), New Glasgow, Amherst County.
Mary McKee Seebert, Lexington, Rockbridge County.
Dorothy McKinley Spooner, Farmville, Prince Edward County.
Senior Essays for 1919-20
Norfolk's Part in the War. Nancy Captiola Baker.
A Live City of Virginia. Helen Frances Browder.
The Work of the Y. W. C. A. As Seen in Our School. Margaret Elizabeth Bear.
Professional Improvement in Service. Linda Sparks Berry.
Music in Public Schools. Tita Mae Bland.
The Junior High School. Sallie Hopkins Blosser.
Plant Life in Scottish Song and Story. Gertrude Kathryn Bowler.
Our Modern American Novels and Novelists. Mary Edna Bonney.
Home and School Gardens. Elizabeth Weston Bowden.
The Great Destroyer. Ruth Elizabeth Brown.
A History of Rockingham County. Margaret Virginia Carpenter.
History of Norfolk County. Ethel Adelia Channing.
Winchester, Virginia—Its History and Traditions. Mary Mozelle Carper.
A Sketch of the Growth of the Family. Ellen Campbell.
The Use and Value of Concrete Materials in the Primary School. Annie May Davis.
Woman and the Young Women's Christian Association. Leloulse Edwards.
One Way to Produce Better Corn. Elizabeth Margaret Ewing.
Norfolk of Today. Mary McKann Folliard.
The Early History of the "Land of Evergreens." Dorothy Hines Fosque.
The Values of Latin. Alice Virginia Good.
Solving the Problems of the One-Room School in Mecklenburg County. Iris Fay Glasscock.
Along Highways and Byways. Catherine Harrison.
Stories and Story Telling in the Primary Grades. Eva Louise Harwell.
Historic Williamsburg. Delsie Mae Hitt.
Sonnets, and Especially Sonnet Forms. Clare Harnsberger.
The Development of Chesterfield County. Lilian Carter Hatcher.
Corn and Corn Products as Food. Emma Greene Hump.
The Reorganization of Rivanna District Schools—Albemarle County. Helen Hay Heyl.
The New Industrial Girl. Besse Pauline Johnson.
Norfolk in War Times. Miriam Eleneor Jones.
Americanization through Education. Harriet Elizabeth Kelly.
A Survey of Dinwiddie County. Ethel Prince Lanier.
Famous Women of the South. Clara Frances Lambert.
Better Speech Week. Besse Gladys Lay.
Games and Their Value in Primary Grades. Olive Mizpah Magruder.
AMONG THE ALUMNAE

One of the pleasant features of this season of the year is opening mail from the old students. The graduates are specially requested each year to fill out a questionnaire giving information about themselves of such sort as will enable the school to keep in touch with them and help them to better positions, if possible and if desired. Similar information from any old student, graduate or non-graduate, is welcomed. Alma Mater is anxious to keep in touch with all and to be of service to all.

It is these reports that come at the end of the session that tell us where the girls are, what they are doing, whether they expect to work at the same place next year, and whether they are coming to commencement. Now and then one fills out the blank and forgets to sign her name, or writes down her married name without giving her maiden name. Then the committee has to collect the back numbers of the Schoolma’am, seize upon files of the Normal Bulletin, and look through the earlier numbers of the Virginia Teacher, it may be, to be certain who’s who. Of course, we know most of our girls by all their names, nicknames too; but now and then one has gotten married without telling us, or was married a few years ago, and we have for the moment forgotten something. Even the professor of history who is sometimes accused of being a shark on names and dates, has to admit that he doesn’t know. And if the records are defective in the particular case, the committee has to blockade the lobby, stop every person who comes in, and demand: “Whom did Minnie Diedrich marry?” or “Who lives in Norfolk?”

Speaking of Minnie Diedrich, she was a member of the first class. Take this in any sense you please. She helped to start the Schoolma’am upon her wise and witty way. And she is now Mrs. James N. England, of Cartersville, Virginia. We are mad with her because she didn’t say she is coming to