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. We are mad with her because she didn't say she is coming to
commencement. She told us both of her names, however, so we have no quarrel with her on that score.

Helen Acton is teaching sewing in the grammar grades of the Portsmouth city schools. She is getting a fair salary now and is going back next year at an increase of $35 a month.

Mrs. Wm. A. Anson, who was Vera Seay, is still teaching in Roanoke. She has credits from Columbia as well as from Harrisonburg, and she is one of those who are making the Harrisonburg Club go in the city of Big Lick. A succession of "big licks" have made Roanoke one of the liveliest cities in this country.

Mary L. Lyle writes from Galloway College, Arkansas, where she has been teaching for several sessions. She has charge of the home economics work in that institution and is expecting to return to the same position next year.

Mrs. W. R. Winder, who was Margaret Fox, lives in Elizabeth City, N. C. She was a good teacher and liked her work, but now she says, "Never again!" She has a warm place in her heart for Blue-Stone Hill. This is one reason we like her.

Who remembers Elizabeth Greaves? Nearly everybody. She was president of her class and a wholesome force generally in the school. She is now Mrs. Cecil W. Page and lives at Coke, Gloucester County.

Margaret Omohundro, who got married without letting us know the gentleman's name in time for the May Teacher, is now Mrs. B. W. Wyche, Jr., The wedding occurred on May 5, and the new home is at Emporia, Virginia.

Alice Gilliam asks to have her Virginia Teacher sent to Pamplin, Virginia, until further notice. She has been teaching in or near Richmond. Her own school closing keeps her from commencement.

M'Ledge Moffett is still teaching at East Radford, in the State Normal School. She wants to be considered always a member of "Aluminum" Association, as colored Willie once christened it. She is now working on her Master's degree at Columbia and she already has vision (and first steps) toward a Ph. D. She has the real teacher's spirit.

Bessie Lockstamper, who made a great success at Strasburg as a primary teacher, is now Mrs. Mackall B. Keller, at the same place. She was married last November.

Tacy Shamburg's address is Mathias, West Virginia, and her married name is Mrs. R. M. Fansler. She reads the Virginia Teacher eagerly, and is going to make a donation to the school museum. She is planning to come to commencement.

Mrs. Frank McCormick, who was Blanche Lowman, writes from Java, in Pittsylvania County. Her home is not far from the place where Andrew Jackson once lived. She says "I often think of the dear old Normal." She has a sister who may come to Harrisonburg.

Louise McCormick, who is now Mrs. W. P. Johnson, is a sister-in-law, and also lives near Java. She and Mrs. McCormick often talk of the days they spent at Harrisonburg. We have the latter's word for it. She says further:

"I'm sure Nancy Hufford Furrow will be interested in seeing the Jackson place. I hope to have her visit me in the near future. She certainly writes interesting letters from Hawaii."

Mrs. McCormick was married June 18, 1919.

Bessie Parrish of Rosland is a progressive teacher, as her work here and at the University of Virginia proves. We hope that she may come to us again.

Margaret Kinneer is making her mark now at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg. We are safe, even there, in the hands of such girls as Margaret, Mary Wallace Buck, and Mary Scott.

One of the girls who has more than once graced our commencement season is Kathleen Harless of Christiansburg. But we fear that she will slight us this year. She is too busy preparing for her marriage, on June 12, to Mr. James A. Beasley. But she does think of us, anyhow.

NEW OFFICERS OF ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

At the business meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Harrisonburg State Normal School, held at ten o'clock Monday morning, President S. P. Duke made a talk in which he recounted the accomplishments of the school during the first year of his administration and the eleventh session of the school. He spoke of the high professional attainments
and superior training of the 1919-20 faculty, paid tribute to The Virginia Teacher and forecast for it a large field of usefulness and service to the public school system of Virginia, and gave assurances that it is always the desire of the Harrisonburg Normal School to give its best to the teachers and schools of the state, prophesying a further development of the extension service of the school next year.

The usual election was held to fill expired terms of officers, and the officers for the ensuing twelve months are:

- Reba L. Beard—president.
- Frieda Johnson—vice-president.
- Mary V. Yancey—corresponding secretary.
- Edna Dechert—recording secretary.
- Mary Bosserman—treasurer.
- Frances Kemper—member of executive board (until 1921).
- Florence Keezell—member of executive board (until 1922).

ALUMNAE REUNION, JUNE 4-8, 1920

Class of 1911: Kathleen Harnsberger, Grottoes; Vergilia Sadler, Scottsville.

Class of 1913: Frances Mackey, Riverside.

Class of 1914: Anna Allen, Florence Allen, Stephenson; Josephine Bradshaw, McDowell; Mary Wallace Buck, Norfolk; Florence Keezell, Keezletown; Bess Turner, Salem.

Class of 1915: Althea Adams, Charlottesville; Mary Bosserman, Harrisonburg; Ruth Brown, Broadway; Frances Cole, Chester; Agnes Stirling Dingledine, Harrisonburg; Tacy Shamburg Fansler, Mathias, West Va.; Mabel Hickman, Columbia Johnson, Frieda Johnson, Lovettsville; Laura Lee Jones, Doe Hill; Margaret Kinnear, Lexington; Edith Lacy, Scottsburg; Audrey Lauck, Shenandoah; Susie Maloy, McDowell; Sara Monroe, Unison; Maria Murphy, Staunton; Hazel Oldaker, Lynchburg; Bessie Swartz, Mt. Jackson; Elizabeth Tardy, Lexington; Joe Warren, Shiloh; Virginia Wheatley, Washington, D. C.

Class of 1916: Edna Dechert, Delicia Fletcher, Harrisonburg; Rosa Tinder, Norton; Otelia Wachman, Petersburg; Ruth Witt, Roanoke.

Class of 1917: Ada Lee Berrey, Crig-lersville; Dickie Bowman, Woodstock; Mary Glassett, Blacksburg; Elizabeth Lam, Lexington; Ruth Marshall, Callands; Frances Rolston, Pulaski; Stella Thompson, Purcellville; Helen Ward, Centralia; Lois Yancey, Mary V. Yancey, Harrisonburg.

Class of 1918: Gretchen Bell, Bedford; Carrie Bishop, Proffit; Madge Bryan, Charlottesville; Nell Critzer, Afton; Grace Fisher, Rounoke; Grace Gaw, Charlottesville; Willie Guthrie, Danville; Mary Jones, Basic; Ella May Lane, Broadway; Pauline Layman, Troutville; Pauline Miley, Fairfield; Gertrude Pierce, Ore Bank; Mary Seebert, Lexington; Dorothy Spooner, Farmville; Margaret Whitman, Passadena, Cal.; Dorothy Williams, Newport News; Laura Henley Willis, Harrisonburg.

Class of 1919: Minnie Bowman, Harrisonburg; Ruby Brill, Mt. Jackson; Ruth Calhoun, Fishersville; Pauline Callender, Rockingham; Katherine Cannon, Norfolk; Margaret Coleman, Nelly’s Ford; Hazel Davis, Burke; Ruth Deahl, Alexandria; Mary Ferguson, Clifton Station; Gaylord Gibson, Delaplane; Helen Hopkins, Magahesysville; Frances Kemper, Lynnwood; Dorothy Lacy, Scottsburg; Merla Matthews, Riverdale; Roberta Lee Moore, Crisfield, Md.; Elizabeth Murphy, Staunton; Jean Nicol, Rockville, Md., Ethel Parrott, Stanardsville; Pearle Potter, Lexington; Louelle Potts, Round Hill; Margaret Prufer, Staunton; Lena Reed, Penn Laird; Sara Roller, Harrisonburg; Rose Lee Simpson, Purcellville; Mary Thrasher, Fairfax; Elizabeth Yancey, Harrisonburg.

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“M. I. B.” is Mary I. Bell, the school librarian.