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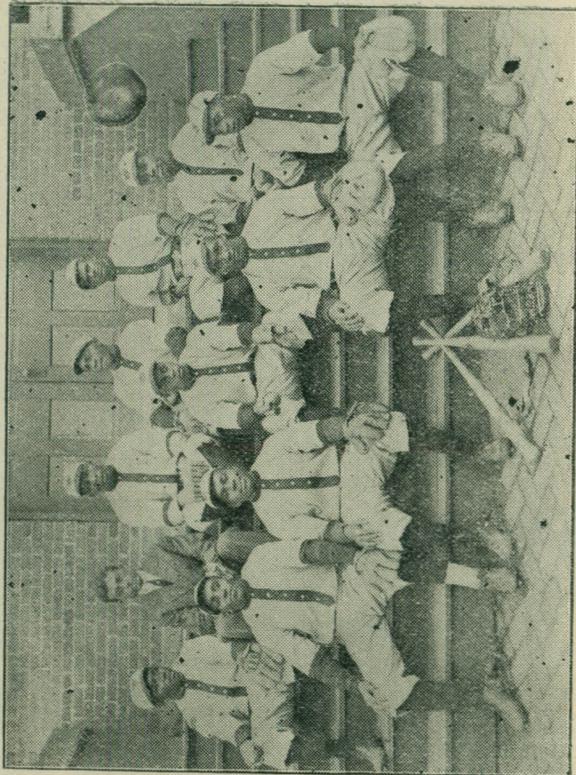
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Editorials

OUR NINE WILL BE ROBBED OF THE HONOR OF TAKING THE WILBERFORCE aggregation into camp this season. Manager Brown has received word from the Ohio management that the floods have so affected the conditions that warrant a paying venture, it was deemed best to cancel the dates with Institute. ¶ This is much regretted by the athletic management of both Schools, and we hope that all such relations will be resumed in the future. ¶ The team will make its first appearance in the new uniforms against Montgomery the 3rd inst. They are by far, the best in material, workmanship, and design, that it has been our good fortune to possess. ¶ The distinctive features of the uniforms were designed, by the manager, Mr. A. G. Brown. The material is gray flannel, with a faint darker gray stripe running longitudinally thru the suits. The trimmings of shirts and caps are black with old gold *Institute* and monogram respectively.

IT IS HOPED THAT SPECIAL EFFORT WILL BE MADE, ON THE PART OF THE Alumni to rally to the call of the Alumni president for the greatest Alumni reunion in the history of the organization. Now, as never before, ought your Alma Mater, have the revisiting presence of its hundreds of men and women, who are meeting, and solving life's problems. Now, as never before, does your Alma Mater, need the help, that your influence for good has been creating in the world. ¶ Come, and around the shrines that you profess to love, let us renew our covenants of loyalty and devotion to this, the most striking monument for racial uplift, for individual and public benefit, the state has created.

THIS IS OUR FINAL ISSUE FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR. WE HAVE EN-

deavored to give our little coterie of readers, alumni, friends, State officials, student body and faculty, a monthly record of those things that we thought would interest, enlighten them, and place the West Virginia Colored Institute in a clear light before the people. We are conscious of the fact that we have essayed a mighty task. We are also aware of the truth, that we have not succeeded in our effort in any manner commensurate with our desires. ¶ We do not know, dear reader, whether we have satisfied you or not. We know however, that the *promotion of the interests of the WEST VIRGINIA COLORED INSTITUTE*, in every laudable manner has been the chief purpose of *THE MONTHLY*. ¶ We know also dear reader, that our little journal has cost you but very little. We know that you are anxious to receive it, and we would feel almost compensated if your gratitude and expressions of praise compared with your anxiety. ¶ To those of you who have spoken us praise, and there have been some, we feel grateful. We feel that *THE MONTHLY* has borne a message of information and hope to the black boys and girls thru out the state. ¶ Commencement will be the closing event in the Institute's greatest year. ¶ We ask for those who are given back to home, to friends, to practical life, an equal chance and fair consideration. ¶ We beseech you patron, parent, friend, wherever this Message of *THE MONTHLY* finds you, awaken to the rare chance for an education for usefulness, that the State of West Virginia now offers you.



Morrill Day

At the West Virginia Colored Institute

The annual observance of the natal anniversary of the late Senator Justin S. Morrill was the occasion for the assemblage of a large crowd in the auditorium of Fleming Hall at 1:30 p. m., April 14. It was fitting that the exercises were rendered by the Morrill Agricultural Club, a new organization that has recently come into active being through the indefatigable efforts of Mr. A. W. Curtis, director of agriculture at the school.

While the day was not the most promising, yet a number of resident farmers were present to enjoy the strictly agricultural program that the club had prepared.

Mr. B. B. Ezell, county director of agriculture and our prosperous city merchant, Mr. R. A. Marshal were the guests of the occasion. Mr. Marshal is a promoter of agricultural development in the county, and an enthusiastic advocate of truck gardening for all the vegetables that Kanawha county

can and will produce.

Promptly at 1:30 the school orchestra played a march and the agricultural club headed by its president, John E. Hunter, Jr., filed in and took its place on the stage, where the guests of the afternoon and the other participants on the program were seated.

A pleasing harmony was noticeable throughout the program, in the appropriate adaptation of subjects to the individual, and the vivacious and earnest manner in which each number was rendered. All the efforts of the participants were commendable, but the oration of James Lipscomb, in subject matter and delivery was easily the feature number of the program.

After the program, Mr. Curtis introduced Hon. B. B. Ezell, and he, after calling Conally Jones, Laurence Prillerman, A. B. Cunningham, William Spriggs, and F. Hunt Marshal, (the last two of this

number being absent), to the stage in a few well chosen words presented to these young men a silver loving cup in honor of their winning last year in both the local corn club and the county corn club exhibits.

Mr. Marshal was then introduced and spoke commendably of all he had seen. He also urged greater activity towards the carrying out of up-to-date agricultural methods and the extension of extensive farming as regards vegetables.

President Prillerman concluded with remarks that were practical and helpful.

Following is the program:

Singing "America."

Prayer.

Declamation—"Nothing Lost in Nature," by O. C. Young.

Essay—"Indian Corn," by J. E. Hunter, Jr.

Oration—"Farm Life," by James Lipscomb.

"Hymn of West Virginians,"

Declamation—"Man's Relation to Animals," by B. T. Clark.

Oration—"Milk and its Properties," by A. B. Cunningham.

Declamation—"Gladness of Nature," by Matthew Ballard.

Selection by orchestra.

Declamation—"Tiller of the soil," by T. R. Tuck.

Paper—"The Origin of the Babcock Milk Tester," by John Woods.

Recitation—"Farmer Ben's Theory," by Moses Lindsay.

Oration—"Justin S. Morrill," by Edgar Jordan.

Selection by orchestra.

Presentation of loving cup to corn club by B. B. Ezell, county agriculturist.

Remarks by President Byrd Prillerman.

The Morrill Agricultural club banqueted in the evening from 8 to 10:30 at Dawson Hall. It was a fitting climax to the exercises of the day.

In this, its initial function, the club eclipsed all previous school aggregation in the class and finish of its effort.

Much credit is due the domestic science and arts department, by whose members the menu was prepared. The service was such that our standard hotels and cafes could well desire. Mr. A. W. Curtis proved a pleasing toastmaster and the toasts were responded to with vigor and eloquence. Outside of the club members and their lady escorts, the list of guests was small. By those who were fortunate enough to be included, the function was voted a pronounced success.

MENU

Grape fruit, baked chicken, French fried potatoes, hot rolls, butter, pickle, celery, cocoa, tomato salad with mayonaise, crackers, fromage, "Three and Three," cake, mints.

PROGRAM.

Toast master—Mr. A. W. Curtis.
"A feast of reason' a flow of soul."
Welcome—J. Edgar Jordan.
Response—Mrs. Byrd Prillerman.

To the Ladies—A. B. Cunningham.

Response—Miss C. R. Campbell.
Domestic Science—Miss M. E. Eubank.

Senator Morrill—Mr. N. A. Murray.

Morrill Agricultural Club—Mr. S. H. Guss.

The West Virginia Colored Institute—President Byrd Prillerman.

Country Life

The country is the best place to live in order to establish strong lines of descendants, for here are stored up those reserves of constitutional energy which enable men and women to endure long hardships and to meet great emergencies without submersion. In the city, the conditions tend toward constant overstimulation of nerves and exhaustion of the individual or of underexercise of the muscles and other vital organs and the consequent lessening of energiers which would go toward increase of family or toward constitutional endurance in the children. Where the best blood of the country homes continually

flows towards the cities, as in America, the ultimate extinction of this best blood in both city and country is certain; the continuation of the race in both city and country is then left to people of less efficient heredity.

But the farm is not only the best place to produce goodly numbers of children; it is preeminently by nature the best place to produce the best kind of character in the child. Here youth deals with the things of nature in their simplicity and directness, and is not deceived nor schooled in deceiving. The daily burden of work on the farm and in the farm home

requires the most thorough cooperative spirit among all the members of the family, so that children early gain habits of devotion to duty and to the philosophy:

"A duty well done is its own reward."

The child is unhampered by its constraint from artificial standards and conventionalities which city life for the adult seems to require or at least to encourage. He is, therefore, free to develop healthily and naturally along the true lines of his own native powers for self-expression.

And the farm is by nature no less a good place to continue character development throughout life. The service to the family and the managing of an independent farm business or of a farm household mainly with one's own labor requires an all-round, resourceful, and far seeing intelligence and experience such as no single city business can possibly give; while the enlarged services and relationships to the community also furnish things to do that are worth while, the doing of which results in strong character.

—WILLET M. HAYS, *In Woman's World*.

FOUNDER'S DAY

At the West Va. Colored Institute.

The exercises for founder's day were observed on Saturday evening of the third inst. A program for the occasion had been prepared, the feature of which was the remarks of the School historian, Mr. A. W. Curtis.

The Senior Class of the school served refreshments the afternoon of the day, and during the social session that followed the close of the program.

The annual observance of Founder's Day, serves to keep alive in the minds of the teachers and student body, the incidents, legends, and facts connected with the birth and early history of this School.

The remarks of Mr. Curtis were interesting, and contained some new data of special importance.

The recitation of Mr. Branch, and oration of Rev. D. C. Deans were well rendered, and kindly received.

Appended is the program:

PROGRAM

- Music School
- Devotionals..... School
- Anniversary Song..... School
- Oration..... "The Lack of Information"
D. C. Deans Sr.
- Declamation..... "Rienzi's Address to the
Romans"
John Branch
- Historian's Address..... A. W. Curtis
- The School song.

As to Dress versus Good Sense.

In a previous issue of the *THE MONTHLY* we noticed a short article relative to saneness in the practical consideration of the dress problem, that, in this mad rush to conform to the demands of what is called fashion, ought to be reproduced. There is no place more necessary for the teaching and practicing of modest, sensible, and healthful forms of dress and habits of life than in schools, especially such schools as the West Virginia Colored Institute represents. The alarming mortality statistics that show with what rapidity the Negro is dying from causes dependent upon ignorance, failure to put in practice what he has learned about the healthful manner of dress, or the practical observance of the common rules of hygiene, ought to fill the minds of sensible people, with a desire for a radical change.

This change can only be real, when it begins with the leaders, and teachers doing themselves the things, they require of others.

None can expose their bodies with impunity to the harmful influences of chilly blasts, cool fogs, and sudden changes from heat to cold, no matter what physical charms they may possess, without

paying for the same with precious years from their lives.

The state schools for Negroes, the Negro clergy, the Negro school teachers of the state and the Negro parents ought to wage a state wide campaign of reformation for a return to sane and safe ideals along these lines.

OUR EXHIBITS

At the Conference held at the city of Richmond, Virginia.

The Negro Schools of Smithers, Montgomery, Buckhannon, and Fairmont sent exhibits of manual training and domestic science to the W. Va. Colored Institute, to be shipped with the exhibit from this institution to the Congress of Education for the South, that but recently came to a close in the city of Richmond.

The handicraft work from the four first schools, ranging from wood working, basketry, drawing, to excellent and useful work in domestic art, was the subject of very favorable comment by all whose good fortune it was to see it.

The Richmond Leader, described the exhibit from the West Virginia Colored Institute as the best of all sent to the Congress, although Florida, Tennessee, and Kentucky

were represented.

A special request has been received by President Prillerman, from the department of education, to install the same exhibit at the coming State Semi-Centennial, to be celebrated in Wheeling this summer.

President Prillerman Makes Visits to Ronceverte, Clarksburg, and Buckhannon. Creates Interest for the Institute

President Byrd Prillerman attended the West Virginia Baptist Sunday School Convention at Ronceverte May 1st, where he delivered an address on "The Conservation of Young Manhood." The Convention was attended by eight graduates and several undergraduates of The West Virginia Colored Institute. The work of improving and beautifying the church in which the Convention was held was done by students of the above named school.

On Friday night, May 2nd, President Prillerman delivered the address at the closing exercises of the Simmons School, Montgomery. Hon. H. H. Railey, class of 1896, is the efficient principal of this school. County Superintendent J. T. Peters delivered the diplomas

to six graduates. Prof. L. W. Burns of the Montgomery Preparatory School was present, and made some timely remarks.

On Monday, May 5th, President Prillerman delivered the address at the closing exercises of the school at Buckhannon, West Va. The teachers in this school are Mr. Thomas W. Taylor Principal and Miss Leilia Powell, class of 1911. They both are rendering excellent service, both in school, and in the community in which they live.

CREDIT FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES

Seven weeks in the Summer School will count as seven weeks of the nine weeks required for renewal of first grade certificates.

That will make it necessary for the applicant to attend part of the second session, a part of the regular term, or do some other work that may be counted so as to make good for the renewal.

M. P. SHAWKEY,
Supt. of Free Schools.

Three things about which to think—life, death and eternity.

Around the Institute

Mr. Wm. D. Laumaster of Danville Pa., who has been conducting a series of special meetings for the Y. M. C. A. of Charleston preached for the faculty, student body, and friends Sunday morning the 27th inst. His sermon was very much enjoyed by the audience.

President and Mrs. Prillerman attended by about twenty teachers and students, attended the Schumann Heink Song and piano recital in the new armory at Charleston the night of the 24 inst. All expressed it a rich and rare treat.

Mr. Arnold, U. S. farm expert attended by B. B. Ezell, farm demonstrator for Kanawha County, visited Institute the 24th inst. on a tour of inspection. Mr. Arnold expressed himself as well pleased with local conditions on the farm.

Hon. L. J. Hanifan, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, was a pleasing visitor at the School the 29th inst. President Prillerman introduced him at Chapel exercises, and Mr. Hanifan responded at length in pleasing remarks. He

lauded the work of the Negro teacher wherever it had been his pleasure and duty to meet it in his official capacity. He impressed upon the Student body the idea of efficiency, and promised a closer consideration of the Rural School question as touching the Negro.

Mr. Hanifan visited the training class and talked to them of their prospective work. The rest of the day was spent in visiting the various shops and green houses.

Mr. F. B. Jeaks, an inspector of land grant Colleges from the U. S. Bureau of Education, was a business visitor to the School the 5th and 6th inst.

Mr. Jenks gave a very practical and helpful talk to the Student body the morning of the Sixth, which was listened to with the greatest attention, and accorded sincerest appreciation. This is the first visit of this official.

Dr. J. E. Hunter, of Lexington Ky., was the distinguished guest of the school the 8th and 9th insts. Dr. Hunter is one of the races

most noted physicians and Surgeons. He delivered two lectures to the faculty, student body and visitors. The first on "Winners" was filled with citations of influences and individuals that had made for success. The second lecture, given the morning of the 9th inst. was on health. This lecture was clothed in simple language, and abounded in highly practical suggestions. The Dr. used his son J. E. Hunter, Jr. who is a Junior Academic here in illustrating points in the manipulation of dislocation.

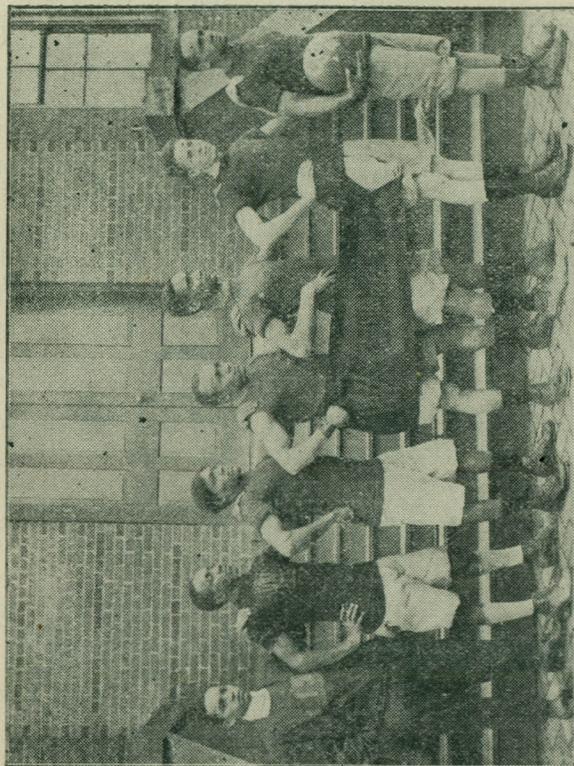
Mr. C. H. James, wholesale produce merchant of Charleston, and the only negro member of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce was a pleasant visitor the 8th inst.

Mr. James was prevailed to go the stage, where after being introduced, he gave a brief address filled with the spirit of those things that have made him a successful business man. His remarks were highly appreciated.





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The Week at Institute

THE DAILY SCHEDULE

Rising Bugle	5:30 a. m.
Breakfast	6:30
Study Period	7:00-8:05
Chapel	8:30
Recitations	8:30-12:00
Dinner	12:10
Library	12:45-1:16
Recitations	1:30-4:10
Military Drill	4:15-4:45
Supper	5:00
Evening Study Period	6:30-9:30
Lights Out	10:00

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING	6:30
LITERARY SOCIETIES—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS...	6:30

THE SABBATH DAY

Young Men's Christian Association	8:15 A. M.
Sabbath School	9:30 " "
Young Women's Christian Association	1:30 P. M.
Song and Prayer Service.....	6:30 " "

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