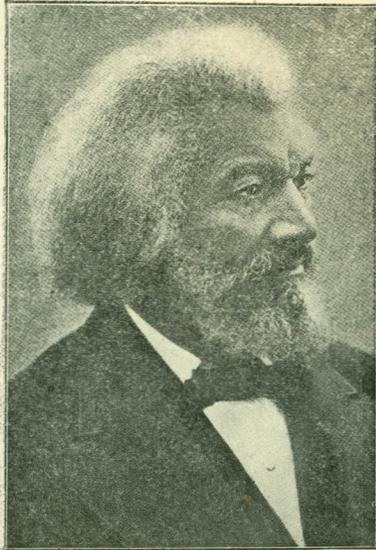


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EDITORIAL

SINCE our last appearance, one issue of a student publication, "The Informant" was circulated among the students. The sponsors were chiefly the young men of the printing department. It was neat in physical make up, and contained some readable items. It represented, as it should, the student body, and the students seemed much pleased with the stranger.

THE MONTHLY welcomes The Informant and hopes that its journey may be as pleasant and fruitful as its promoters anticipate.

THE MONTHLY, will soon be entered as second class mail. This will require an adjustment of our mailing list, and the strict observance of all the requirements of the law governing news papers and magazines. We expect to receive honest dealings from all our subscribers, and desire to give to them those things of interest that make a school paper readable.

OUR columns are open for articles from our alumni and alumnae. This School that this Paper represents, is your school, your love for your Alma Mater, ought to warrant you to show some active interest in the growth and development of your School. If you are making a living from the education received here, if you are assisting in community uplift because you have been so inspired to do from teachings received here; if you are living for yourself a decent life, and helping others to higher ideals and morals because your Alma Mater matured the struggling desire in your heart, if you have been incited to become a tax paying citizen by lessons learned here, then let us hear from you.

IN our next issue a list of the new books

recently added to the library will be given. Among them are several valuable works on Negro History-

NATAL DAYS OF GREAT AMERICANS OBSERVED

Lincoln's Birthday was fittingly observed at the West Virginia Colored Institute Thursday, February 12th. At the chapel exercises an hour was devoted to patriotic songs and quotations from Lincoln by the various classes and members of the faculty.

One recitation period was given to the study of Lincoln by each class. President Byrd Prillerman had requested the students and teachers several days before to read up on Lincoln. Unusual interest was shown in the life and character of this great American. This is partly due to the fact that his bust occupies a conspicuous place in the chapel. It will be remembered that this bust was donated by the Hon. William Seymour Edwards, and unveiled here Sept. 27th, 1913. The birthday of Frederick Douglass was celebrated February, 17. On February 22nd, the birthday of Washington was celebrated and on 27th that of Longfellow.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
Born February 12, 1809.  
Died April 15, 1865.

## *A Message to Garcia*

By Elbert Hubbard.

When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba—no one knew where. No mail or telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his cooperation, and quickly.

What to do!

Some one said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you if anybody can." Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oilskin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail.

The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did ask, "Where is he at?" By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college of the land. It is not book learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies; do thing, "Carry a message to Garcia!"

General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias. No man who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands are needed, but has been well nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man the inability or un-

willingness to concentrate on a thing and do it. Slipshod assistance, foolish inattention, dowy indifference, and half-hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, and sends him an angel of light for an assistant.

And this incapacity for independent action, this moral stupidity, this infirmity of the will, this unwillingness to catch hold and lift, are the things that put pure socialism so far into the future. If men will not act for themselves, what will they do when the benefit is for all?

My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "Boss" is away as well as when he is at home. And the man, who, when given a letter for Gracia, quietly takes the missive, without asking any idiotic questions, and with no lurking intention of chucking it into the nearest sewer, or of doing aught else but deliver it, never gets "laid off", nor has to go on strike for higher wages. Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village, in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such; he is needed and needed badly the man who can carry a message to Gracia.

### GLAD NEWS

#### FROM THE COMING INTER-COLLEGIATE FIVE MILER

Extract from letter to the Editor from Daniel L. Ferguson,

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio,

Feb. 9. 1914.

I have recently received notification that I had passed last semester's school work. You can imagine how glad I am, for several reasons: first, because of the value of credit for the work, and second, because of my athletic aspirations. A condition or failure of one hour would have hindered my participating in athletics this year.

[Mr. Ferguson is a West Virginia Colored Institute Alumnus, Academic Class of 1909.—Ed.]

## HONOR TESTS

Marshall College versus University of  
Chicago

In a recent issue of The Parthenon, we noticed that the Class of 1914 of Marshall College has not only resolved to set up and maintain a higher standard moral in school and in practical life, but has publicly declared its intention so to do.

It has also made overtures to the faculty that it might assist in observing and maintaining a new code of honor in the Institution. The faculty, recognising the wisdom of such a proffer, has accepted, and Marshall enrolls itself with the best schools in the country in which the honor system among students is observed.

In contrast to the above, we insert from a leading daily, the following:

The Students' council of the University of Chicago met the other day to take some action in reference to cribbing at examinations. The following is a statement of what occurred:

Of the 1227 votes cast on the question whether an honor code should be installed, 903 students voted affirmatively, 278 negatively and 46 were doubtful.

The question: "Would you report a person whom you saw cheating?" drew 156 affirmative votes, 892 negative and 179 doubtful.

The students who declared they would speak to the cheater numbered 723 to 281 who would not and 223 who were doubtful.

This looks as if the moral status of the University of Chicago needs attention. A fourth of the students voted against an honor code. That is, it was none of their business if a student cheated, and certainly three-fourths of them would not report a student if they saw him cheating. They would rather see fraud flourish than to infringe upon the thieves' code of honor. All these tests show a low state of honor. It will be impossible to make a scholar out of men who are indifferent to fraud. Honor is a higher test of scholarship than Latin or philosophy.

INSTITUTE GRADUATES  
HONORED

At a meeting of the Northern West Virginia Teachers' Association last November, Mr. William O. Armstrong, class of 1910 was elected President. Miss Willa Lee, class 1900, Secretary, and Miss Amelia Lowry, class 1913, Treasurer.

## THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

The latest thing in the line of new organizations around the Institute is the Commercial Club. It came into being with the new year, and has for its officers W. R. Merritt, president, Edith Williams, secretary, Cynthia Amos treasurer.

The purpose of the new Club is to further and develop the interest of themselves and the Commercial Department.

Business literature, such as is contained in "System" the leading stenographic journals, commercial law and practices will be the especial study of the Club.

All students of the Commercial division of the School are members, and they have shown a lively interest in the first few meetings of the society.

"I am not bound to win, but I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right; stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong."

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Life is one cross after another.

## SEND IT IN

If you have a bit of news, send it in,  
Or a joke that will amuse, send it in,  
A story that is true, an incident that is  
new

We want to hear from you, send it in.  
Never mind about your style,  
If it's only worth the while,  
Send it in.

Will your story make us laugh, send it  
in,

Will it make a paragraph, send it in.  
If some good your words can teach  
If some distant reader reach,  
If you have a glowing speech,  
Send it in.

—BLACK AND MAGNETO

The following graduates of The West Virginia Colored Institute are pursuing higher courses of study in other institutions as follows:

W. H. Lowry is a junior in the dental school of the State University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Oresta Pierce of Fayetteville and Daniel Ferguson of Institute are sophomores in the agricultural course at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Thomas W. Taylor and Delbert Prillerman are freshmen in the agricultural course at the Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing Mich.

## THE ALUMNI

## Some Graduates Who Are Succeeding

Hon. H. H. Railey, who graduated in the first class in 1896, is President of the Alumni Association and the successful Principal of the Simmons Graded School, Montgomery.

Rev. E. C. Page, who graduated in the class of 1896, is one of the most successful young ministers in the State.

Mr. William N. Bowles, who graduated in the class of 1898, is the successful Principal of the graded school at McDonald, Fayette county.

Dr. Charles B. Anderson, class of 1900, is a successful physician at Mount Hope, Fayette county.

Miss Willa Mae Lee, class of 1900, is a successful teacher in the Water Street School of her hometown, Clarksburg.

Miss Rhoda Wilson, class of 1901, has proved one of the most successful teachers in the Garnett School, Charleston.

Dr. Andrew H. Brown, class of 1902, is making quite a record as a dentist in Charleston.

Miss Alberta McClung, class of 1903, is one of the most popular teachers in the Sumner High School of Parkersburg.

Dr. H. C. Hargrove, class of

1904, is a successful practitioner at Sylvia, Raleigh, county.

Mr. Mark A. Holmes, class of 1904, is a successful contractor and builder in Charleston.

Mr. Bolivar G. Cousins, class of 1905, is succeeding remarkably well with his garden and poultry business at Ronceverte.

Mr. Gilber Bean, who took his certificate in carpentry in 1906, is meeting with great success at his trade in Charleton.

Mr. Matthew Obie, of Fairmont, of the class of 1907, is one of the most successful carpenters the school has ever produced.

Miss. Ada Wright, who took her certificate in dressmaking in 1908, is succeeding along her chosen line of work at Montgomery.

Mr. Alonzo C. Ellis, Commercial class of 1911, is the competent stenographer to the President of The West Virginia Colored Institute.

Mr. Roscoe Clarkson, class of 1912, is the successful Principal of the graded school at Bramwel, Mercer county.

Mr. Clinton Friend, of the same class is the successful Principal of the Mandaville school at St. Albans

“Be a man, a whole man.”

## INSTITUTE NOTES

Miss Mable Saunders, Normal first year, was granted and indefinite leave of absence to go to her home in Montgomery.

Mr. Lee Scott was called to his home in Montgomery the 12th inst. on account of the illness of his sister.

Mr. W. Sanders, state libranan, and A. L. Calhoun of Keystone visited the school the last Tuesday of January. Mr Calhoun, who has four children—two boys and two girls in school—was pleased with conditions about the school.

Rev Daniel Stratton, of St. Albans, lectured to the student body Tuesday night the third inst. His subject was, “Power and Influence”. His style and humor was very entertaining to the audience.

Several persons have applied for admission at the opening of the spring term, March 4th, but they cannot be admitted, owing to the crowded conditons. The school has registered 340 students the present

year as against 277 for the whole of last year. The State Boaad of Control has under advisement the erection of a new dining hall or dormitory by which a greater number of students may be accommodated when the fall term begins Sept. 16th, 1914.

The large trunk sewer, that has been in process of construction for nearly two months, has at last been finished. Plumbers are now connecting up the different buildings.

Reviews for the winter term will begin the 23 inst. Examinations will be held March second and third. The work of the Spring term will begin March 4.

On January the 29th, there were born to Mr. and Mrs. John K. Haston, near Sissons ville, West Va., twin boys. About four years ago, there were born to the same family triplets two boys and one girl. Mr. and Mrs. Haston were enrolled among the first students in the early history of this institution.



ROSTER of OFFICERS of CLASS, and OTHER SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

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FRESHMAN CLASS

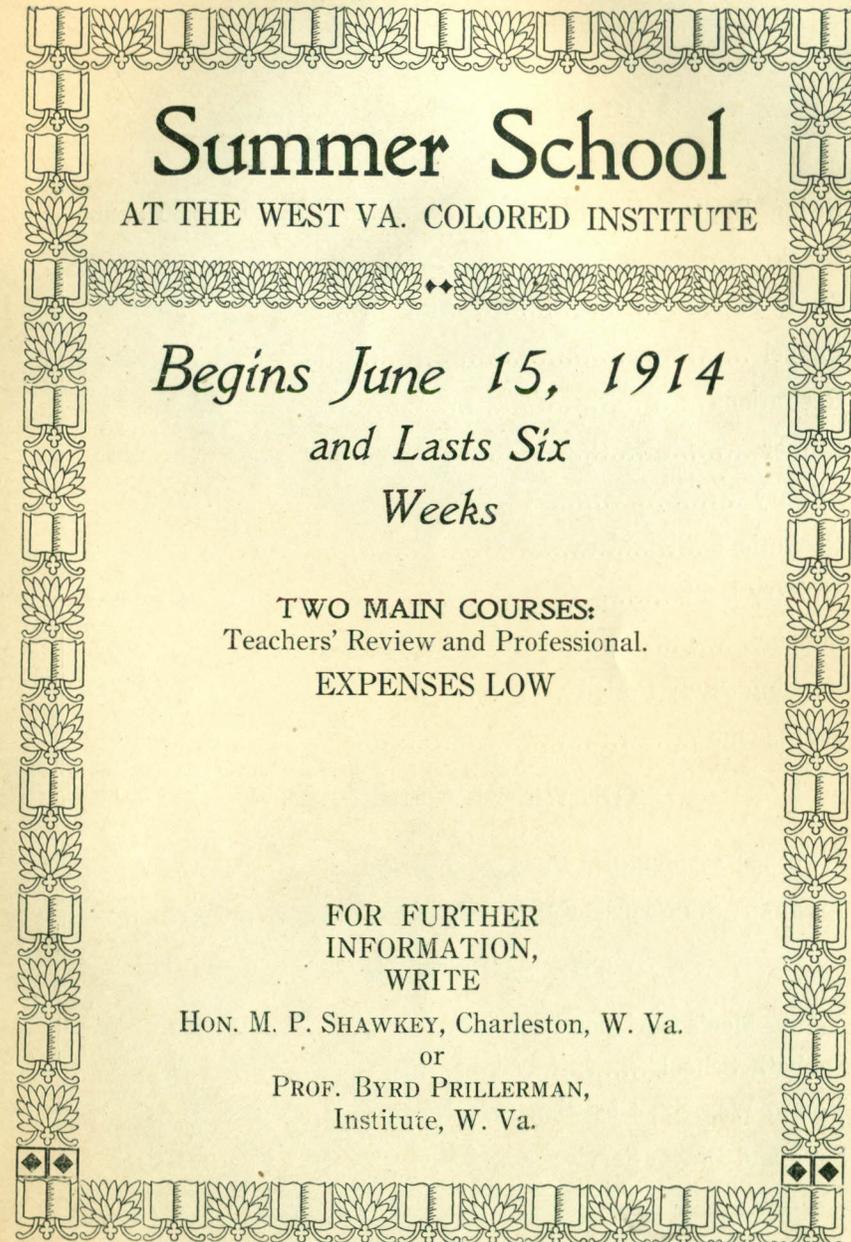
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 Minnie Wilson.....Secretary

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# Summer School

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TWO MAIN COURSES:  
 Teachers' Review and Professional.  
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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 " "

