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Editorials

The Monthly joins in the general rejoicing over the religious awakening that came to full fruition under the leadership of Dr. R. A. Adams an evangelist from Kansas City Missouri. Of the seventy six persons who declared a change of heart, seventy six resolves were made, to lead better lives. Criticism is frequently made against the simple methods employed by the modern minister to win a soul for Christ, and the permanency of impression thus made, is frequently a subject of jest. The Monthly, unequivocally stands for all honorable methods employed to effect moral and religious changes, and leaving the permanency in the hands of the Master, believes that, even a temporary change is better than no change. We hope that in the minds of all the professors of the faith, there has been fixed purposes to be purer in thought, word, and deed in every day life than ever they have been before, and that such resolves may evidence their existence in every day life of the individual. Oh hasten day that shall mark the death of the falsehood that deludes people into the belief that loud professions, canting hypocrisy, Pharisaical claims for devoutness, in any manner stands for truth, brotherly love and sympathy, salvation, a Christian life.

The prospects for beginning classes this fall in the collegiate department are rather encouraging. At this juncture, it is not possible to give an exact estimate as to the number that intend to take up the work, nor have the courses been thoroly outlined. Data as to curricula is being secured and only the best, promising excellent results, will be adopted. The rut, as exemplified by the traditional courses found in some schools, will be avoided as much as possible. No radical features or changes will be undertaken or made; and yet such studies or laboratory work as lend themselves to modern ideals and requirements are expected to find a place in the curriculum. It is hoped that the Negro educators of the state, the parents, guardians and friends of prospective students, the loyal alumni of the school, will unite their efforts towards making the number, of those who will present themselves for entrance to such college classes as may be established, so considerable, that the bill creating the course will not seem to have been passed in vain. Let us show ourselves appreciative of all measures that stand for uplift.

Domestic Science

By Miss Mary E. Eubank

The marked recognition now being given the work of Home Economics by the United States governent, with the added force of the Smith Lever Act which asks that trained women go into rural homes and teach home keeping on the scientific basis of sanitation, feeding and housing, and the recent legislative enactment relative to the extention work to be fostered thru the W. Va. Collegiate Institute, should prove a great incentive to the student and graduates of the institution to do telling work.

Freighted with the energy born of need and opportunity those of you who have had a chance for training should make it manifest thru the influence you exert over the communities in which you work and live.

You have studied domestic science and arts in Dawson Hall of the W. Va. Collegiate Institute have had thoroly lessons in cleanliness, as an initiative, let the lesson thoroly taught be demonstrated in your own homes and the Schools which you teach.

If you have an idea gained, or if there has been a principle taught, it was not meant for you alone, but is supposed to go bounding down the avenues of time influencing generations.

A lighted candle should not be placed under a bushel, but on a candle stick that it may shed its rays abroad.

If you can sew, teach people how to mend the holes in their clothes, how to remodel old dresses, or clothes, and how to make the new ones, there is no need of being ragged out of style or hungry, for industry, common sense and training should obliterate these.

Organize sewing and cooking clubs and teach people how to utilize what they have, when ever you find a chance.

We have a multitude of badly kept homes in our state that we in some way must help make better. It has been the object of the home economics teachers of the W. Va. Institute to help those whom they can teach.

The excellent little text on cooking—The Boston School Kitchen, by Mrs Lincoln, through the efforts of Miss Charlotte Campbell while...
hunting in the library of Chicago University for a text for her classes. This text is now used by Storer College, and a number of the rural schools, having been introduced through the domestic science department of this school.

Encouraging reports come to us of effort resultant from our Summer School work.


Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of our dressmaking division and took domestic science and arts in our last summer session. She has sent us several interesting letters relative to her work.

Mrs. Taylor is conducting very interesting cooking and sewing classes. The district superintendent on seeing the work being done was so well pleased that he secured for them at the next meeting of the board an appropriation of $10 for the department. I am giving his account of their rural school day, from a domestic science stand-point.

"We have our stove. It is a new one. We have had three lessons in practice. The girls from the fourth grade up take cooking. They like it very much. I guess you read that the Governor set apart October 23rd. for rural school day.

A number of parents came. We had a program and a composition on cocoa. I had the class to make and serve it with nabiscos.

They seem to enjoy it very much. We didn't ask for anything but they all donated something.

Before we have our lesson I have them to look up and find out all they can about the thing that we are to have the following Friday. We have our lesson from two o'clock on Fridays until four.

We have our sewing lesson on Thursdays."

"Souls are grouping in the night,
Day-light gone.
Hold thy lighted lamp on high.
Be a star in some one's sky
He may live who else would die
Pass it on."
The play was close but Burke was safe, the crowd let out a roar. Hodge tripled down the left field line; Hughes, bunting, sped away. Hodge still on third, Hughes safe on first; now, who would save the day.

"Pinch hitter, now" the wild throng cried. The words like thunder broke.

Hardy stepped up with bat in hand, He's better known as "Smoke." He whiffed at one and had one called, the crowd began to snort.

He connected with the next ball thrown, a line drive right through short.

The ball sped on, no human eye could scarce perceive its flight. The shotstop leaped, put out his hand, the ball was lodged there tight. The crowd sat speechless, breathless, dumb, they hardly could conceive it;

The kind of play Hans Wagner makes, they scarcely could believe it. Then long they cheered and loud they cheered and then sat down and waited.

The umpire said "Play ball" again, ten innings soon was slated. Our boys again went on the field, Kincaid took Woodley’s place. The way he played recalled to me the time I saw Hal Chase.

Our first man up struck out and then the next followed suit. Crawford came to try his luck. My! how the fans did root.

The pitcher gripped the ball and heaved, with twisting curves it bended But Crawford got one mighty swat and there a good game ended. The ball soared high and Crawford ran and stepped on all the bases. He then turned round and watched the ball still hitting the high places.

That was some game, a mighty game so everybody deemed it. But I will give you this much dope—the writer only dreamed it.

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Echoes from the Field

Having completed a successful term here I take great pleasure in writing to tell you of the work accomplished in my field of labor.

Here, for my first time I have met with several perplexing propositions I have never met with before, and I wish to state without the normal training that I received at the West Virginia Colored Institute my success would not have been such as it was.

I had 29 pupils and the attendance was excellent. It is alleged that the conduct also, on the part of the pupils, was better than it had been for several years, the credit to which I partly owe to the patrons who heartily cooperated with me.

Each Thursday afternoon was Manual Training day and quite a deal of work was accomplished this year. To the Manual Training which I was taught at the Institute I have added much more which varies my work.

The patrons here heartily indorse Manual Training and welcome anything in that line of schoolwork that will help lift up their children.

I had a very good programme on Christmas day and the last day of school. I measure my success here upon the request of all patrons for my return next year.

Yours respectfully,

Bessie C. Cundiff.

I am very glad, indeed, to hear that the Legislature has changed the name of our school and established collegiate courses therein.

We have taught preparatory sewing from the second grade up. The boys have been engaged in woodwork as far as possible such as was taught us in the department at Institute. We have also taught basketry and the little toots paper cutting. This has been correlated with our literary work as far as possible. There has never been any manual training in this school before. I am glad to say that it has met the approval of most of our patrons.

Hugheston E. Brown, Class of 1913.
White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
Reunion Of The Hexagon Club

On April 3, the Ohio State Jubilee Singers were entertained by the Hexagon Club at their Reunion in McCorkle Hall. The University boys praised highly the hospitality extended to them by the Club and the school during their stay at Institute. Mr. D. L. Ferguson, member of the Hexagon Club for two years, holds the indoor mile record for the Ohio State University, and took a prominent part in the entertainments by the Jubilee Singers on their Easter tour.

The following guests were present at the Reunion:

Messrs Luther Colbert, Henry Wilson, Delbert Dunlap, Harry Lewis, Wayne Hopkins, Eugene Lowery, John Johnson, O. A. Pierce, students at the Ohio State University and members of the Jubilee Singers; Prof. C. W. Smith, Professor A. W. Curtis, Mr. A. G. Brown, Miss Cornelia Spears, and Miss Charlotte Campbell, members of the Institute faculty; Misses Amaza Harris, Nannie Martin, Cornelia Gray, Irene Richardson, Florence Edwards, Geneva Prillerman, Irene Bowe, Blanche Fletcher, Ruth Leftwich, Mae Curry, Lou Wade, Beatrice Woods, Dolly Blue, Celia Saunders, Georgia Wares, Claudine Washington, Rozetta Miller, Mabel Reynolds, Mable Johnson, Mrs. A. W. Curtis, and Mrs. D. W. Jones.


PROGRAM

Toastmaster: J. L. Hill
Welcome Address: A. B. Cunningham
Response: Miss Georgia Wares and Wayne Hopkins of Ohio
Toast to the Ladies: A. C. Ellis and Each Member
Responses: Miss Charlotte Campbell
History of the Club: J. A. Kinney
Reports to Headquarters: D. L. Ferguson and John Branch
Violin Solo: Mr. D. W. Jones
Remarks: Mr. Curtis Mr. Smith

Resolutions of Faculty on account of the death of Eunice Hazel Jones

WHEREAS, In the course of human events it is necessary for the soul to lay down its mortal clay and take upon itself the elements of immortality; and

WHEREAS, This change called death brings much sadness and sorrow to us all; and

WHEREAS, The Grim Reaper gathers the rich and the poor, the young and the old, into his garner, irrespective of persons and conditions; and

WHEREAS, By this transition, in accordance with the Divine plan, Eunice Hazel, the daughter of Prof. C. E. and Mrs. Mary F. Jones, has crossed the bar in the very budding of her existence;

Be It Resolved, That we, the faculty of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, humbly bow ourselves in submission to that Power that has bereft us of a student and the family of a loved daughter;

That we mingle the current of our sympathy with that of the sad parents and relatives;

That we bid them bear up bravely beneath the chastening rod, and remember that He who numbers the very hairs of our head and sees even the young sparrows when they fall, in every act, teaches a lesson beyond our understanding;

That they continue to love and trust Him for His wonderful works unto the children of men and live steadfast in the hope that they shall meet their Heavenly Father and their loved daughter face to face;

That a copy of these resolutions be tendered with our dearest regards to the sorrowing family and also be printed in the Institute Monthly.

Signed:

Joseph W. Lovette
M. E. Eubank
S. H. Guiss

Meeting of the West Va. Anti-Tuberculosis League

The officers of the West Virginia Anti-Tuberculosis League held their annual meeting at Elkins, Saturday, April 10th. At this meeting, the League decided to make the Negroes of West Virginia the chief object of its effort in the future. Special effort will be made to secure the erection of a cottage at the state sanitarium at Terra Alta for the benefit of tubercular patients of the Negro race. The League decided to give $1500.00 on condition that the
Negroes of the state raise $1,500 more by August first, 1915. It is the duty of every Negro citizen the state to do what he can to help raise this amount in the stipulated time. Funds thus raised should be sent to Prof. Byrd Prillerman, Institute, West Va., who has been designated by the Board as special worker among the Negroes of the state.

"Safety First"

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." From factory, and mill and every moving thing, comes the familiar and needful suggestion: "Safety First." It flashes at the cross-roads. It cries from the hilltops, and every wreck of machine or human along the pathway of life screeches it again and again. Better be safe than sorry. Shall we heed it for our boys and our girls? The Sunday School may help mightily to hold and steady them through the period of storm and stress. Patience and faithfulness must be the hand-maidens for the task. The Bible week in the Summer School offers a fine opportunity for preparation.

It was a bitter Sunday. The sleet storm had covered all nature with a cresting of ice. The wind was moaning its melancholy requiem through the trees. The pinch of winter gave emphasis to the comforts of the home and the fireside. An old man stood forlorn and shivering under the shelter of a protecting friendly wall, waiting for the scant scraps of a left over from the student table. Alone in the world, home-less, friendless, aimless, purpose-less, a human wreck—a mere delict of humanity, drifting. What of his boyhood? No school, no Sunday School, no authority, no obedience, no help in the habit forming period when ideals are formed and character gets its strong bent. Is this the school that graduates tramps for the finished product?

Let Sunday School teachers pray for divine help to guide and hold the lads to higher standards. "Study to show yourselves approved workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

The Bible Week is a feature now of our Summer School. Our good friends, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Lyman, have promised to come to us again in July this year. Those who had their inspiration and help last summer will certainly advertise it to their friends. Plan now to spend ten days at the Bible School session in July.

To err is human; to forgive is divine.

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**Seasons Schedule for the W. V. C. I. Base Ball Nine**

The schedule of this year's team is a large one, and will embrace games with the strongest school and amateur teams in this state, Kentucky and Ohio.

Definite information, as to the exact dates, cannot be given for all the teams, but it is fixed that the teams mentioned below, will play against the champions of Institute.

- Bancroft April 30; Garnett High, one game at Institute May 3, and one game at Charleston, date not fixed.
- Huntington Y. M. C. A., one game at Institute and a return game at Huntington.
- Montgomery Stars, two games: one at Institute and a return game at Montgomery. Bluefield Institute, two games, one at Institute, and one at the Bluefield Colored Institute.
- Wilberforce University, two games at Institute May 24 and 25.

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**Demonstration Breakfast by the Cooking Class**

The first year cooking class gave a breakfast in the dining hall of the Domestic Science building at 10:30 Wednesday morning March 24, to which some members of the faculty were invited. Covers were laid for twelve.

The table was attractively arranged with a center decoration of tulips. The dainty, appetizing breakfast was served by two well trained waitresses.

**STUDENT NOTES**

The Young Women's Christian Association installed its new officers the afternoon of March 14. Miss Derfre, secretary of the white association in Charleston, gave a splendid talk on Christian work. We hope for the new officers a most successful year. We feel that, in Miss Gertrude Cain, the association has a president, who has the best interest of the association at heart, and that she will spare no effort to make the work count for the greatest good among the young ladies.

President Prillerman installed the following officers: Miss Gertrude Cain president, Miss Essie Foster, vice president, Miss Dora Stevens, secretary, and Miss Vietta Briggs, treasurer.

The work required in hemming wide skirts, the closeness of commencement date prevented the senior young ladies from deckimg themselves as gayly as they desired Easter Sunday.

The special talk to the ladies by Dr. R. A. Adams, the 7 and 8 inst. was helpful.

An Anti-slang Club has been recently organized by some of the young ladies and gentlemen who habitually were accustomed to express their views with more or less use of slang.

The movement first began among the young ladies, and finally the young men made overtures to become members, and...
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they were accepted.

The penalty for using slang is one cent per word, when discovered and reported by a fellow member. Miss Catherine Chandler is president, and Miss Maggie Price, treasurer and reporter.

The Senior and Junior classes entertained in honor of the Jubilee Singers from the Ohio State University, Saturday the 3rd inst.

An enjoyable afternoon was experienced.

INSTITUTE NOTES

Miss Mollie Johnson, a member of the Senior Normal Class is ill at the residence of her parents in the village.

Mr. C. E. Mitchel, Business Manager was called to Richmond the part of this month to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, who died in San Antonio Texas.

Mr. A. C. Ellis visited Marsh the latter part of March, where he addressed the school of Mr. John Branch.

Mr. C. W. Smith and Mrs. M. M. Lowery, teachers of mathematics and millinery respectively, were called by telegrams to their homes in Tennessee and Iowa respectively to attend the funerals of loved ones.

Mr. Smith lost his mother, and Mrs. Lowry, her brother.

Miss Viola Smothers of the Academic Class of 1917, was called home to Uniontown, Pa., the 6th inst., on account of the death of her mother.

Her classmates and friends extend sympathy to her for the loss of her best friend on earth.

Mr. John Branch, an alumnus, who has recently closed a very satisfactory term of school, was a pleasant visitor at Institute the first week of the month. Mr. Branch has declared his intention to take the college course at this school in the fall.

Mr. Hughston Brown of London, of the class of 1913, was a visitor to the president and his sister Mrs. Mattie Prillerman the second week of the month.

Mr. Brown rendered satisfactory service as principal of the school at White Sulphur Springs. He was the recipient of more than average praise for the quality of service rendered there.

Hon. Thomas Jessie Jones, a representative from the U. S. Educational Department spent a part of the 15th inst. at Institute. His talk to the student body and faculty was highly entertaining and instructive.

Rev. W. K. Hackett of Covington Virginia, spoke to the student body Friday morning of the 16. His remarks were helpful.

Miss Elizabeth Moore of Charlestown, a member of the senior normal class, was taken home by her brother the 12th inst. Miss Moore, was a very estimable lady and experienced teacher, and her friends regret that her health would not allow her to complete her year's work.

Rev. W. W. Saunders field worker among Negro rural schools of the state, preached the Easter sermon. Mr. Saunders was welcomed by a large appreciative audience, and his discourse in subject and treatment from beginning to end was worthy of thoughtful and serious consideration.

The music for the occasion was inspiring and well rendered by the chorus, under the leadership of Mrs. Mitchell, our music teacher.

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Commencement Schedule

Annual Musical
May 20.

Senior Play
May 21.

Athletic Sports
May 22.

Commencement Sermon
May 23.

Sermon to the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A.
Sunday Evening, May 23.

Junior Oratorical Contest
Athletics
May 24.

Alumni Reunion
Athletics
May 25.

Commencement Exercises
Wednesday Afternoon, May 26.

President's Reception to Class of 1915
Wednesday Evening, May 26.