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EDITORIAL

IT WILL SOON BE TIME for the public school teachers to take the annual enumeration of our school youth. Great care should be exercised that every child between six and twenty-one years of age, July 31, 1918, is enumerated. Many communities in the State are suffering for the want of schools because somebody neglected to take the enumeration properly in time. If a teacher knows of a community in which no enumeration has been taken, he should report to the County Superintendent and have the matter looked after.—B. P.

Much credit is due the students of this State should be planning their gardens for the present year. Greater demand is made for the production and conservation of food than ever before in the history of our country. We should put forth special effort to produce more pigs and more poultry than usually. Housewives should begin to make definite plans now for canning fruits and vegetables.—B. P.

It is now time that citizens of
collected $800, which was forwarded to Mr. George Irving, Chairman of the Executive Committee, New York City. This is a creditable showing when it is considered that the institution had enrolled only 300 students at the time this pledge was made.—B. P.

WEST VIRGINIA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the West Virginia Teacher's Association was held in the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, W. Va., November the 29 and 30.

The meeting was presided over by its president, Mr. A. W. Curtis, Director of Agriculture in the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. A well balanced program had been arranged and, with a few exceptions, was presented to an appreciative audience.

Mayor B. S. Hastings of Montgomery, Professors A. C. Spurlock and S. M. Taylor of the Collegiate Institute, Hon. J. H. Stewart, state commissioner of agriculture, and the Reverend M. W. Johnson of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, were among the feature speakers. Pressing business prevented the last two mentioned from filling their engagements.

The papers read elicited spirited discussions, and what the meeting lacked in numbers was made up in interest. About seventy teachers enrolled. The president had done his best to make the meeting one of unusual interest and benefit. The small enrollment was due, in part, to the unsettled condition of the country, but that in no manner condones the lamentable fact that many teachers in the immediate section, whose boards had granted them a vacation to attend this educational meeting, saw fit to disregard the desires of their boards by staying at home, or going elsewhere for reasons at variance with the yearly meeting.

Resolutions committing the teachers to a higher standard of education, a more efficient social service, stricter methods of conservation, and a holier devotion to our country's cause in these hours of trial and strife, were unanimously adopted. The people of Montgomery were highly praised for the cordial reception and treatment of the visitors.

Supervisor Hedwick and Agricultural agent Crane of Fayette County were among the distinguished visitors present. Superintendent J. M. Hill of the Orphan's Home, Attorneys J. M. Ellis and Love of the Fayette County Bar and Dr. Lawrence of Montgomery, honored the association by their presence.

President A. W. Curtis succeeded himself as president of the association, and Huntington was suggested as the site for the convocation of the Northern and Southern Associations. This union meeting will be the consummations of an ardent desire of the Negro teachers of the state. The presidents of the two associations—Mr. Harry Jones of Wheeling and Mr. A. W. Curtis of Institute—are to be congratulated that the union of the association was effected under their administrations.

The future meeting of the Negro State teachers will now assume that dignity which is, by right, the property of so worthy an organization. The association voted ten dollars to the "Y" war fund, and pledged itself to push Red Cross assistance among colored folk.

JAMES EDGAR GREGG
PRINCIPAL-ELECT OF HAMPTON INSTITUTE

James Edgar Gregg, principal-elect of Hampton Institute, was born in Hartford, Conn., on November 24, 1875. He is the son of James Bartlett and Mary (Needham) Gregg.

After attending Cutler Academy in Colorado Springs, he entered Harvard College and received his A. B. Degree in 1897.

While at Harvard, Mr Gregg won admission to the scholarship fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa; was class-day Odis; prepared a dissertation for the college commencement; held important scholarships for two years (1894-95 and 1896-97); and won the Sergent Prize for a "Metrical Version from Horace."

For three years after graduation he was an instructor at St. George's School, Newport, R. I.

In 1901 he received his Master of Arts degree from Harvard. After spending one year in the Harvard Divinity School, Mr. Gregg entered the Yale Divinity School and, after two years, took his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1903.

In July, 1903, Mr. Gregg was called to be the minister of the Pilgrim Memorial Church (Congregationalist) in Pittsfield, Mass., and remained there until 1909, when he was installed in the Kirk Street Church, Lowell, Mass.

From 1909 until 1912 Mr. Gregg held this Lowell pastorate. He also devoted himself to the starting and promotion of a federation of the churches of Lowell, including twenty-nine of the Protestant churches and the Greek Orthodox Church.

Early in 1912 Mr. Gregg was called to the pastorate of the First Church of Christ (Congregation-
EDUCATIONAL

The National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools will hold its next annual session at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 30 and 31, 1918. A large number of teachers from West Virginia should attend this meeting. President Byrd Prillerman of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and Prof. J. W. Scott, 820 Eighth Avenue, Huntington, W. Va., are directors for this State.

President Byrd Prillerman of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute attended the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations in Washington, D. C., November 14, 15, and 16. Two of the principal subjects before this Association were Food Conservation, led by Herbert C. Hoover, National Food Admin-istrator, and Military Training led by Major Clark of the War Department.

En Route to Washington, Mr. Prillerman went by the way of Petersburg, Virginia, where visited Camp Lee on Sunday, November 11. Here he met many of the West Virginia boys, especially those from Kanawha and McDowell Counties. He found the boys in good spirits and being fitted out with uniforms and other necessary war equipment. He addressed a large and enthusiastic group of these young men at the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday evening. Mr. Prillerman visited, also, the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute at Petersburgh, Va., Union University at Richmond, and Harts- born Memorial College.

While in Washington, he visited Howard University, where he saw the football team of this great institution defeated by Virginia Union University in a score of 17 to 0. He visited the National Training School, of which Miss Nannie H. Burroughs is President. Here he met Mr. Watt Terry of Boston, who is regarded one of the wealthiest Negroes in the race. Mr. Terry is Trustee of the National Training School. Mr. Prillerman visited, also, Camp Mead, Md., where he met Lt. N. C. Fairfax of the class of 1916. He was greatly impressed with the Negro officers who are in charge of the Negro

conscript soldiers at that canton- ment. He says that at both Camp Lee and Camp Mead he was treated with the utmost courtesy by the officers in charge.

RED CROSS NOTES

On the afternoon of December seventh, this institution was visited by Misses Plumbly and Davis of Charleston, West Virginia, in the interest of the Red Cross work. Many of the students, heretofore unfamiliar with the importance of the Red Cross work, were fully convinced by these ladies that the Red Cross will be an important fac- tor in the winning of this war.

Miss Plumbly very clearly pion- ed out the object of the Red Cross, and its character. The main ob- ject being: 1. To care for the wounded soldiers in the base hos- pitals and at the front. 2 To re- lieve the civilians. 3. To rebuild devastated countries. Already in France, where the suffering is great, the Red Cross has spent over seventy-five million dollars re- building sections of that country laid waste by the Germans. She very vividly depicted the horrors of modern warfare, how men, in- nocent women and children, are being killed on and off the battle field, and human souls being blown into eternity unprepared. Against this she placed the work of the Red Cross, and showed how this organ- ization can and is daily relieving the suffering which must naturally follow such destruction.

This noble organization is headed by President Wilson, who, together with his co-workers, direct this re- lief work to all parts of the United States from Washington, the seat of our national government. In order to organize a unit, there must be a membership of at least twenty-five. The officers of each unit to be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, supervisor of woman's work and a membership committee. Miss Plumbly closed her remarks by inviting all who were present to join this colossal army in order to do their bit to al- leviate suffering humanity.

Miss Davis followed with a few remarks of the work of the Red Cross. She enumerated the many opportunities for service in this kind of work. The women could knit sweaters, socks and woolens for the soldiers, and also make sur- gical dressings. The men could make strong boxes to ship these goods in. At this point volunteers to form a Red Cross unit here, were called for and quite a number of students—boys and girls—enthusiastically responded, elated over the opportunity to show, by deeds their patriotism. A unit was formed and the following officers elected: Mrs. F. C. Carter, chair- man; Mr. Kinney, vice-chairman; Mrs. Nellie Brown, secretary; Mrs. Curtis, supervisor of the Woman's
Work; Mr. Curtis, treasurer; Mr. Spurlock, supervisor of box making. The meeting adjourned with all the indications that the West Va. Collegiate Institute branch of the Red Cross was ready to do its bit and a little more besides.—J. R.

ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. R. W. James, class of 1900, has recently been appointed by the Board of Regents as teacher of Science and Assistant in Agriculture. He was reared in Huntington, West Virginia, where his family now lives. He is a graduate from the Douglass High School there. Since graduating at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, Mr. James took two years special work in Agriculture at Tuskegee Institute, taught two years at the Agricultural College of Texas, three years at the State Normal School of Kentucky, and seven years at the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Virginia. He resigned his position at the last named institution to come here.

Delbert M. Prillerman, class' 09, was elected by the State Board of Regents to succeed Mr. Gideon E. Smith as teacher of Chemistry at this institution. He was succeeding well with the work when a call came to him from the Adjutant in command at Camp Dix, N. J., to enlist in the 349th Field Artillery of the United States Army, December 14th. Mr. Prillerman immediately resigned his position as teacher to accept the call to arms. He was ordered from Charleston to Columbus Barracks at Columbus, Ohio, where he remained until January 10, on which date he was sent to Camp Dix, N. J.

ATHLETICS

On account of lack of space in our December issue, we were unable to chronicle the details of our Lynchburg Seminary, and Collegiate Institute football game of November 23.

It was interesting in spite of the one sided score of 27 to 0 in favor of Institute.

HEXAGON CLUB REUNION

[The following is taken from the address Mr. Raymond Jackson, President of the Hexagon Club, at the reunion of this organization December 28.]

I wish to call your attention to what some of the members of the club are doing. Without exception, they are all making good. The six young men who organized the club are engaged as follows: Mr. Don W. Jones, class of '12 returned the fall of the same year to take charge of the trade department from which he graduated; the first member of the club to marry, and recently erected a beautiful residence in the community. Mr. A. C. Ellis, class of '11 became secretary to President Prillerman the year of graduation; left us in 1916 to act as secretary of the Okolona Industrial School in Mississippi; was recalled to Institute this year to resume his work. Mr. F. H. Marshall, Jr., class of '14, accepted position as Dairyman in the West Virginia Collegiate Institute in the same year; has been reappointed each year since. Mr. H. E. Brown, class of '13 has proved himself an efficient school teacher. Mr. John Branch, class '13 taught successfully three years in Fayette County; the first member of the club to pursue a college course; is now a conscript soldier at Camp Lee, Va. Mr. J. O. Harris, class '12 is now employed at the Studebaker Automobile factory in Detriot Mich. Turning from the founders of the club to the honorary members, we mention Mr. D. L. Ferguson, who graduated from the Ohio State University as class orator in 1916 and was employed in 1917 to teach college subjects in the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. He was conscripted October 30, 1917, and is now at Camp Grant Ill. Mr. Holley Wells, class of '16, has charge of the Printing Department in the National Training School, Washington, District of Columbia. Mr. James Washington, class of '16, is employed by an insurance company in Richmond, Va. Mr. H. L. Howard, of Institute, is the first member of the club to set himself up in business. And there are O. A. Pierce, now in South America and Sam Burke and B. T. Clark and W. H. Davis and Joseph Hill—and Russell Carpenter—all engaged in useful occupations and striving to live up to the motto of the Club—"Men of High Culture"

CLASS NOTES

Professor G. S. Fowler, instructor in mathematics, is of the opinion that he can do better and more effective work with a partner, says public sentiment. He has, without words admitted that two heads are better than one, and has taken unto himself a charming wife in the person of Miss Mable Overton of Chicago, Illinois.

We feel sure that with such congenial companionship our teacher and friend will continue to make good at his work. He has the best wishes of the teachers and students for a happy future.

Mr. Willis E. Lewis, president of the Sophomores, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his grandmother in Middleport, Ohio.

Misses Emma Wade and Vada Terry spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Charleston and Hunting-
ton, visiting parents and friends.

We note with regret that Mr. Richard Johnson has withdrawn from the Institution. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Sophomore class and was well liked by all his classmates. He has our best wishes for a successful battle as he goes forth to combat Life.

November 24, the girls of the College Department met and organized under the name of "The Progressives." Their motto, whose adoption they say was caused by the strenuous war times is: "Work vigorously, courageously and incessantly." Their purpose is clearly outlined in their motto, and is certainly the most worthy purpose that any club can have.

We expect to point with pride to their achievements in our succeeding numbers. The officers of this club are: the Misses Emma F. Wade, president; Skipwith Campbell, vice president; Alistine Washington, secretary; Vada Terry, treasurer.

The young men of the College Department met on December fourth, to organize themselves into a Public Speaking and Debating club. Much interest in this movement was shown by the young men, and each one pledged himself to do his bit to make this organization a success. Professor Taylor spoke briefly of the practical and urgent needs of such an organization among the young men emphasizing the fact that the lack of the ability to express one's self in an effective way in public has always proved a very serious handicap. The purpose of this organization he clearly defined as being the strengthening of the social, personal and intellectual sides of a young man.

We anticipate much success from this organization under the leadership of Mr. William P. Fergusson who was elected chairman.

Mr. Stuart Walker who was confined to his room the earlier part of month with a severe cold is able to be out again. The Misses Thelma Calhoun and Phila McGillery spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Charleston visiting friends.

I am on the bill, if one won't go another will. Thus said Mr. R. B. when Miss M. B. refused to go on the Sunday afternoon walk a few Sundays ago.

Miss A. G. W.—What is the difference between Dandridge and Dandruff?
W. P. F.—Dandruff is something always in the head, while Dandridge is always out of his house.

Miss R. E. L. wants to know why lightning never strikes a humming bird twice.
E. F. W.—What did you get for Christmas?
S. C.—Disappointed, what did you get?

A. B. C.—Say Johnakins, what man were you named after?
A. P. J.—All of them, sir. I am just a boy.

R. P.—Because you light it.
Instructor—What is a line of force, Miss Jenkins?
B. J.—A rope by which a horse is fastened.

W. H. H. (Entering the store room) Have you any oil?
Lady in charge—What kind of oil do you want—kerosene?
W. H. H.—No, ma'am. Just common old lamp oil will do.

H. H. D.—Say fellow, Miss A. D. is going to quit you.
W. E. L.—I do not care, Miss B. R. has struck my fancy any how.

The United States Government is erecting a powder plant at Crawford City, West Va., five miles west of the West Virginia Colleigate Institute. The newspapers claim that this is to be one of the largest industrial plants to be operated in this country. Hundreds of men are employed and
many more are wanted. Fabulous wages are being paid for hands. The erection of this plant will cause the street car line to be extended from Dunbar down the river immediately. Land values around the institution have increased to enormous proportions,

Mr. R. L. Brown, the school repair-man, has been suffering recently, and made a trip to Cincinnati to see the specialist under whom he is taking treatment.

Miss Adah Hyde has returned from Des Moines, Iowa, where she went in the holidays on important business.

Prof. S. M. Taylor visited his aged parents at Winchester, Ky., Saturday, January 5th.

An unusually large number of students were granted permission to go home in the Christmas holidays that they might see their brothers, who were expected to return from the training camps.

Mr. William D. Johnson, a student of the Ohio University, spent the holidays here the guest of his wife, who is matron of the institution.

Mr. Emmet B. Saunders, Normal '11, a senior in the Agricultural Department of this school, was a holiday visitor.

Miss Adelaide Crawford was called to her home, Staunton, Va., late last month on account of the death of her uncle.

President Prillerman addressed a meeting of the Teachers' and Parents' Association at Garrett High School, Charleston, W. Va., which met late in December.

Miss Mary Harden was called home December 12, on account of the death of her sister.

Miss Mable Campbell of Moundsville, W. Va., spent several days with her sister, Freda, during the holiday season.

Joseph Campbell of Moundsville, W. Va., visited here the latter part of last month. Mr. Campbell has a daughter in the fourth year class of this school.

An informal reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spriggs for the soldier boys who were spending part of their furlough at Institute.

Mr. Clifford Gore, class of '15, now principal of the school at Omar, spent the holidays here.

Mr. Romeo Ferguson, class of '17, now a student of the Ohio State University, and Mr. James Jones, class of '12, teacher at Holden, W. Va., spent the holidays with their parents in the community and visited the school on several occasions during their stay.

Miss Ola Calhoun, a student in the University of Iowa, stopped by the school to visit her sister in the holidays.

A Red Cross Chapter was organized at the school November 29 by Mrs. G. S. Plumley and Miss R. L. Davis of Charleston. The following are the officers: Mrs. Fannie Cobb-Carter, Chairman; President Byrd Prillerman, Vice-Chairman; Secretary, Mrs. Anderson Brown; Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Curtis; Director of Women's Work, Mrs. A. W. Curtis; Director of Knitting Department, Miss Eubank.

In December Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Director of Red Cross Work among colored people in Kanawha County, visited the Chapter and distributed materials for knitting and sewing.

Mr. Herman Wilson, a member of the sophomore College class, died at his home, Proctorville, Ohio, of pneumonia December 28, he was sick only four days.

Mr. D. F. Merritt, a great friend of the school, was a welcome visitor here Dec. 19th and 20th. While here he gave three Bible readings, which were usually helpful.

The first Bible examination of the year was conducted December 17, 1917. Eighteen persons took the examination.

Prof. G. S. Fowler was married to Miss Mabel Overton of Chicago November 28, 1917. They are keeping house in the Bush residence here.

On December 26th, Miss Lessie Simpson, class of '16, was married to Mr. Robert L. Robinson, of Camp Lee, Va.

Mrs. Inez Saunders, Normal '11, who has been here several weeks keeping house for her father, has returned to her school at Princeton.

Mrs. John F. J. Clark, class of '06, was the guest of President and Mrs. Prillerman December 30.

Rev. J. J. Turner, class '02, State Supt. of the Baptist Sunday Schools in West Virginia, was a visitor at the school January 4.

Mrs. Nellie Brown, class of '02, and her husband, Mr. A. H. Brown, are erecting a cozy cottage here, into which they contemplate moving soon. Mrs. Brown has entered school here again for advanced study.

Mrs. Don Jones class of '12, was here during the holidays, the guest of her husband. They are erecting in the community a handsome residence that will soon be ready for occupancy.

B. T. Clark, class of '17, was here to attend the Hexagon Reunion.

Miss Esther V. Bryan, class of 1912, was married to Dr. J. A. Fountain at Tarboro, N. C. December 26, 1917. Soon after her
graduation here Miss Bryan accepted a position as Supervisor of Colored Schools of Edgecombe County, N. C., and has been very successful in this work.

Miss Florence Jordan, a member of the first year class, died at her home at Boomer, West Va., December 11, after a short illness. She was buried Wednesday afternoon. Her classmates sent a floral offering and a message of condolence to the bereaved parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Prillerman have received from Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Burgess, of Pittsburg, Pa., a fine picture of their baby boy.

Mr. J. H. Walker, father of Stuart Walker, spent the holidays visiting his son.

Mr. William Vaughan, senior, was a recent visitor. Mr. Vaughan has a son in the College Department of this Institution.

Among the visitors at the Institution during the Thanksgiving holidays was Mrs. J. R. Jefferson and her little son, Miles. Mrs. Jefferson is the wife of Professor J. R. Jefferson of Parkersburg, and was the guest of Mrs. S. H. Guss.

Reverend W. W. Scott of Logan County was a recent visitor. Reverend Scott addressed the student body on "Preparation."

President Prillerman spent a few days of last month visiting Camps Lee and Meade. While at Camp Lee, Mr. Prillerman had the pleasure of addressing our West Virginia boys. He reports being well satisfied with the quarters of our boys, and expects them to make good.

Mr. Joseph H. Douglass, grandson of Frederick Douglass, gave a violin recital here January fourth. This was his second visit to the school.

The Williams' Jubilee Singers will appear in a recital here Saturday, April thirteenth.