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trol to do a patriotic service in purchasing Thrift Stamps. This act on the part of the children would do them good, in that it would train them to the habit of thrift and also develop patriotism in them. Information can be gotten from any Post Master. Teachers should especially be informed on this subject.—*B. P.*

Teachers, ministers of the gospel, and all other persons who speak to the public, should especially encourage gardening and poultry raising the present year. Our food production will no doubt be very seriously affected by the great draft that has been made on farm labor by the Army and the unusually high wages that are paid by our industrial enterprises. The people must be made to see that the farmer and other producers of food products will largely determine our future destiny. From present indications, the year 1919 will be the most serious crisis in the history of America, and probably of the world.—*B. P.*

The eligible teachers, and young men of the student body are responding nobly to the call to arms. They are giving up cherished ideals, for the present, to help make the world safer for democracy, and to reestablish the belief that this government, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal,

shall not perish from the earth. To the handicaps entailed by these unusual conditions, the system is adjusting itself in an admirable manner.

WE ARE PRESENTING IN this issue the cuts of three great men: Abraham Lincoln, the Emancipator, the martyr, the foremost statesman of any age, whom a twilight race has canonized beyond all mortals; Frederic Douglass, the race's most aggressive contender for the abolition of slavery during the stirring days that required the courage of a super-man; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, the race's leading scholar, publicist, and author.

February has been honored as the birth month of such men.

It has been the custom of the school's management to observe the natal days of our great national characters with appropriate services. By these observances, we hope to impress the lives of the student body with the principles that make great characters sources of inspiration, and to render it almost impossible to forget those who have blazed the paths of liberty.

In George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Frederic Douglass, W. E. B. DuBois, February has given to the world an incomparable heritage.

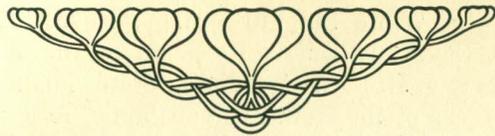
Reverend Daniel Stratton Dead

REVEREND DANIEL WEBSTER STATTON DIED AT HIS home in St. Albans Wednesday afternoon, January 23. He had been confined to his home about three months. The funeral was conducted Saturday morning at 10.30 in the St. Paul Baptist Church. Rev. D. S. Slaughter, the pastor of the church, presided, and the sermon was delivered by Prof. J. W. Robinson from this text: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course". Resolutions were read from the various societies and church organizations of which Rev. Mr. Stratton was a member. Remarks were made by Rev. E. J. Woodward, Rev. William Jackson of White Sulphur Springs, Rev. A. D. Lewis of Huntington, Rev. C. N. Harris, President of the Baptist State Convention; Rev. R. D. W. Meadows, State Missionary; Rev. H. B. Rice, Clerk of the Mount Olivet Baptist Association; Rev. Mordecai Johnson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charleston; and Prof. Byrd Prillerman, President of The West Virginia Collegiate Institute. The funeral was largely attended by people throughout the Kanawha and New River Valleys, who brought a profusion of flowers. Mr. J. C. Campbell of Charleston was in charge of the funeral.

Rev. Daniel Webster Stratton was born in Chesterfield County, Va., in 1842. He came to West Virginia in 1876. He married Miss Mary Burnet of St. Albans, who gave him every needed attention through life and in the last months of his sickness. For a number of years he lived at Malden in the home of the late Rev. Lewis Rice. At Malden he attended Sunday school in the class of the late Booker T. Washington, who made the motion in the church for him to be licensed to preach. He developed into one of the most useful and influential ministers of the State and was said to have organized and built more Baptist churches than any other minister in West Virginia. He stood out preeminently as one of the highest type of Negro ministers who came out of American slavery. He was a prominent figure at all of the annual gatherings of his denomination in the State and at the National Baptist Convention, where he served as a member of the Foreign Mission Board. He numbered

among his close personal friends many of the most distinguished men in this state and country. At the time of his death he was moderator of Mount Olivet Baptist Association, which is perhaps the oldest religious organization among Negroes in West Virginia, and Treasurer of the West Virginia Baptist Sunday School Convention. He had held the former position for eleven years and the latter for twenty-one years.

He was a strong advocate of education, temperance, home building, and foreign missions. He provided in his will that at the death of his wife, Mrs. Mary Stratton, his property should go to the National Foreign Mission Board, to be used in the interest of evangelizing the heathen in Africa.



Memorial Service

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE

Rev. Daniel W. Stratton

AT THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Sunday, February 10, 1918

AT 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

PROGRAM

Song—"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Song—"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

"Rev. Dr. Stratton's Interest in Education and Young People"

Professor S. H. Guss

Song—"I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray"

"Rev. Dr. Stratton as a Temperance Worker"

Mrs. Fannie C. Carter

Song—"Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

"Rev. Dr. Stratton as a Citizen"

Professor A. W. Curtis

Song—"Shout All Over God's Heaven"

"Rev. Dr. Stratton as a Gospel Preacher and his Efforts in the Interest of Missions"

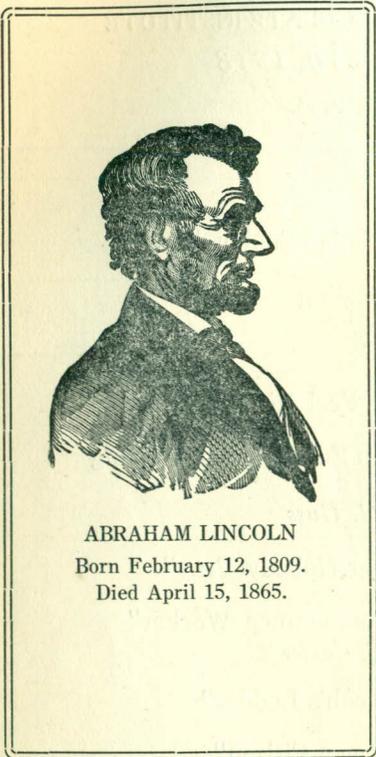
President Byrd Prillerman

Song—"God be With you 'til We Meet Again"

A GOOD WORD FROM SECRETARY MARSH

It is not generally known that West Virginia has a model voca-

that the academic work can be done at the usual rate, the plan thus giving proficiency in some trade as an extra equipment for graduates. —*School Journal and Educator for February, 1918.*



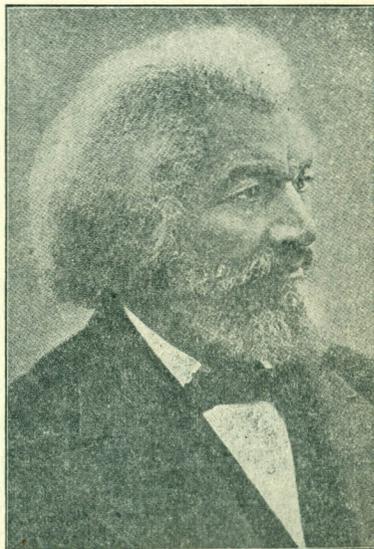
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
Born February 12, 1809.
Died April 15, 1865.

tional school in which each student without exception spends one-half of each day in class room work and one-half in shop or laboratory suited to his or her taste or abilities. The West Virginia Colligate Institute for colored youth has been carrying out such a program successfully for many years. The experience seems to indicate that

SUMMER SCHOOL At The West Va. Collegiate Institute

From June 17 to July 26, 1918.

For information with reference to courses and expenses, write Prof. Byrd Prillerman, Institute, West Va.



FREDERIC DOUGLASS
Born 1817. Died February 20, 1895.

VOCAL-PIANOFORTE RECITAL BY MISS REVELLA E. HUGHES

The student body, faculty, and village citizens were entertained Saturday night, February 16, with a well prepared vocal and piano program.

It was Miss Hughes' maiden appearance here as a piano soloist, and she was accorded generous reception. She was assisted by local musical talent, Misses Luetta Lipscomb Ednora Prillerman and by Miss Winnie Page, one of our Collegiate reciters.

Miss Hughes gives promise of great future possibilities as a piano soloist.

Conspicuous among the numbers presented, were selections from Listz, Chopin, Glazounou, and Burleigh.

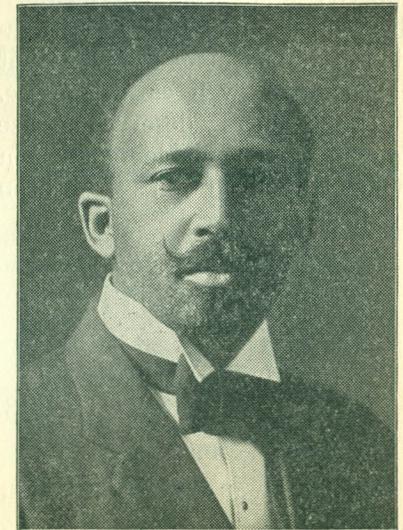
STUDENTS' RECITAL

The first student recital of the Second Semester was given the night of February 1. All vocal and instrumental numbers were superintended in preparation by Mrs. E.M. Mitchell, the head of the musical department.

The program was well balanced and well performed. It graded in execution from the simple studies of the novice, to the difficult compositions of the masters.

The program was featured by a

vocal composition from Burleigh sung by Miss Cleopatra Whittico. The audience evinced by repeated applause its appreciation of the program.



W. E. B. DUBOIS
Born February 23, 1868.

The teachers and students of The West Virginia Collegiate Institute extend to Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, Ph. D., congratulations on his fiftieth birthday, February, 23, 1918.

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL ENTERTAINS

The juvenile entertainment given by the village school under the supervision of Mrs. Hassie Brown Howard, and Miss Luetta

Lipscomb, teachers, was judged the most pleasing and entertaining that has been heretofore given by local talent.

It was staged in the Chapel, Friday night February 15, to a capacity audience. There was a dash, finish, and clear interpretation of the parts of the play, that called forth well earned praise.

The teachers deserved praise for the commendable manner in which the little folks had been trained.

ALUMNI NOTES

Upper Marlboro, Md.,
January 17, 1918.

Dear Mr. Prillerman:

No doubt you will be somewhat surprised to learn of my being here. I accepted a position as Emergency House Demonstration Agent in Charles County, Md., and began work December 1, 1917. On January 1, 1918, I was moved to Prince George County, with headquarters at Upper Marlboro, Md.

I am just getting my work planned.

I find a large field for demonstration work, especially Food Conservation. The work is pleasant.

Wishing you a most successful year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eula L. Watkins, class '12.

EDUCATIONAL

The National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools will hold its annual session at Harper's Ferry, West Va., July 31, August 1, 2, and 3, 1918. President J. S. Clark, of the Southern University of Louisiana, is President of the Association. President Byrd Prillerman, of The West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and Prof. J. W. Scott, Principal of the Douglass High School, Huntington, are Directors for the State of West Va.

Persons who are interested in the education of the Negro race should not fail to attend this meeting. It will afford an excellent opportunity for a study of this important subject in our American life.

STUDENTS' FRIENDSHIP WAR FUND

25 Madison Avenue,
New York City, Dec. 26, 1917.

My dear Mr. Kinney:

Your letter of the twentieth instant to Mr. Phraner has been handed to me for reply. I enclose herewith receipt No. 987, covering \$800 in full payment of the pledge of the West Virginia Collegiae Institute. I note that this amount exceeds your pledge by \$13.

With sincere appreciation of your fellowship and cooperation in

this great undertaking, I remain

Very truly yours,

George Irving, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

FERGUSON MAKES GOOD IN CAMPS

Daniel L. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ferguson, of Institute, in training at Camp Grant, Ill., is making good, according to a clipping received by his parents from a Chicago paper. The young man was drafted and sent to Camp Lee, Va., October 30, and was transferred to Camp Grant by the war department the latter part of December, after having reached the highest position to which a Negro soldier may aspire in that cantonment.

Ferguson is company clerk in the 183rd brigade at Camp Grant. His brother, G. E. Ferguson, is a captain in the same brigade. The Chicago paper has the following to say about the West Virginia man:

"Eight hundred Negro soldiers of the 183d brigade, commanded by General Malvern Hill Barnum, were given a severe endurance test yesterday afternoon in a three-mile cross-country race in the face of a biting northwest wind which drove the snow to the earth in long horizontal lines, pelting the faces

of the sprinters.

"Lieutenant Eugene Schobinger, star football player, with the assistance of Lieut. A. P. Olberga a former lightweight champion of the Pacific coast and a long distance runner with a record, directed the work. Along the course, which almost encircled the government reservation, sentries, carrying markers, were stationed.

"The race, in every particular, filled all expectations. Lieutenant Alberga rode his horse ahead of the foremost runners. Private Daniel L. Ferguson, 365th infantry led the entire field of eight hundred men. He finished the course in nineteen minutes and fifty-two and one-half seconds. Private John Spaulding, of Company D, finished second; Private Andrew Jackson of the machine gun company was third; Private E. W. Eighenberger, of the 350th machine gun battalion, was fourth, and Private William Pennington, of the machine gun battalion, fifth. Company C, 350th machine gun battalion, commanded by Major George M. Lee, son of the late General Fitzhugh Lee, former governor of Virginia and Spanish-American war commander, carried off the honors. The men of that organization made 305 points and the commander was awarded the handsome silver brigade cup offered as a prize by General Barnum. In addition, the first twelve soldiers who crossed the finishing

line, will be given an extra twenty-four hour leave of absence from the camp."

Ferguson graduated from the West Virginia Collegiate Institute in 1909, taking his bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University in 1916 and his master's degree in 1917. He was employed as a teacher in the West Virginia Collegiate Institute by the board of regents at its June meeting in 1917.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINETY SECOND DIVISION
CAMP FUNSTON
KANSAS

January 30, 1918.

Dear Mr. Prillerman:

In futher reference to our letter to you of recent date, I beg to enclose you two circular letters and to ask your further interest in helping us secure the material we are in need of for the most efficient organization of this Division.

May I ask that you pass out these application blanks, or rather, identification and qualification blanks, to men who would be of service in the military branch of our country at this time? It will be appreciated as a high and patriotic service.

I desire to assure you of General Ballou's genuine appreciation of the good will and esteem which our people hold for him and which

you, in common with many others, have expressed.

Very respectfully yours,
F. F. Thompson,
1st Lieut. Ifn. N. A. Assistant
Personal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINETY SECOND DIVISION
CAMP FUNSTON
KANSAS

The 92nd Division is in need of technically trained men of all kinds. Up to this time the quotas received have brought us plenty of men of their kind, but we have received comparatively few men who have had special training in those lines of work which would make them useful in our technical units, such as the Signal Corps, where men who know something of electricity and its practical uses, of telephone repairing, storage batteries and their up-keep, etc., are wanted. In the Engineers' Regiment, we need men of technical education: men who have had a course in civil or electrical engineering. We need mechanics, harness-makers, pharmacists, stenographers and typists.

No doubt, the cause of the great shortage of colored men in these lines, is that there has been little opportunity for Negroes to learn these callings, except in rare cases. Yet we are sure there is a number of the men we need in every lo-

cality where there are Negroes. If they are registrants, we want them induced into the service as early as they are willing to go. We need them to complete our organization. It is not only a patriotic service on their part to accept earlier enlistments, but it is a distinct advantage to them as well as to the Division because the sooner they get in the sooner their ability can be appreciated and the sooner their advancement begins. There are splendid openings in this Division for specially trained, intelligent Negroes. They are needed for places as officers and non-commissioned officers. As fast as they demonstrate their ability, they are promoted from one grade to another. This is true of all the branches of the military service.

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30TH COMPANY
8TH TRAINING BATTALION
CAMP LEE VIRGINIA.

February 1, 1918.

Our dear President Prillerman:

We are writing this to let you know that we are all well. None of the Institute boys have been

sick so far, yet there are about 1,300 pneumonia and rheumatic patients in the base hospital now. All the West Virginia boys whom you know are well.

We are working under the same conditions that we have been working since our return from Institute. We have drilled only about two hours since Christmas. All our work consists of unloading cars and building roads, in rain or snow. So we realize now that we have almost everything for which to be thankful, inasmuch as we have been able to keep well under such conditions. Our company has been made 250 men strong, and it is rumored that we will be moved to another camp before the next draftees come here. This is not official, however.

We heard of Dr. Stratton's death, and know that he will be greatly missed.

Prof. Smith has gone home on his five days' leave.

With best wishes to Mrs. Prillerman and the family.

Yours truly,

"The Boys,"

(Connors, Hughes, and Fairfax.)



BE TRUE AND STRONG

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friends to all—the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble for I know my weakness;
I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift.

—*Howard Walter Arnold.*

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

Do not look for wrong or evil—
 You will find them if you do;
As you measure for your neighbor
 He will measure back to you,
Look for goodness, look for gladness—
 You will meet them all the while;
If you bring a smiling visage
 To the glass, you meet a smile.

—*Alice Cary, "The Sunlit Road."*

