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Greetings

From President Byrd Prillerman

Institute, West Va.,
March 27, 1918.

*Members of the Alumni Association of The West Virginia Collegiate Institute,
Institute, West Va.*

My dear Friends:

I wish to congratulate you upon the success you have had thus far in creating closer unity among the members of the Association. The graduates of this institution have always been loyal to their Alma Mater. They have done much to increase the attendance and to promote the general advancement of the institution from which they graduated. The greatest stimulus they have given to the young people of this State and country to attend here, however, has been through the excellent examples they have set as high class, well trained citizens.

You must all feel proud of the record your school has made in the 25 years of its history. You should especially feel proud of the splendid part this institution is playing in helping to win the Great War. She has furnished money by her employees purchasing Liberty Loan Bonds, by teachers, graduates, and students contributing to the Students' Friendship War Fund, and by the employees of the institution contrib-

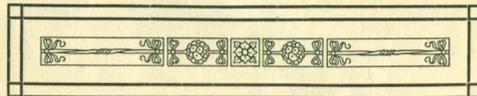
uting to the Red Cross. The teachers, graduates, and students have made garments and strong boxes for the Red Cross. The teachers have rendered excellent service in the campaign for food conservation. The young men have gone out on the farms and assisted in saving the crops that were going to waste. Forty-eight graduates and undergraduates have joined the colors and are now in the various training camps of this country and "Somewhere in France."

The United States Commissioner of Education and other leading officials of this country recognize this institution as one of the very best for the education of Negro youth. The opportunities that are here offered for a college education are not generally known among the young people of this State. You can render the race a great service by placing special emphasis upon this new department in our school and by impressing upon the people the importance of taking college training.

I appeal to one and all to put forth special effort the present year

FOREWORD

THIS NUMBER of The Institute Monthly is to be known as the Alumni Number. ¶ It is the aim of the association to give to the members a first hand knowledge of their Alma Mater, and also of the activities of the many graduates. We feel that too little interest has been shown, by the graduates of our school to this their organization, and we hope to be able to increase interest by making the succeeding April Editions of The Monthly an Alumni Edition. ¶ The school has turned out between five and six hundred graduates, and yet the active membership of the organization is relatively small. There are many problems to which the Alumni should give the greatest consideration, and we hope to work out some of these problems at our next meeting. Because of the increased number and higher standards of the school, our responsibility is greater. Do we feel this responsibility? If so, let us show our interest by being present at the annual meeting May 28, 1918. ¶ If any members have news of importance, or any information concerning former graduates, we will be very glad to publish same, if sent in by February or March of each year. It is our aim to send this issue of the Monthly to the members each year instead of the usual circular letter, and we do hope that it will carry with it the desired effect.



in the production and conservation of food. With a desire to see many of you at the Commencement May 29, I am

Sincerely yours,
Byrd Prillerman,
President.

GOVERNOR CORNWELL AT OUR SCHOOL

The regular activities of our school were halted for awhile the afternoon of March 11, and the students, faculty, and visitors assembled in the auditorium to honor by farewell greetings, the students and alumni of the School, who had volunteered to enter their country's service to aid in bringing the Great War to a successful end for the nations allied against German militarism.

All honor to those who have rallied to the colors at the command of their country; but who can utter words befitting to express the joyous emotions of the heart for those who voluntarily offer up their lives for their country?

It is customary, from time immemorial, to honor the brave,—and the volunteer is among the bravest,—and while we do not here engrave the names of heroes upon bronze, we do impress them indel-

ibly upon our grateful hearts and memories.

With this attitude of mind, the president secured the services of his excellency, Governor John J. Cornwell, to feature the farewell greeting to the volunteers.

At 3.30, the volunteers, headed by A. B. Cunningham carrying old Old Glory, marched into the Auditorium.

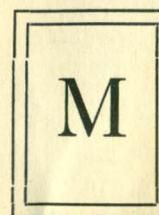
The governor spoke for nearly an hour on the war, its meaning, and the duties of each for its success. He was quite profuse in his expressions of his praise for what the race was doing to serve its bit.

He advised faithfulness in the performance of every duty, beseeched the volunteers to deport themselves always as men.

The roll of honor was: F. Hurt Marshall, Robert L. Black, Bernard Brown, Ivory Reid, George Patterson, Matthew V. Ballard, James Mc Henry Jones, William Houston, Herman Few, William Percy Ferguson, Wilbert Peters, William Vaughn, Solomon Brown and Chas. L. Allen.

It will be recalled that these young men were inducted into the engineer's service thru the efforts of President Prillerman, who took up the matter with Colonel Earl I. Brown 317 Engineers Division, Camp Sherman, Ohio.

An Appeal to the Alumni



Men and women sacrifice, endure persecutions, die for a cause or principle. The belief in the cause or principle, increases with the years. ¶ Realization of their fondest dreams may be delayed long beyond the period of a natural life, yet the lamp of hope burns to the end, and the dreamings of, and longings for the ideals that are not, goes unrequited.

We love our country because it is the land of our birth or adoption. It is home. We love our flag; it means hope and freedom; it means progress and prosperity.

We love our church; because it means hope, happiness, heaven, God.

We love our homes; they mean havens of rest, where sympathy, care, kindness, comfort, and love rule.

We love all of these, for the good they have done for us; for the good they are doing for us; for the blessings they may bring to us.

And yet, before the fruition of all we hope for in these, there are too often deferments, disappointments, obstacles, that make us cry, 'How long,' 'O Lord' 'How long?'

Because, we have an abiding faith in the basic principles of

these institutions; because we believe in the ultimate triumph of right, we go trusting, always willing to immolate ourselves, and fight to the last for ideals.

We are in the midst of the greatest struggle that warring nations have ever waged since creation's dawn. All other wars, all other results of wars dwindle into insignificance when measured by the horror, the ruthlessness, and the frightfulness of this present destructive orgy. Now, as never before, our country needs men—strong, patriotic, loyal men; men, big enough to bury the animus of party and sectional strife, and shoulder to shoulder, work in harmony for the glory of the flag.

Now, as never before, she needs the services, loyalty, and sacrificing spirit of the women, who will freely give up fathers, husbands, brothers, and sweethearts for their country's success.

For the perpetuation of all these institutions, the masses give their all unquestionably. This is frequently done with the full consciousness, that these, as they exist, do not come up to the full measure of the devotee's desires; but in every conception of liberty, equality, fraternity, these institutions represent the media in which the realization of our desires are

embodied.

State, church, and home, can only approach a standard of excellence, in so much as each unit of society gives towards their development the best in thought and service.

Progress towards ideal conditions may be slow; untoward events may dampen the ardor of our enthusiasm; obstacles almost insurmountable may thrust themselves across the ways, yet less than belief, and faithfulness, means ingratitude and base treason.

Twenty-six years ago, this institution was organized for the express purpose of fitting more efficiently a certain portion of the citizenry of this state for a better preparation for life, a keener appreciation and a higher realization of the blessings of state, church, and home.

From that humble beginning, beneath a giant gum tree, the school has grown to such proportions of size and influence, that its reputation is known far and wide.

From its walls have gone forth over five-hundred graduates into the avenues of endeavor, who must attribute the degree of success, that has crowned their efforts to the influence of this, their Alma Mater. Wherever they are found, however great their fame, from whatever schools they have since finished in trades or professions, to this Institution they owe the first inspiration that taught them

to

'Look upward, not downward,
Look forward, not backward,
Look outward, not inward,
And lend a hand.'

In the pulpit, at the bar, over the dissecting table, at the bedside of the sick, before a college class, in the high or grammar school, in the work shops, or counting room, tho your intellects have been broadened and sharpened by study in higher institutions, or by the practices of actual experience, yet that which has raised you above a hewer of wood, and a drawer of water, was given its healthy start here.

It is said that the Catholic Church, the Standard Oil Company, and the German Army, are the most efficient institutions that have ever been organized by man. But these, like all human institutions, whose functions depend upon the personal equation, have their faults.

The greatness of the Catholic Church is due in part, to the unquestioned obedience that cardinal, bishop, priest, and laymen yield to the demands of the church; to the staunch loyalty that is manifested by them towards every thing that the church stands for. These principles have planted the cross in the uttermost parts of the world, have braved the deserts and savage tribes to establish missions, have carried love and mercy, and charity wherever man is found, have

died the martyr's death, have given all for the church.

The West Virginia Collegiate Institute, is the common parent, the Cherishing Mother, of each man and woman that has gone forth from her doors. Her impress is upon you. Her love goes out to you. She becomes great, as you become great. She needs the kindly consideration of each of you. She needs your help, your sympathy, your Loyalty.

Now, as never before the upheaval in the world's conditions, have wrought changes in the School, that none may predict with certainty, the result. The life of the Institution must be molded to meet new conditions. Her graduates scattered thru the state, can be of inestimable benefit to their Alma Mater, by making the issues that touch their school for benefit or injury, personal matters of attention, as though each was working most actively for his or her individual benefit or to ward off an individual wrong.

That essential that is needed to assure progress in the life of the most progressive, is the essential that is necessary for you and your school. You have influence wherever you are, and rightfully used it will bring certain results.

It matters not if your school has not reached the ideal you have visualized, it matters not if its students are not counted by the thousands, as long as its basic princi-

ples are being lived up to; and it is, surely tho slowly, assuming greater dignity, greater worth, and is touching, and molding the lives of the race for whose benefit it was founded, for grater usefulness in state, church, and home. It is treason to give her anything but your loyal support.

It is your unquestioned duty to be with her in all that is right, and to give her your unstinted support to help her to become the greatest Institution for good, for the greatest number of your race, in one of the greatest states of the Union.

Alumni, and Alumnae, this appeal is for you. Your Alma Mater calls to you. Without you, her greatness for good wanes.

With you, her possibilities have no bounds.

Each year visit her campus and her halls. Advise and suggest, by mouth and by letter. Scorn carping criticism. Be a booster, not a knocker; a constructor, not a destroyer.

Carry your school to every corner of the state. Speak proudly of her accomplishments. Let the fifty-five counties be as familiar with her history, her purposes, her efforts to raise a race, as you, yourselves are.

Six hundred men and women thus united, thus working unselfishly for a definite purpose, thus shaken from lethargic slumber, thus bound by ties of Love and

Loyalty, can make of this Institution such a source of helpfulness to the state, Church and home, that the people will call it blessed.
—S. H. Guss.

Some of Our Graduates

Where They are and What They are Doing

THE SPIRIT OF THE ALUMNI should stand for purpose, progress and loyalty to the state and the institution that have made it possible for some of the superior advantages that we enjoy.

After making some research one only needs to glance down the list of graduates, beginning with the first class—1896—to the class of 1917 to find that a very large percent is enjoying exceptional advantages, not only in this, but in other states, in their standing as teachers in the rural districts; in the city grades; high schools, Normals; Colleges, and at different trades.

We can truthfully say that in this long list of more than 500 graduates. We have some of the most successful as well as competent, doctors, nurses, lawyers, preachers, machinists, carpenters, brickmasons, printers, blacksmiths, painters, music teachers, stenographers, book-keepers, supervisors in Domestic Science and Arts, con-

tractors, home-builders, and the pursuance of higher courses in other institutions.

Mention is here made of a very small percent of those who are engaged, or have been, in the above named professions.

CLASS OF 1896

Mrs. Flavilla Brown Railey is known all over the State for the excellent grade and the amount of work accomplished in a one room school.

Lottie C. Friend Brown of Institute has always been known as a real home builder.

Clayton E. Kimbrough is one of Charleston's successful lawyers.

CLASS OF 1897

Eugene Page—preacher and teacher.

L. R. Jordan for a number of years has been principal of Water Street High School, still holds said position with dignity and honor.

CLASS OF 1898

Alpha E. Brooks Jones was for a number of years a trained nurse

in this section. She is now the wife of Dr. Jones of Washington, D. C.

George W. Hurt is one of Institute's very best products as a painter.

CLASS OF 1899

Alma E. Booker—Mrs Layton—before changing her name, was teacher of dressmaking at Lawrenceville Normal School, Virginia.

Annie May Pogue—Mrs. Alexander—teacher.

CLASS OF 1900

Mt. Hope is loud in her praise of Dr. Chas. B. Anderson as physician.

Rollins W. James—Director of Agriculture in Kentucky Normal, until recently was appointed to fill a position in this institution.

Willa May Lee, as valedictorian of her class is still maintaining the honor of being one of Clarksburg's most efficient teachers.

CLASS OF 1901

S. S. Gordon—Editor of Porter's Review—Chicago.

Reuben Chiles—Supt. Insurance Company—Roanoke, Va.

Rhoda Wilson—High School Subjects—Charleston.

CLASS OF 1902

W. H. Lowry—for many years teacher of mathematics in this institution, is now a Dental Surgeon Des Moines, Iowa.

J. A. Thompson—Blacksmith—Charleston.

Andrew Brown—Dental Surgeon—Charleston.

CLASS OF 1903

L. N. Spurlock—Machinist Peoria, Ill.

Alexander Henderson—Census Office—Washington, D. C.

CLASS OF 1904

H. C. Hargrove—Physician—Sylvia.

Ethel B. Spriggs—Commercial Dept., Douglass High School—Huntington, W. Va.

Mark Holmes—Contractor and Builder—Charleston.

CLASS OF 1905

Leroy Hall—Carpenter—St. Albans.

Lewellyn Spriggs—Domestic Science and Arts—Clarksburg, W. Va.

CLASS OF 1906

J. C. Steele—Painter—Cincinnati Ohio.

Hattie E. Peters Clark—Teacher—Charleston, W. Va.

CLASS OF 1907

Robert Parish—Brickmason—now in France.

Wirt Jones—Bookkeeper—Phoenix, Arizona.

CLASS OF 1908

Amelia Wilcher, because of the number of years that has been given to summer school work in

some of the most creditable institutions, is rated as one of Charleston's best teachers.

Dewitt Meadows—Carpenter—Institute.

CLASS OF 1909

J. G. Patterson—Electrician—Petersburg.

Dewitt Moss—Printer—Homestead Pa.

CLASS OF 1910

William Armstrong—Principal—Fairmont.

Leonard Brown—Carpenter—Detroit Mich.

Emmett B. Sanders—Student—O. S. U., Columbus O.

CLASS OF 1911

Linda Scott—Music—Gallipolis Ohio.

Roger Thurston—Smithing—Army War College, Ft. Myer, Va.

CLASS OF 1912

Rosa Harper Brown—Postmistress—Institute.

Eula Watkins—Domestic Science—Baltimore.

Willa May Leach—Dressmaker—Staunton Va.

CLASS OF 1913

Edward Fulks—Stenographer—Camp Sherman, O.

Mamie Hopkins—Stenographer—Topeka, Kansas.

CLASS OF 1914

Cora Taylor—Manicurist—El-

kins.

Arthur Noel—Carpentry—Montgomery.

CLASS OF 1915

Cynthia Amos—Stenographer—Jacksonville, Fla.

Mable Renolds—Stenographer—Institute.

CLASS OF 1916

Holley Wells—Signal Corps, U. S. A., Camp Sherman, O.

Norwood Fairfax—Lieutenant U. S. A.

CLASS OF 1917

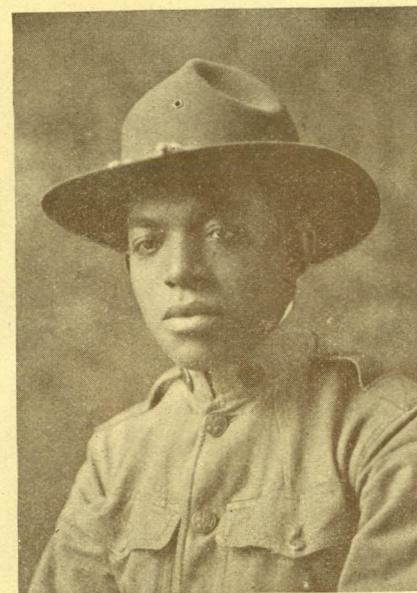
Romeo Ferguson—Student—Ohio State University.

Geo. Patterson—Brickmason—Camp Sherman, O.

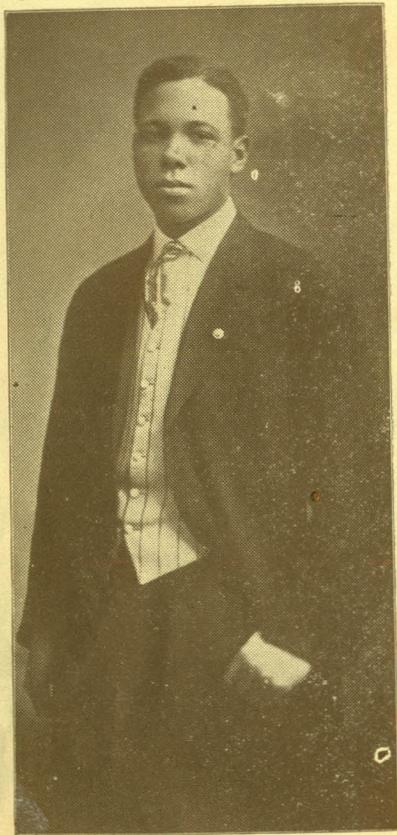
Aside from the persons named above the following members of the Alumni constitute a part of the Faculty of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute:

Miss C. Ruth Campbell, Cooking, class of 1907; Mr. A. C. Spurlock, Supt. Mechanical Industries, class of 1898; Mr. A. G. Brown, Mechanical Drawing, class of 1903; Mr. Solomon Brown, Blacksmithing, class of 1898; Mr. Don W. Jones, Printing, Bandmaster, Orchestra, class of 1912; Mr. R. W. James, Director of Science, and Assistant in Agr., class of 1900; Mrs. Amanda Gamble Spriggs, Dressmaking, class of 1901;

As individuals we have been pro-



Delbert M. Prillerman, '09
Sergeant



WIRT JONES, '07
Bookkeeper



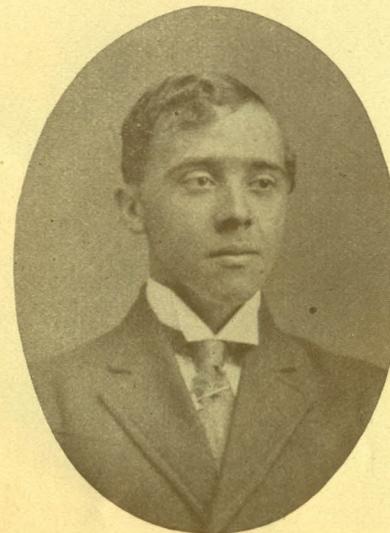
MISS C. RUTH CAMPBELL, '07
President of Alumni Association, W. V. C. I.
Teacher in Cooking, W. V. C. I.



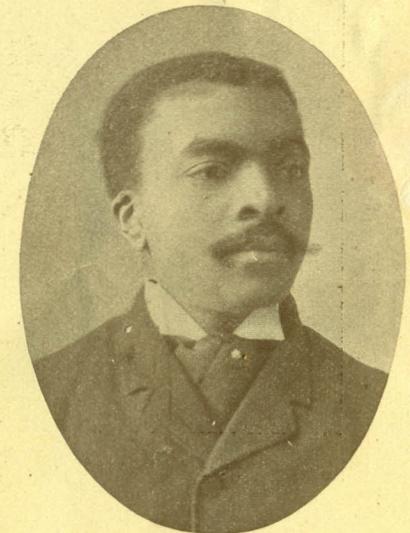
CHAS. PAGE, '07
Carpenter



MISS ALBERTA McCLUNG, '04
Teacher



LEONARD T. BROWN, '10
Carpenter



JAMES A. SHIELDS, '01
Principal

gressive; as a unit we have been asleep at our posts. Let us then awaken and in a kindly spirit combine forces and make one strong unit that will have for its object, a purpose, worthy of our sacrifice, time, and effort.

—Amanda Gamble Spriggs.

A Report From The President

Of The Alumni Association

Dear Alumnus:

I am glad to report a very interesting and well attended meeting of 1917. We are trying to perfect a real organization of our Association, and hope to make this a real "Get-to-together" annual. We cannot hope to accomplish this, if we do not have a mutual interest in the association and a thorough understanding of what the Alumni association should stand for and what it is trying to accomplish.

As you know the annual fee of the association is one dollar (\$1.00). I am asking that you send you fee as soon as possible. Please do not mistake this fee to be that sometimes solicited for the Annual Banquet etc.

Many do not attend the commencement hence fail to send this fee thinking it is for the Banquet given at that time. This is your annual fee.

The school is growing larger each year and we should become a well organized force to help look out for the welfare of our youth.

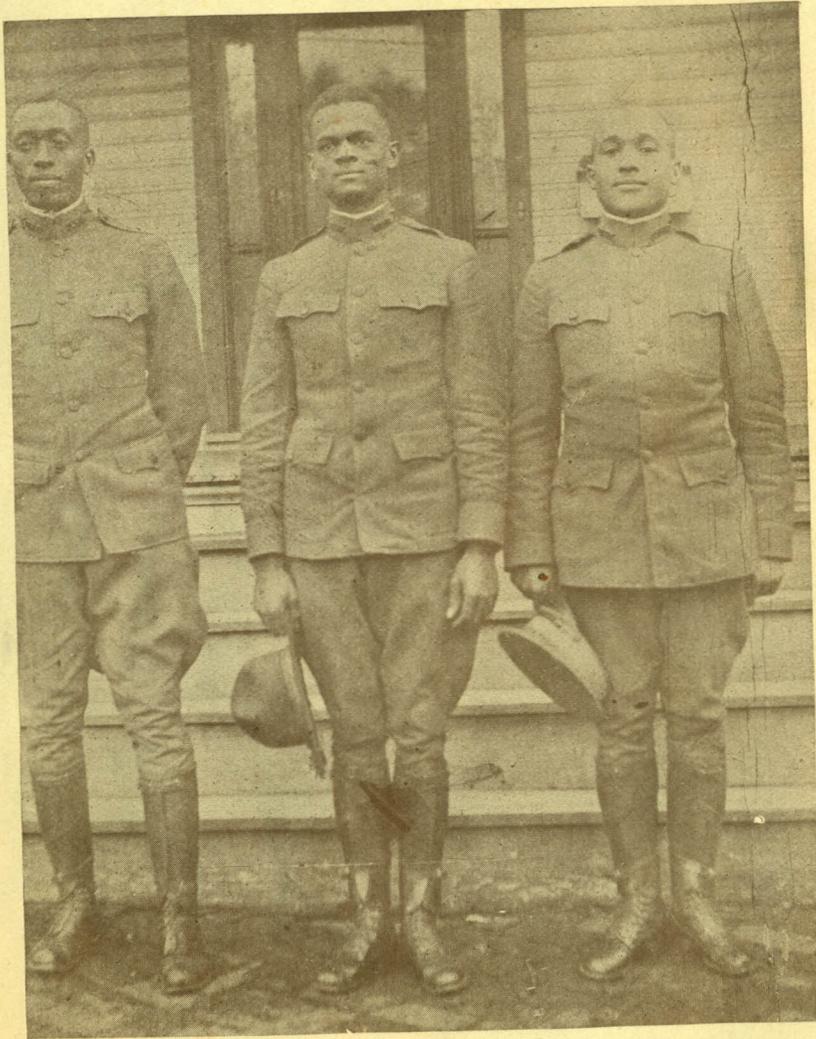
We cannot hope to do this effec-

tively if we fail to do our part. This is a day for great efforts, let us in these days that try men's soul, be not weighed in the balance and found wanting in doing our bit to help further the education of our youth.

Each year a few loyal members send in their fee and no doubt there is a question in their minds as to what becomes of this money. As far as I am able to say the money has gone to defray expenses of the Association: for instance, a speaker for the program given by the Association, etc.

We hope not to have this expense attached in the future until we are a more organized force.

The plan is to set aside this money for some definite purpose to be decided upon by the Association. I shall name one or two purposes suggested at some of our last meetings: scholarship, and annual prize to encourage worthy students or lend support to some worthy organization of the school. I shall be glad to have you think of something to suggest at our meeting



Capt. G. E. Ferguson, '12. Lieut. N. C. Fairfax, '16. Lieut. Lafayette Campbell, '14

which will be held Tuesday, May 28, 1918.

Please send your annual fee of one dollar (\$1.00) and be present at this meeting.

Yours for the success of the Alumni Association of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute,
C. Ruth Campbell, President.

Notice!

At a recent meeting of the State Board of Regents and the State Board of Control, it was decided not to hold a Summer School at The West Virginia Collegiate Institute for the year 1918.

Constitution and By-Laws

Alumni Association of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute

Constitution

1. NAME: This organization shall be known as *The Alumni Association of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute*.

2. MEMBERSHIP: Any person holding a diploma or certificate from any Department of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute is eligible for membership.

3. OBJECT: The object shall be to foster and promote the best interests of our Alma Mater, to cooperate as a body with any

movement for the advancement of education, and for actual benefit among the several members.

4. OFFICERS: The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association. In his absence, the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of President and Vice President, the presiding officer shall be the sen-

ior member present.

6. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and discharge such other duties as may be assigned by the Association.

7. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys of the Association, keep an account of the same, and pay it out only upon an order from the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall make a report of all receipts and disbursements at the annual business meeting.

8. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two other members of the Association appointed by the President.

The Executive Committee shall have the charge of all affairs of the Association when the Association is not in session.

9. There shall be the following standing committees, consisting of three members each, appointed by the President:

1. Finance Committee.
2. Entertainment Committee.
3. Program Committee.

10. The officers shall be elected by ballot for a term of one year, at the regular annual meeting of the Association.

11. This constitution may be

amended at any regular or special meeting, provided it receives a two-third vote of the members present.

By Laws

1. The regular annual meeting shall be held during Commencement Week at Institute.

2. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. The annual fee for each member shall be \$1.00, payable on or before January 1st of each year.

4. The members of the Senior Class of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute be taxed 50 cents each as an admission fee to the Association, with the provision that those who fail to graduate shall have their money refunded.

OFFICERS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Miss C. Ruth Campbell.....	Pres.
Mr. Houston Brown.....	V. Pres.
Miss Myrtle Irving.....	Rec. Sec.
Miss Emma Meadows.....	Asst. Sec.
Mrs. Mattie Prillerman.....	Cor. Sec.
Mr. Solomon Brown.....	Treas.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Alonza Ellis.....
Miss Rebecca Green.....
Mrs. A. C. Spurlock.....
Mr. Isham Cabell.....
Mrs. Rosa Brown.....

Easter service was well attended. The music and ritualistic portion of the program was uplifting and impressive. The sermon, by Rev. Thompson of Simpson Church in Charleston, was forceful, and filled with a message.

The play—Ruth—given under the auspices of Misses M. E. Eubank, C. Ruth Campbell, and E. T. Coleman, by some of the young men and young ladies of the Bible Study Classes, the night of March 29, was entertaining.

Both sponsors and performers deserve praise for the character and performance of the play.

Pres. Prillerman is scheduled for an address at the State Sunday School Convention in Clarksburg in early May. He will be accompanied by a sextette of students, who will entertain the Convention with folk lore hymns.

Prof. G. S. Fowler, was unable to attend his classes for nearly a week the first part of April, on account of an attack of la grippe.

The young men who had been rooming in the residence of Prof. N. A. Murray, since the first of the scholastic year, on account of crowded dormitory conditions, were removed to Atkinson Hall April 11.

Mdms. Lucy Lowry, Amanda Brown, Minnie Hurt, Ardelle Meadows, Misses Emma Meadows, Willa Lipscomb, Lotta Brown, and

Messrs Jacob Johnson, Dewitte Meadows, and C. T. Friend, are among the teachers of local residence who have finished their work and returned home.

Mrs. Rosalynd Friend Brown, a graduate of the school, now living in Saginaw, Michigan, was called to the bedside of her mother in the village.

Mrs. Elizabeth Friend, her mother is a highly respected matron; her recovery is sincerely desired.

There is a great demand for houses around Institute. Nitro, the huge powder plant under construction five miles from here, has caused an unusual influx of workmen for whom houses are not yet provided. Rents have consequently jumped to unprecedented heights.

Madame A. C. Spurlock, the wife of the Superintendent of Industries, was confined to her room for a week on account of la grippe.

The musical Concert given in the Chapel on the night of April 12th, by the famous Williams' Singers was well attended. The program was well balanced, sung with tunefulness and spirit, and was highly appreciated. The absence of Mr. Johnson, the premier tenor was noticeable.

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, head of the musical department, was confined to her room for a few days, on account of la grippe.

Mr. Louia Jones, of Cleveland Ohio, a promising young violinist of the race, was a pleasant visitor at the Institution the eighth of April. Mr. Jones is at present an undergraduate in the Boston Con-

servatory of music, and while here was the guest of Prof. and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell, the latter of whom, is an alumna from the piano school of that Institution.

First Semester Begins September 18, 1918.



Institute School Song

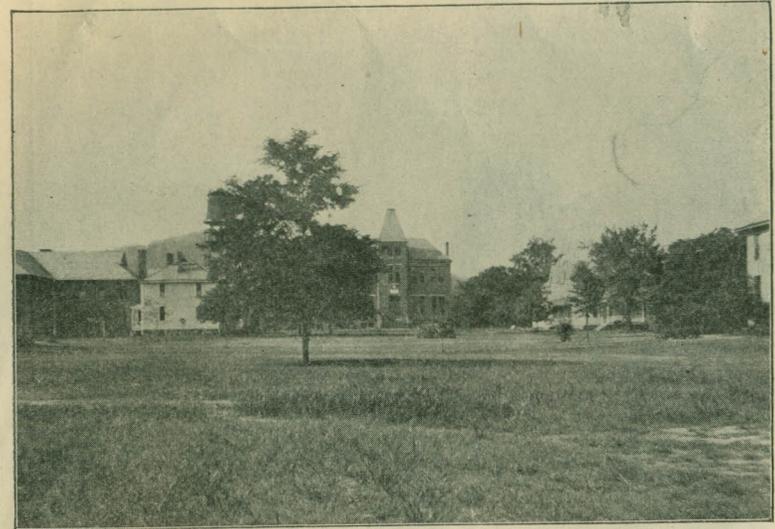
Tune—"My Own United States."

The poet sings of Harvard, Yale,
In pæans of love and praise,
Of universities far and wide,
In laudatory lays,
Of Oxford, countless ages old
In science, primal root,
But we'll acclaim, the school we name
Our own dear Institute.

CHORUS

I love every inch of her campus wide,
Each brick in her buildings grand;
I love every drop of the water clear
That flows from her spring in the sand.
I love every tree, every blade of grass
That grows so silent and mute;
The best place to be, either side of the sea,
Is dear old Institute.

The poet sings of Columbia,
Great school in a greater state,
Of the rich and proud, whose praises loud
Her glories do relate.
But we will make the welkin ring
On timbrel, harp and lute
With echoes for the school we name,
Our own dear Institute.



A View of the Campus



The Grove



The New Dining Hall

Alumni Reunion

At the West Virginia
Collegiate Institute

MAY 28, 1918

Address by
Lieut. J. H. Hill

