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EDITORIALS



IN this, the initial number for this scholastic year, we pledge anew our vows of service to the work of education as exemplified in the function of this school.

A greater endeavor than ever shall be made to carry the school to every section of the state, and to enlist a responsive cooperation from those sources whence the great number of our student body must come.

To accomplish this we want you, our readers (in a maximum degree the Alumni, Students, former students, and friends of the School) to become missionaries to assist us in preaching the West Virginia Collegiate Institute the greatest influence for moral and civic uplift in the State.

We want you to feel that our columns are always open for articles telling about the good the race is doing in the state along the line we are working.

We wish to cement and standardize the interests that are common

among the state, city, and county educational circle. All these are but links in a chain, and we believe it is for the best interests of the race and state for us to advise in this way.

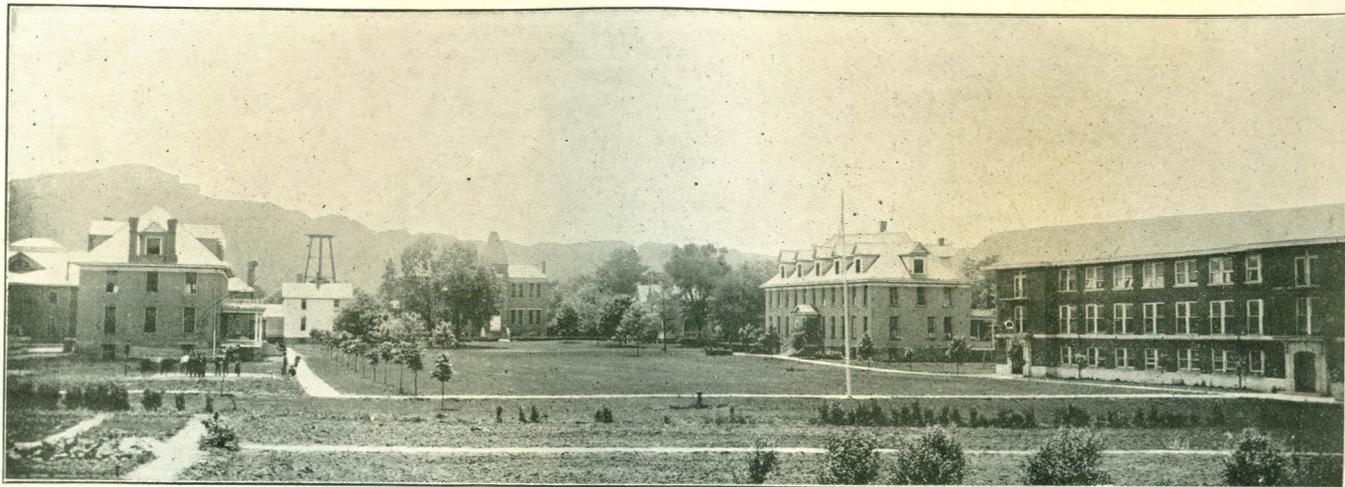
After the first number, statements of subscription will be mailed to all who receive the Monthly. The Postal law forbids carrying any but bona-fide subscribers.

The presence of new impulse is already apparent in the conduct of institutional affairs. Teachers and Student body are rapidly acclimating themselves to requirements and falling in line. The outlook for great things is very promising.

PRESIDENT JOHN W. DAVIS

On August 20, past, Prof. John Warren Davis of Savannah, Georgia was chosen to succeed Professor Byrd Prillerman as president of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute.

After an exhaustive search of



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF OUR CAMPUS



The Great Kanawha
A SCENE NEAR OUR BOAT LANDING

available aspirants, Mr. Davis was the unanimous choice of the Advisory Board. The decision of the Board was made without any solicitations whatever on the part of Prof. Davis.

Prof. Davis is one of the brilliant



JOHN W. DAVIS

President of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute

young men of the Negro race in this country, and thru his efficient work in education, business, and social service, has acquired a national reputation as a scholar and a man of deeds.

He is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta Georgia and the Chicago University, Chicago Illinois.

Prof. Davis brings to this work, vigor, efficiency, and modern ideas of the task required here. His wide knowledge of men and business, acquired as teacher and register at Morehouse College and as War Secretary of the 12th St. Y. M. C. A. in Washington, D. C., has fittingly prepared him for the position here.

A prominent weekly voices the sentiments of the patrons of the school, when it expressed editorially that, the election of President Davis means a higher development for the student body of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute and will have a wholesome effect upon the educational system of the whole state as regards the colored people.

President Davis' family consists of himself, Mrs. Davis, and two infant daughters.

NEW TEACHERS

Miss Gertrude L. Watkins, our new assistant in Domestic Arts, is a graduate of the Teachers College, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., and a student in summer courses in Chicago and Columbia University.

She was formerly Director of the Domestic Department in the State Normal School of Montgomery, Alabama where she acquired a fund of practical experience that places her far above the novice in

her line of work at this institution.

Mr. A. A. Taylor of Washington D. C., graduated with the highest distinction from the University of Michigan in 1916.

Mr. Taylor majored in Mathematics and English, and comes to this School highly qualified for the chair of mathematics which he holds. In 1914-15 he taught English and Civics in Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. From 1917-1919 Mr. Taylor was Industrial Secretary for the National League on Urban conditions among Negroes in New York City, and until September 1919, he was Social Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Washington, D. C.

In the Summer of 1919, Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Harriet E. Wilson of Fowler, Indiana. He is member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Greek Fraternity.

As teacher of mathematics, and commandant of the boys' dormitory, he fits into the scheme well.

Mrs. A. A. Taylor nee Miss Harriet Ethel Wilson of Fowler, Indiana has been secured as our French teacher.

Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of Michigan University, of the class of 1917.

In 1917-18 she taught English in Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas. In 1918-19 Mrs. Taylor

was critic teacher in the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, Petersburg, Virginia.

She was married in the summer of 1919 to Mr. A. A. Taylor of Washington, D. C. This union was but the happy culmination of a romance that began in their student days, at the famous University of Michigan.

By education and experience Madame Taylor is well fitted for her work. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Greek Sorority.

Mr. Walker J. Bacon, our new Physical Director, and teacher in Bacteriology, is a graduate member of the M. Street High School, Washington, D. C., class of 1910.

He afterwards took his degree from Syracuse University, class of 1915. Mr. Bacon taught from 1915 to 1919 in the V. N. & I. I. at Petersburg, Virginia.

Mr. William F. Savoy, secretary to Pres. Davis, is a graduate of M. Street High School—Business Department—Washington, D. C., Class of 1916.

He was a captain of the High School Cadets, and a member of the winning foot-ball, base-ball and Social teams.

He took his Normal and Commercial courses at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. but enlisted in the service of the United States

at the end of his Junior year. He saw thirteen months service as Ordinance and Regimental Supply Sergeant in several Camps.

Mr. Savoy also served as assistant Coach of the Germantown Athletic Club in Philadelphia, Pa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following officers were elected for the scholastic year of 1919-1920: W. A. Spriggs, Superintendent, Inez Ward, Secretary, Francis Jones, Assistant Secretary, Henry Davis, Treasurer.

Altho it is rather difficult to estimate the progress and efficiency of our Sunday School at so early a date, we can say that the spirit manifested by the students and teachers has been an exceedingly commendable one. We can also express a wish that this spirit, together with a more electrifying one, will not only continue but that a marked progress will be shown throughout the following Sundays.

Let us all come to Sunday School realizing that our christian services mean much toward perpetuating our happiness here.

SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Some new features have been added to the regular Sunday evening services. Instead of the regu-

lar prayer and song services, special programs are being rendered.

On October the fifth Miss Terry rendered "The Holy City." The Glee Club sang a folk song, after which Mr. Davis gave an interesting talk on "The Transfiguration." On October the twelfth, the chorus rendered special music, and Mr. Guss talked on "The Search For Christ." It is the aim of the school to vary the programs so that they will be both interesting and elevating.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The Y. W. C. A. is one of the greatest christian organizations of the world. If the young ladies of this institution grasp the opportunities and advantages afforded to them by this organization, it will not only tend to change the social conditions that exist among the students, but will make pure, strong, christian women.

The Y. W. C. A. has started out this year with much enthusiasm. A large number of girls have attended, and it is the ardent desire of the officers that the spirit of interest which has been manifested, the past few Sundays, will be continued. Then we shall have one of the best Y. W. C. A's. in this country.

LITERARY ACTIVITIES



HE Committee on Literary Activities under the direction of Prof. W. D. Johnson of the English Department proposed that there should be formed, at the school this year, two literary societies; the one comprising students from the college and normal courses, the others to be composed of students from the secondary schools. Prof. A. A. Taylor was pointed advisor to the college and normal group and Prof S. H. Guss was placed in charge of the secondary group. Following the adoption of these proposals, Prof. Taylor met the college and normal group in the chapel, Friday Evening September 26 and effected a temporary organization. At a later meeting, the following officers were elected for the year:

President.....	Henry Davis
1st Vice President.....	Herman Few
2d Vice President.....	Maude Rice
Secretary.....	Gene Redmond
Assistant Secretary.....	Elsie Davis
Critic.....	Willis Lewis
Treasurer.....	Cleola Gray
Judge Advocate.....	William Ferguson
Sergt. at Arms.....	Houston Jackson

The society failed to elect a Journalist. The name of the society has not yet been chosen, but the proposals have simmered down to two; one of which will be selected at the next meeting.

The secondary group has met

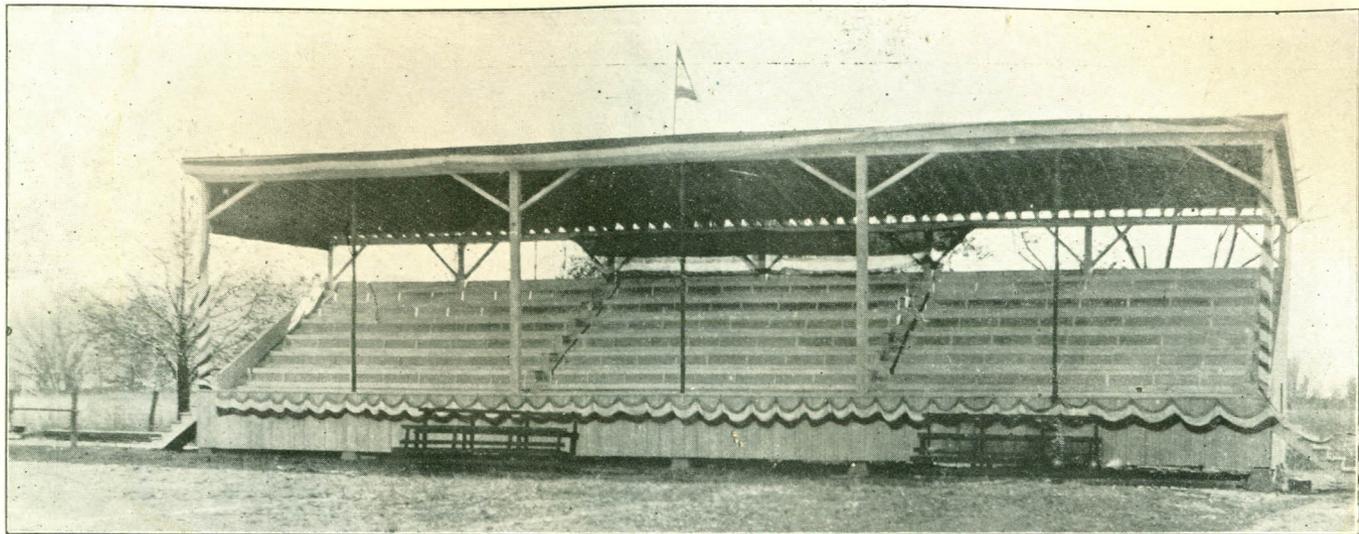
once under the direction of Prof. Guss, but no permanent organization has been yet effected. Aside from their usual function, the societies propose this year to develop material for intercollegiate and interscholastic debates, the arrangements for which will be subsequently announced.

CHAPEL NOTES

The most interesting hour in the students life at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute is chapel hour. At this time teachers, students and visitors gather in commodious Hazlewood hall and engage in quiet, simple devotional exercises, and listen to interesting and educational talk by the teachers and visitors. All of these tend to broaden the visions and whet the ambitions of all who attend.

Many distinguished visitors have honored the Institution by their presence and inspiring words of advice, bringing directly to the minds of those assembled, experiences gathered in a progressive world.

President Davis' many words of wisdom and advice have been opportune and appreciated, and we daresay, there is not a student in the school but has been greatly benefited, and has received sound advice which will prove of inestimable value to him in his educational career.



OUR NEW GRAND STAND

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES



OUR school has entered into a new era of its athletic activities. The acquisition of Mr. Walker J. Bacon, the former famous Syracuse University athlete, as Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education marks a definite advance in the athletic history of the school. Coach Bacon has initiated a course of physical education that tends, at once, to train students to become teachers of physical education, to correct physical defects in the students and to develop material that will augment the number of candidates for the several varsity athletic teams. Volley ball, tennis, basketball, baseball and football teams will hold fort in proper season.

The football season is well under way. The team has not yet had a contest but the large number of promising candidates for the eleven gives assurance to the student body and rooters of a team of no mean strength. The big game of the season will be played on November 1st when the Howard University team will engage the home team on the local field. These teams have met twice before; the first game resulted in 7-7 the score, but the second game gave the Institute warriors a 7-6 victory over the Howard eleven on the latter's grounds. On the face of things, the coming contest

should be a battle royal and Institute does not expect to be second best. Other teams that will probably be met will include the Virginia Seminary, the Va. Normal and Industrial Institute and Wilberforce University.

HUMOR AND WIT

New Student—"Fesser, I think I ought to make a higher class. I've studied both Latin and Greek besides English."

Examiner—"Well, I'll examine you in English first. What is a sentence?"

New Student—(Scratching his head)—"A sentence—why, 'er dats what you gits when you goes 'fore the Judge."

Examiner—"All right, I'm the Judge. I Sentence you to one year in the Sub-Fresh class."

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Teacher (Plane Geometry) — "When is a figure said to be square?"

Thoughtful Student—"When its on the level."

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Teacher (English) — "Why did Brutus run on his sword?"

Bright Student (thinking of world's series)—"There were two out, sir; and Mark Anthony signalled to run on anything."

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It's easier to follow the races than it is to get ahead of them.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

The faculty reception, the evening of October 10, to President and Mrs. Davis was well attended by the invited guests. The dining hall was decorated for the occasion, and the Misses Maude Dandridge and Irene Bowe by their piano and vocal selections, added much to the passing of the evening.

Prof. J. W. Robinson of North Fork, a member of the State Advisory Board was a visitor the 10th. inst. Prof. Robinson spoke to the student body and faculty at the Chapel period, and his remarks were well received.

Messrs. L. Spurlock of Peoria Ill. and Mr. Gillard of Huntington, also visited the School the 10th. inst. Mr. Spurlock is an alumnus, and was visiting both his Alma Mater, and his brother A. C. Spurlock, Supt. of Mechanical Industries. Both gentlemen made interesting talks at the Chapel exercises.

Exercises honoring the installation of Prof. J. W. Davis, the new president were held at 10 a. m. September 17 at the West Virginia Collegiate Institute auditorium. The speakers for the occasion were State Superintendent M. P. Shawkey, State Supervisor of Colored Schools, W. W. Sanders, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, R. I. Roudenbusch, and Dr. W. L. Jones, of Charleston. Rev. C. W. Cummings, pastor of Simpson M.

E. Church of Charleston conducted devotional exercises in an impressive manner. The speakers were very sanguine as to the future outlook for the school.

The enrollment is 308 and the acceptance of over fifty more applications has not been decided upon. The applications of several young ladies have been denied from a lack of room.

The president has chosen an executive council from among the members of the faculty. His action has been justified as evidenced by the added despatch put into the recent sitting of his faculty.

President Davis has received the offer of six prizes of \$25.00 each to be given to students of the Collegiate Institute, for intellectual moral, and literary excellence. Details as to the conditions and donors will be published in these columns later.

Mrs. Virgie Keffer Smoot of Madison, a graduate of this school and a former teacher, was a pleasant visitor the opening week. She brought her nephew to school.

Miss Leach of Zanesville, Ohio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Spurlock of West Hall. Mrs. Spurlock entertained a few of her friends in honor of her guest the evening of the 17th.

Mrs. Mae Jones, another of our loyal grads and at present, teaching in Cedar Grove was at home in the village the 17 and 18 inst.