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NECROLOGY

WENDELL POLLARD

Coming to us in the fall of 1922, Wendell Phillip Pollard full of enthusiasm, hopes and aspirations, launched out upon his educational career. Things looked bright for Pollard. He possessed life, courage, health, and in fact all the essentials that make a man feel inclined to tackle the battles of the world. But measured by human standards, all too soon did that unseen power—that power which holds our destinies within its grasp, call him again home.

At twenty minutes after three on Thursday morning, January tenth, at the Mountain State Hospital, Pollard's hopes for the future were changed from terrestrial to celestial spheres. In the silence of the early watches of a dawning day he passed.

Pollard was born at Richmond, Virginia in 1907 and attended school there until he came to The West Virginia Collegiate Institute. He was an ardent lover of music and a faithful member of the school chorus; a third year student, loyal to his class and to the traditions of the school of which he was a part.

The school grieves with his parents in the loss of one whose aspirations were to become a man worth while to his race and to his nation.

DREWERY PASSES ON

As we gather daily in our class rooms, we pause in silence when we remember that one of our number is absent. William Drewery, affectionately known as "our Drewery", has passed on, and more than ever we feel his presence since his spirit has taken leave.

As each player in the game makes or misses a basket, we see "our Drewery's" outstanding spirit, his steady aim, and basket already made. It is in part because of his spirit that we shall play better and bigger games in basketball and in real life. On the football field, number 25 is absent. In baseball, too, our catcher has gone.

We miss his smiles and humor in the dining hall and in our class meetings. It was his big heart and fair play that made him loved by all. On the field, in the game, or in school Drewery was the same unselfish worker, ever ready to help and serve the group.

The life and labor of Drewery were not in vain. The honors which he won were earned through his hard work for our school. We return them to him freely and gladly. His passing leaves us with sad hearts. We shall miss his active life and deeds, but we shall be made more zealous in our own endeavors because of the inspiration his life and work afford those of us whose hands must take up the work which he had to lay down.

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EDITORIALS

The New Staff

Readers of The Monthly will note with interest, no doubt, changes in the personnel of our editorial staff as announced in this issue. They will note chiefly that a student editor-in-chief, cooperating with an editor-in-chief from the faculty, is now in direct charge of the publication, and that the assistant editors are likewise students. The duties of the faculty members of the staff are advisory rather than active.

This change has been brought about very largely by the initiative of a group of students who desired to put into more active practice some of the principles of composition, journalism, salesmanship, etc., learned in college classes, and who felt that the institution should maintain a publication which presented the point of view of the student more directly than was possible in a journal edited solely by the faculty. It was felt that such representation and practice could be brought about if students should join voluntarily in the publication of The Monthly. The cooperation of the faculty editors was secured, and at a students' meeting held immediately before the Christmas holidays, the present student staff was elected.

It is our desire to make The Monthly a point of contact and a medium of exchange among students, alumni, faculty and friends of the institute. We shall welcome all news, notes, communications, comment and opinion of interest to Institute and friends of Institute. We feel that alumni and friends want to know what is going on here; we know that we want to know what our alumni and friends are doing and thinking "out there". With mutual good-will and constant cooperation, we may fulfill these desires through The Monthly.
The New Year 1923 is now numbered with millions of years that have come and gone. The year of 1924, the heir of all the ages is now with us. The king is dead! Long live the king! He is but a few weeks old as measured by time, but we do not like to visualize him as a nude toddling babe, as by custom, but as a virile young man sprung full-grown and fully panoplied from the womb of time. With this new conception, we can hope that 1924 will be able to deal better with the vexing problems of the world than any of his predecessors. Gauged by the complexes that reached their climax in 1923, Hamlet’s cry that, “The times are out of joint” bears special application to present conditions, and stands for the safe and sane expression of one who spoke centuries before his time.

The fields of finance, industry, social and political conditions, interracial relations, and religion are veritable storm centers of discords and dissensions. The strident preachments of the doctrines of hate vie with the sacred utterances of the Sermon on the Mount. Fundamentalists and modernists, implacable and bigoted, standing upon the king’s highway, are befuddling the minds of the masses of the common people with their bickerings over inane technicalities, while the great harvest of the Master is ripe, and the laborers are few. The dove of peace is still in quest of some land where the nations will combine for universal amity, to the end, that they may have su cerease from the horrors of war.

These are a few of the problems that the new year must help to solve. These are a part of the legacy that it has inherited. It has also inherited, however, whatever best the minds of men have evolved for the adjustment of the harmonies of life.

Running through the chaos of the present, there is a constant, an inflexible urge to make the world a fit place for men to live in. What is happening now in terms of doubt, incertitude, and misapprehension, is but the labor of forces struggling up from a lower to a higher plane of action and thought. It is our latest renaissance, and when its results have crystallized, men will gaze upon the problems of life with a clearer and saner vision.

Constructive changes do not spring up over night. Petty man, forgetting that doubtless it has taken millions of years to bring the world to its present state of development, grows impatient that his desires are not realized speedily. To the Infinite Spirit, a thousand years are as a day, and in His own good time, Equality, Liberty, Fraternity will be the watch words of every household.

We look upon the new year with hopefulness. THE MONTHLY speaks for the alumni wherever they may be found; for the race, with whose interests, as the official organ of the state’s leading Negro college, it is identified; for the body of students and teachers, who are laboring for world betterment, and it renews its vows to promote the principles of Justice and Love.

We freely tender whatever contributions of usefulness education entails; we gaze fearlessly upon what the new year has in store for us; we pledge unselfish devotion to every effort that the New Year may stress for Christian Charity, domestic and foreign.

“We doubt not through the ages, one increasing purpose runs, And the thoughts of men are widened, with the process of the suns.”

1924 Salute! Salve!
President Coolidge Honors Institute Teacher

Charles E. Mitchell, our own teacher, and Business Manager, has been chosen by President Coolidge to represent the American Commonwealth in the Virgin Islands, to investigate labor and other conditions in these newly purchased United States possessions.

President Coolidge has acted wisely in placing Mr. Mitchell on this commission, for there is not a man more capable of studying these labor conditions and presenting to Congress, remedies that will alleviate the said conditions. Mr. Mitchell has had charge of the Commercial Department of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute for twenty years, has made a complete success of his work, and has established for himself a place in the commercial world that can hardly be overlooked when men are being sought, who can take hold of a complicated situation and direct it into its proper channels.

Other members assisting Mr. Mitchell on this commission are: W. H. C. Brown, Newport News; George H. Woodson, customs service attorney; Jefferson S. Coage, Delaware; Robert Church, Memphis, Tennessee; and Cornelius Richardson, Richmond, Indiana.

Spanish Teachers Meet

Mr. John F. Matheus, Professor of Romance Languages, attended the seventh annual meeting of the teachers of Spanish in America at Columbia University in New York city during the holiday period. He reports a very interesting meeting from which much was gained.

The purpose of the session was the spread of Spanish culture, the promotion of the interests of Spanish teachers, and the study of methods of pedagogy. The keynote of the meeting, according to Professor Matheus, was given by Professor Hill of the University of California, who used as his subject, "Why the Disciplinary and Cultural Advantages of Spanish Should, be Spread."

Professor Fitzgerald of the University of Illinois made the significant statement that some of the leading business houses of New York City required their salesmen to live six months in Spain and six months in South America in order to acquire touch with the Spanish points of view, literary, political, and domestic.

Another feature of the meeting was a discussion of International Peace. It was asserted that language differences, mainly, prevented peace between the United States and Latin-American countries.

A. K. A. Sorority Notes

Among the many impressive features of the several activities, the annual convention of the Boule of Alpha Kappa Alpha in Baltimore, Md., December 27—29, was the most outstanding.

The Boule, which was the guest of Epsilon Omega Chapter, served as a medium for many pleasant hours in which the sorors became better acquainted one with the other. Chapters from the following schools were represented:

- Universities of Chicago, Illinois, Kansas, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, California, Southern California, Indiana, Wilberforce University, Ohio State, Howard, Temple, West Virginia Collegiate Institute, Meharry Medical College, and graduate chapters of St. Louis, Mo., Cleveland, Ohio, Topeka, Kansas, Kansas City, Mo., New York, N.Y., and Wilmington, Delaware.

The social activities given in honor of A.K.A. were decidedly unique. Too much cannot be said complimentary to the hostess chapter for the cordial manner in which the guests were received and cared for.

A.K.A. is proud of her new officers of the Boule. Soror E. Pearl Mitchell, Supreme Basileus, A.B. (graduate work, Oberlin) Kalamazoo, Michigan, a combination of intellectual development and moral strength, a woman who not only knows how to do things worth while, but does them.

The Boule has accepted the invitation of Mu chapter of Philadelphia, Pa. where it will hold its annual convention in 1924. There is a great work to be done by Alpha Kappa Alpha—reshaping thought, establishing newer and higher ideals, creating a zeal for knowledge hitherto unknown; in short, revolutionizing and upholding the standards which were originally laid down by this worthy organization. This is our task and we believe that the strength of mind and character is ours to make ourselves felt in whatever place we may go, and in so doing, keep aloft the immaculate banner which is so dear to us.

CAMPUS NEWS and NOTES

Mrs. Helen Williams Brown, of Montreal, Quebec, a former student of this school, surprised us with a short visit just before the holidays.

The Political Economy Club gave a Christmas Frolic, December twentieth. All who were present reported a pleasant time.
Miss Ednora Prillerman attended the National Convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The convention was held in Columbus, Ohio.

We regret that Professor W. H. Jones had to spend a part of the vacation in the hospital on account of illness.

Mr. William Gatewood was called home New Year's Day on account of the death of his father. We extend to him our deepest sympathy.

Miss Clara Fairfax spent a few days in Baltimore, Maryland, where she attended the National convention of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Everybody is ready for hard work after spending a pleasant vacation. According to our calendar the next event of importance is the Semester Examination.

Our branch of the National Association of Musicians which was organized last year, has under the direction of Mrs Mitchell, reorganized. We hope in the near future to entertain the student body and friends with an operetta.

This branch will communicate with the National Association of Colored Musicians. When the convention meets, we hope to have a representative present.

The music rendered by the chorus Sunday, December 16th, was said to have been the best which has been sung for quite a while. The effect of the saxophone played by Mr. Webb Richardson was wonderful. The blending of its tones with the voices of the students was excellent.

About five o'clock on the morning of the twenty-first, the members of the Political Economy Club began to serenade with Christmas Carols. Their aim was to sing to the people of the poor farm, but after having sung in front of each building on the campus, there was only time enough left to serenade some of the teachers of the village. These teachers were Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Brock, Professor C. E. Jones, and Mr. Lovette.

The dim lights of the candle and the soft sweet tones of the voices seemed to fill everyone with an inward joy that was representative of the occasion.

Miss Grace Edwards and Mr. Theodore Nash were hostess and host at a Christmas Frolic given in Dawson Hall, Thursday afternoon, December twentieth. The parlors were decorated with holly, mistletoe and Christmas colors. Punch and cake were served. Music was furnished by Miss Dorothy White, Mary Trent and Mr. Theodore Nash. Several games were played.


Y. W. C. A.

The program for January consists of a study of life on the campus and possible ways of improvement.

One hundred and fifty persons have cast their lot with the "Y" but two hundred and fifty is still the goal.

Members of the association were pleased to have as their guest December 13, 14, and 15, 1923, Miss Frances Williams, the student secretary for this area. She made a helpful and interesting talk in chapel Friday morning December 14, and had discussions with various groups of girls during the three days. Every girl was inspired by her visit and greater things are expected during the coming weeks.

On Saturday afternoon December 15, the officers and members entertained from four to six o'clock in Dawson Hall in honor of Miss Frances Williams. Several members of the faculty called during the afternoon and saw just what "Y" girls could do.

Games were enjoyed, and the time passed very rapidly. Miss Georgia Peters presided at the punch bowl and Misses Mollie Price, Grace Edwards, and Edmonia Walden assisted with the service.

The "Y" grows and fulfills its mission only as the student and faculty give support.

If you can't be a booster don't a knocker, although it is known that good things are usually knocked.

Christmas On the Campus

The students who remained on the campus during the Christmas vacation had no cause to regret doing so. At first, it was thought that there was nothing to keep away loneliness. As a matter of fact from the first day until the last day of the vacation everybody was kept happy. There was something for amusement everyday.

On Christmas Eve, everybody brought his sock or stocking to Dawson hall. Candy, nuts and fruits were put into each stocking and sock. There were many
presents on the Christmas tree. Christmas day we celebrated with a social. Games were played. Penalties were placed on those who failed to conform to the rules of the game. As a result of the penalties Misses Ruby Pless, Florabell Rudolph and Messrs. William Jernigan and Rufus Coles were made members of a quartette. Mr. Coles sang a solo later. Prizes were given to those who wrote the best telegrams.

Among the visitors were Miss Alice Green a student at V. N. I. I. and Misses Malinda Starks, Lucile Smith, Messrs. Willie and Robert Grigsby of Charleston.

Johanna G. Sawyer '26

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JUST SMILE
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When things go wrong,
Just smile.
When tasks are too great,
And pleasures come late,
Forget about hate,
And smile.

When friends forsake you,
Just smile.
When the road is too rough,
And problems are tough,
Simply stand no rebuff,
But smile.

When gloom over-whelms,
Just smile.
It will give you more "pep",
And lighten your step,
If you, advice accept,
And smile.

When gloom over-whelms,
Just smile.
When tasks are too great,
And pleasures come late,
Forget about hate,
And smile.

The opening game of the Inter-class Basketball Schedule, a clash between the Freshman and Sophomore College teams on Jan. 3, resulted in a victory for the sophomores by score of 18 to 9.

The game was hotly contested throughout. The guarding of both teams was good. Most the scoring from the field was done from mid-floor, at the end of the first half the score was 9-8 Sophomores leading.

During the second half the Freshmen were so closely guarded that they were able to register but a single point and that was alone from the foul line.

Hairston and White were the leading scorers for the sophomores while Drain stood out for the Freshmen. Spectacular goals from past the middle of the court were made by Hairston, Harris, and L. Chatman.

Line Up Summary:

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**Girls' Sport**

The basketball season of 1924 at W.V.C.I. is offering a bigger opportunity than ever before. The girls were prevented from opening the practice season on time, as the court was not completed until December. However, on the third of December, they began practicing. Forty girls in the College and the Normal departments and fifty in the Secondary department are taking training in basketball. Sixty-five in the College and the Normal are taking training in playground administration and indoor games. This gives one an idea of how greatly they are interested in their physical development.

A wonderful spirit of clean sportsmanship pervades the whole group. Those to whom the games are entirely new, put forth extra effort in order that they may receive the best results. They come out with a determination to learn by their conscientious attention to practice.

The Sophomore college girls are right behind the grid. A great deal of rivalry exists between them and the Freshman college team. They have great hopes of being the "champs" of '24. Miss Gladys Taylor a star player for three successive years on the Bluefield Colored Institute five has joined their force. Miss Leatha Gough, known as "Sparky" has made a good showing. Along with Misses Elizabeth Freeman and Leolia Harris the "SOPHs" will surely be victorious over many teams.

The Secondary girls have an unusually large class and are expecting to put up a number of good games. The championship was awarded to the fourth year class of that department last year. The same achievement may be true of this year "The prize comes to the one who tries."

The Normal basketball teams have not been organized; however, they practice regularly as there are some excellent players among them. We are hoping that the Senior Normals of '24 will take the same attitude and standard as those of '23. "He can who thinks he can."

The Freshman College class elected Miss Beatrice Cain their basket ball captain. Miss Cain was a former star basket ball player of Garnett High. She has shown wonderful ability in her practice and is worthy of being captain. Miss Cain is spending much time planning and adjusting matters for her team. Already she has formed a squad and made arrangements for 5 a.m. practices. She says, "Early to bed and early to the gym makes a basket ball team have pep and vim."

The various classes are getting together for well organized yells and songs. Those who cannot particpate in the games will be able to keep the spirit going with their heads, mouths, hands, feet and hearts. It will take the cooperation of all students to make a wholesome and effective team.

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**Sunday School Loan Fund**

A new enterprise at Institute is the Sunday School Loan Fund, started this year. This fund is established through contributions and from one-half of the proceeds from collections of the several Sunday School classes. A small amount is loaned to students, without interest, to be repaid by students when they become able. Assistance is given heartily. The fund as it now exists is not sufficient to meet the wants and needs of many deserving applicants, but a good work is being done. Contributions of any amount will be gladly received by Mr. A. G. Brown, Treasurer.

Working rules of the fund are as follows:

1. No money may be granted to a first-year student (secondary) or a Freshman in his or her first winter or spring session; money may be granted to such an applicant in the second semester in exceptional cases only.
2. The applicant must be in good standing.
3. The request must be made in writing, signed, sealed and delivered to Mr. W. F. Savoy, at least three days prior to the time the proposed loan is to be granted with reservations for emergencies.
4. A body composed of two teachers and three students, hereafter named, shall consider the request.
5. The student must be an active worker in one of the several Sunday School classes of the institution.
6. One college student, one normal student and one secondary student will be chosen by ballot, to act with the above-named board, for the present school year.
7. The loan fund shall be in operation beginning October 15, 1923.

Mr. C. E. Jones and Mr. A. G. Brown are the faculty members of the Loan Committee. The student members are: from the college, Miss Ethel Nunnally; from the normal department, Miss Lor- eese Davis; and from the secondary department, Miss Armintha Smoot.

Already certain sums have been loaned to students deemed worthy by the board. Two meetings of marked interest have been held, and complete cooperation of students and teachers has characterized the entire movement.

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**ALUMNI NEWS**

Since the last issue of The Monthly which included news of the Alumni, a reorganization of the editorial staff has taken place. One of the purposes of the officers is to make The Monthly more...
interesting to the graduates and former students of the institution. This they expect to accomplish: (1) by carrying news in these columns concerning the activities of those whom Institute claims as its own; (2) by devoting much of its news to student life on the campus; (3) and relating how these affect the institution in a particular way for its betterment. The MONTHLY desires to create a closer contact between the graduates and their Alma Mater. Many of the graduates have gone from the institution and have not returned since their graduation. Therefore, they have in a great measure lost sight of the institution as it relates to educational progress in the state; their school spirit has reached a low ebb. Many changes have since taken place about which we believe graduates and former students would be interested in knowing. Moreover, some have classmates whom they have not seen or heard from since leaving these grounds. It is the purpose of this publication to serve as a binding link between these, keeping anew that student life and good fellowship which prevailed among you while on the campus; keeping alive that spirit which you once knew and cherished.

The West Virginia Collegiate Institute is greater today than it was yesterday. Through your devotion to its ideal and function in daily activities, you have helped it to reach its sphere. If it is to be greater tomorrow than it is today, you must manifest the same interest and loyalty that you have in the past. Institute expects this of you and you must not fail her in this anticipation. The institution will continue to be interested in its sons and daughters. It will be the first to greet you with joy in your excellent work, always anxious to apprise your friends of your welfare, and first to share in your sorrows.

In view of the purpose just set forth, we invite you to write us frequently concerning yourself or others whom you may know about, that are carrying the "Institute Spirit" with them in their successful operations. Most assuredly you have certain views that you desire to express: let us and others read them in this organ. This space has been set apart for your use. May we not then cooperate with the staff in making this publication a better organ of the institution and a voice for a greater progress.

During our last school year, many of the Institute Clubs did excellent work in their respective communities. Some functioned in welfare work, others contributed their best in other fields of service. We regret that we did not get this information in detail and officially, so that it may have been published. Do not hesitate to write us. We anxiously await news from your field of endeavor.

Take your paper and write us today. The Alumni columns of the INSTITUTE MONTHLY welcome news of interest for publication from Institute Clubs, graduates, and ex-graduates. Address your communications to Mr. D. L. Ferguson, Institute, W. Va.

Class Personals

The West Virginia Club of Columbus, Ohio composed of friends, students and graduates of this institution, hospitably received and welcomed visiting friends and students to that city, when the Institute team met Wilberforce on the gridiron at Neil Park, The Club, through Miss Eva Fitzgerald of Huntington, West Virginia, offered its services in any way possible to make our stay comfortable and pleasant. We keenly appreciate the interest of this organization and bid them much success.

The West Virginia Collegiate Institute Club, Huntington, W. Va., played Santa Claus to the little folks of that city by donating 200 bags of candy to The Washington Welfare League.

1896

Mrs. Lottie C. Friend Brown has taken residence in New York City, where her daughter, Miss Thelma Brown, A. B., 1923, is in attendance at Columbia University in the Graduate School.

President of the W. Va. Collegiate Inst. Association, Attorney Clayton E. Kimbrough, president of the Mountain State Building and Loan Association, Charleston, W. Va., together with other business men of that city have purchased a large tract of land in West Institute. This land is to be at the disposal of colored people, who desire to buy homes at Institute.

1907

Ernest Chambers, resident of Raymond City, W. Va., was a visitor to Institute last month. He was very much impressed with the improvement of the physical plant of the institution.

1917

Mr. Joseph Peters is located in Dayton, Ohio, where he is following his trade in Brickmasonry. Dr. Campbell of that city paid him a very high compliment in his work.

1920

To Mr. Lyman Connor, goes the unique distinction of being the first to erect a brick house at Institute to be used exclusively for residential purposes. This six-room cottage is very attractive and amply keeps pace with the standard set by other graduates of the institution in the construction of homes. The commendable feature in connection with this house, is that most of the brick work was done by Mr. Connor, a graduate from the Masonry Department of this institution. He was ably assisted by Mr. Dewitt Meadows of the Carpenter Department Class 1908.

HUMOR and WIT

We wonder why certain people decided to have a "track meet" in December instead of waiting until spring;
Several of the young men are glad that leap year is here again;

Love sends not only a gift of carnations but a rabbit sometimes;

The “Queen of Sheba” blushes when “King Solomon’s” name is mentioned.

A couple at the Roland Hayes recital. She: “Roland Hayes is on his first tour since singing in Europe.”

He: “Yes, he sang before King Alfonzo of France.”

The Republican elephant is going to have a lots of trouble riding in a flivver with Henry Ford.

“When I’m a man,” began Howard Monroe stormy interview with his father.

“What will you do?” asked his mother

“I’ll name my boy after papa. And Oh! how I’ll spank him.”

While in Detroit last summer, “Rabbit” failed to pay his room rent for several months. One morning he met his landlord.

Landlord: “Look here, I’ll meet you half way. I am ready to forget half of what you owe.” Rabbit: “I’ll meet you. I’ll forget the other half.”

“Teacher: What are Isobars?”

Student: “Isobars are large pieces of ice which are found in rivers floating along in the water. They often wreck ships on the oceans and bays.”

Mr. Price: “How would you get at the root of the method now commonly called the Laboratory method?”

Spencer: “I’ve had quite a bit of laboratory work but don’t know any thing about the roots.”

March: Five pay days, income tax due.

May: five pay days, Summer clothes due.

August: five pay days, Vacations due.