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# THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE STATE SUMMER SCHOOL

FOR COLORED TEACHERS

will be held at Institute, W. Va., commencing June 17,  
and closing July 26, 1912. This is to be the biggest and  
best school yet. : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :

## TWO DISTINCT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE MAINTAINED:

1. THE ACADEMIC—which will be devoted to  
thorough work on the branches of the school  
course, for which credit may be had in the var-  
ious institutions. Also in this connection thor-  
ough drill classes for persons expecting to pass  
the examinations will be maintained.

2. THE PROFESSIONAL—which is designed for  
principals, high school teachers, and other ad-  
vanced students.

Some of the best talent in the country has been secured  
for this school. Three of the most distinguished educators  
in this country have accepted places on the Summer School  
Faculty, viz:

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W. E. B. DU BOIS, PH. D., and  
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, LL. D.

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### PREPARE NOW TO ENROLL

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## Editorials

AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AT FAIRMONT a great step was taken toward harmonizing the differences that hitherto existed in the courses of the various state schools. ¶ If the plans considered are carried out—and we have every reason to believe that they will be—West Virginia may soon truthfully boast that her secondary schools and University will compare favorably with those of the progressive states. ¶ The MONTHLY hopes that this educational awakening and adjustment will touch every state educational institution, city and district high school throughout West Virginia. The MONTHLY feels that this adjustment and elevation of the standards is just as essential to the Negro state schools, and the Negro High Schools as it is to the schools whose representatives met the Board of Regents at the Fairmont meeting. ¶ We believe that the time has come for the adoption of a uniformity of standards in kind and quality in every state school. Since the Negro student of West Virginia, who finishes any of her schools, and who desires to pursue higher education elsewhere, is compelled to spend a year or two to make the Freshman rank in the large universities, it is highly essential that this preliminary work be done in the negro schools of the state. ¶ It is a humiliating fact that some of the heads of the great institutions have expressed themselves as not being favorable to the entrance of the graduates from our negro schools, to the schools over which they preside, on account of a lack of preparation. ¶ A conference of the heads of the three great negro schools, the high school principals, and the cooperation of the Boards of Education would do much to establish better conditions, and wipe out this indictment. ¶ THE MONTHLY believes in the extension movement. It believes that these large schools should be carried to every section of the state; that the courses of the high schools and the state schools should be correlated; that the grade schools should mould their courses and sentiment for the high schools, and the

high schools for the state supported and state aided schools; that each and all should work to make the negro youth of West Virginia the equal in every respect of the youth of any state. Educators of West Virginia, what do you think of it? The MONTHLY puts it up to you.

THE MONTHLY FEELS THAT IT IS ITS DUTY TO LIFT ITS VOICE TOWARD furthering the interests of the Agricultural Extension Bill pending in Congress. This bill provides for aid to be given by the national government to the Colleges of the principle courses in the curriculum. ¶ Some opposition has developed to the bill in Congress, and the measure as first framed was not approved by some of the heads of institutions concerned. ¶ THE MONTHLY is conscious that perse, it may not be able to do much, but, it hopes to stir up a healthy sentiment for the bill among its many alumni who are scattered thro-out West Virginia. ¶ It hopes to have the alumni actively petition the members of Congress to strongly support the bill. ¶ We further respectfully ask the assistance of any other of our readers, to whom the necessity of the agricultural development of our state has become insistent. The increasing cost of living is causing a national belief in the "Back to the Farm" slogan. If you believe that the best interests of life are promoted by a quiet life made independent by honest toil under clouds and in sunshine, on a few broad acres; if you believe that this should be the lot of the masses of our citizens, then let us work for the passage of this Bill, which will benefit all the citizens of the commonwealth.



U. S. Commissioner Claxton  
Unable to Come as Commencement Orator

In view of the previous publication of the statement that the U. S. Commissioner of Education would be the feature speaker of the Commencement exercises May 29, the following letter from the Commissioner is self explanatory.—Ed.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF EDUCATION,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1912.

To the President of the  
WEST VIRGINIA COLORED INSTITUTE.

Dear Sir:—

I am much disappointed that I shall not be able to fulfill my promise to make the address at the close of your school on May twenty-ninth. Since I wrote you, my plans for the spring and early summer have been changed materially, and I find that I shall have to be in the far south at time of your Commencement. I am hopeful to be able to visit your school sometime in the near future, and trust that I may be able to serve you in this or some other capacity. I am greatly interested in your work and want to try to help in every way I can.

Yours sincerely,

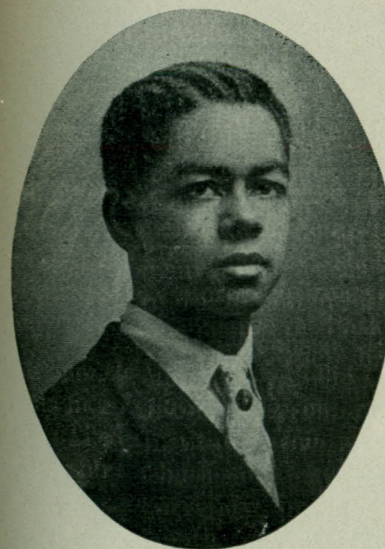
P. P. CLAXTON,  
Commissioner.

## Richard L. Brown

A Native Son and an Alumnus, the Coming Artist  
of the United States,

Richard L. Brown, a graduate of the West Virginia Colored Institute, Class of 1910, has the proud distinction of being one of the foremost artists in America. *The Crisis*, a magazine published in New York City, has the following

issued, and that is saying a great deal. The cover will be a reproduction in the original colors of an exquisite water color by Richard Brown, the new young colored artist, protege of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People, who had been pronounced by a great English critic 'one of the two best artists in America.' Mr. Brown is painting this picture especially for *The Crisis*.'



The West Virginia Colored Institute and citizens of West Virginia, generally, should feel extremely proud of this young man. He was reared in Parkersburg, West Virginia, where his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tandy Brown, now live.

He came to the West Virginia Colored Institute some seven years ago, and after spending five years in the institution, graduated from the Academic Department in 1910. He took painting as an industrial course at this institution. His teacher of painting here was the

to say of Mr. Brown in its forecast for April, "The Easter number will be the best number we have ever

late George Collins of South America.

Richard was only about seven. ten years old when he graduated. After finishing school, he went to Buefield, West Va., and followed house painting in that section for nearly a year. He then made his way to New York, visiting the large cities and inspecting the art galleries in these places. Upon the death of Mr. Collins, his late teacher, last march, Mr. Brown was offered the place as his successor and had about concluded to accept the position. About this time his talent was discovered by some artists in the North and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People decided to advance the money necessary for this youth to develop into what promised to a great artist. Some of his pictures have sold for \$50.00. It will be remembered that he painted the scenery for the stage in the Garnett High School in Charleston.—*Charleston Daily Mail.*

### Washington's Birthday At Institute

The memory of the first and foremost American was celebrated in the Chapel at the morning assembly of the school with befitting ceremony.

The management, believing that patriotism, and reverence for those who have made the greatness of this country possible, should ever be cultivated in every Afro-American, shuns no opportunity to observe those events that may make these principles spring eternal in the human heart.

No elaborate program had been prepared, but even in the brevity and simplicity of the appended program, sufficient latitude was given for the impressive teaching of reverence and patriotism.

In the absence of President Prillerman, Normal Principal Guss presided, and the following program was rendered:

- Music
- Devotionals
- Music
- "The Red, White and Blue,"  
Alice Curtis
- "Washington, as a General,"  
Commandant W. H. Lowry
- "The American Flag,"  
Jenora Strothers
- "Washington's Farewell to His Army,"  
Eula Watkins
- Music
- "Farewell Address"  
Lafayette Campbell
- "Valley Forge"  
John Branch
- Remarks
- Music

## QUIETLY

MRS. LUCY SPRIGGS, OF INSTITUTE, FELL ASLEEP AND PASSED TO THE GREAT BEYOND.

Had Been a Patient Sufferer for a Number of Years—Was an Estimable Lady and Greatly Beloved by Everyone Who Knew Her.

Institute, W. Va., March 3—At 9 p. m. Thursday, surrounded by husband and daughters, death closed the last tragic scene in the life of Mrs. Lucy Spriggs, the wife in all that the term implies, for 29 years of Mr. W. A. Spriggs, Instructor in Carpentry at the West Virginia Colored Institute.

Mrs. Spriggs demise was the inevitable result of years of protracted sickness, all of which had been borne with patience and christian forbearance.

She was born in Pruntytown W. Va. in 1864, professed religion in her thirteenth year and married in her nineteenth year. She was the mother of five children, three of whom two girls and one boy survive her.

Consciousness was hers up to the very moment of dissolution and to the anxious ones watching the flitting spirit, her composure was the calmest of all. Previous

to the end she had expressed an implicit confidence in the promises of the Savior and when the end came there was but a sigh, a quivering of the eyelids as a tired child preparing to slumber and the spirit was yielded back to the God who gave it.

The funeral services were observed in the chapel of the W. Va. Colored Institute before a crowded audience.

Rev. J. S. Carrol of Simpson M. E. Church of Charleston officiated. The sermon was based upon the lessons gleaned from the 90th Psalm and a part of the 15th Chapter of Cor. I.

Seldom has so much that was laudatory, consoling, impressive and uplifting been encouched in a brief discourse.

That her circle of friends was large was attested by the profuse display of floral tributes that embowered the casket. Chief among

the emblematic remembrances were those from the Faculty and the Home Makers Club of which the decedent was a member.

Resolutions of respect from these respective bodies were read and copies ordered sent to the bereaved family.

Interment was made in the newly acquired Institute Cemetery.

Mrs. Spriggs leaves a husband Prof. William A. Spriggs; two daughters, Miss Ethel, a music student at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., Miss Lewellyn, Assistant Bookkeeper at the Colored Institute; one son, William A. Spriggs, Jr., a student at the West Virginia Colored Institute, mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Trimble, of Grafton, W. Va.

WHEREAS, God, in His divine wisdom, has suffered to be removed from our midst the patient and loving wife of William A. Spriggs, our co-worker; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact, that death is the inevitable end of all humanity, and that man

passes from mortal to immortality in accordance with the decree of Him who doeth all things; and

WHEREAS, during her long period of suffering she displayed a Christian spirit of meekness, patience, and fortitude worthy of emulation, and was unceasing in her affection and devotion as a wife and mother, and believing that the influence of her exemplary life will continue to be felt in the community; be it

*Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to His divine will; and that we extend to our co-worker and family our sincere sympathy and condolence; that we commend the bereaved family to the tender care of Him who careth for all and who is ever touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the faculty and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

The resolutions from the Home Makers Club bore their mead of the high esteem in which the late member was held, and extended to the saddened mourners the sympathy of loyal loving hearts.

## Y. M. C. A. State Convention.

W. V. C. I. Represented at the Third Annual State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. at Fairmont, W. Va., by Don W. Jones.

The opening of the Third Annual State Convention of The Young Men's Christian Association was a pleasant one indeed. On behalf of the local Association and of the people of Fairmont, Ex-Governor A. B. Fleming made the Welcome Address, and extended to the delegates a hearty welcome.

The number of delegates present was nearly 300; the same representing city, railroad, and college Associations.

The Institutes, comprising four distinct divisions of the Association work, were as follows:—City work, Railroad Work, College work, Physical work, and boy's work.

The college work in the institutes was conducted by Dr. Thomas E. Hodges, President of The West Virginia University, and Prof. Thomas C. Miller, Principal of Shepherd College. Their expositions on the possibilities of the future work of College Associations were very wholesome and instruc-

tive.

The experts for this convention were among the most able and scholarly men for Association work. Among them were Dr. Wilbert W. White, President of The Bible Teachers' Training School; Mr. Henry Isreal, Secretary County Work, International Committee, New York City; Dr. Carl G. Doney, President Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Va.; Rev. Charles H. Robinson, Wheeling; Dr. Ernest Thompson, Charleston; Charles B. Horton, and Fred C. Benner, Pittsburg; Pa. Philo C. Dix, State Secretary Young Men's Christian Association, Louisville, Ky.; Lyman L. Pierce, Pittsburg, Pa.; G. H. Winslow, Secretary Railroad Department, Washington, D. C.

The report of the Executive Committee showed the representation of the Colored Young Men's Christian Associations of West Virginia is very favorable, considering the small number. There are

five colored Young Men's Christian Associations in West Virginia, namely: Bluefield Colored Institute, The Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, Bluefield; Huntington; Morgantown, and The West Virginia Colored Institute, Institute W. Va. Out of the five Young Men's Christian Associations of the State, three were represented at the Convention. Mr. McLean of the Railroad Department of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bluefield, Rev. J. Gibbons of the Morgantown Association, and your humble servant were the delegates.

In the report of the State Finance Committee, we were found wanting. The Huntington Young Men's Christian Association is the only Colored Association that sent money to the State Finance Committee. This Association gave the sum of \$6.00. The building occupied by this association cost \$5,000 which amount was raised by the colored citizens of Huntington.

One of the features of the Convention was the College Men's Conference. In the Conference, lively topics were discussed, especially Bible Study, Services to new Students, Social Activities, Athletics and Sports.

The recommendation for a State Student Secretary was discussed

and a report sent to the Executive Committee. In connection with this said report, the Executive Committee considered the matter very favorably and asked that each Student Association pledge the donation of \$10.00 per year to defray the expenses of the Student Secretary. It is hoped that our Association will take up this matter. The State Finance Committee also asked that each Association pledge some definite amount for State Fund. (Not having had any instructions concerning the matter, but believing that we could in some way raise a small sum, your delegate took it upon himself to inform the said Committee that we would contribute \$5.00 to the State Fund next year.)

After having considered the conditions of the various schools of the State, both in the Conference and in private interviews by the delegates, and considering the amount of work done, it was decided and agreed that our most pressing need is "aggressiveness;" that the schools situated in towns close to other villages should do as much extension work as possible; that we should get the names of prospective students during the summer vacation, and have some one ready to meet these new student. This is a part of school As-

sociation work; and if we expect the new student to feel that he is needed in our Association, we must let him know this as soon as he sets foot on the Campus. Members of the Association, whether senior, junior, or preparatory students, should not separate themselves from the new student, because separation causes him to think he is not welcome.

The Young Men's Christian Association is an institution of service to God, and to our fellow-man, and if we wish to be serviceable, the school Young Men's Christian Association is a most suitable place to begin. In the language of Mr. Florain, "Let us wake up, and begin now."

### New Football Changes

**Four Trials to Gain Ten Yards.  
Length of Gridiron is Shortened.  
On Side Kick and Forward Pass  
Zone Eliminated.**

1. Forward pass allowed over goal line for distance of ten yards.
2. Length of gridiron 100 yards instead of 110 yards.
3. Touchdown counts six points instead of five.
4. Four downs permitted to gain ten yards, instead of three downs.
5. Onside kick eliminated.
6. Restriction of twenty-yard zone

on forward pass eliminated.

7. Intermission between first and second, and third and fourth period reduced to one minute.

8. Kick-off from attacking team's forty-yard line instead of mid-field.

9. After touchback, ball goes in play on twenty-yard line instead of twenty-five-yard line.

10. Field judge dropped from list of officials.

11. One coach allowed on sidelines during game.

12. Field goals which first hit the ground and bound over cross bars illegal.

The rules, as changed, will give greater opportunities for scoring. The advantage however, seems to be in favor of the heavier teams, for four downs are now offered, instead of three formerly. The kicker is supplanted by the line plunger. The forward pass, always an element of doubtful efficacy, is not changed so as to materially affect the style of play. Now in the last short distance to go, we may look for the old time body crushing line bucker, and the consequent added number of concussions fractures and fatalities to off set which, the pass over the goal, and the shortening of the field are offered as partial compensation.

## An Open Letter.

HOMESTEAD, PA.,  
November 12, 1911

To the President of  
THE W. VA. COLORED INSTITUTE,  
TEACHERS AND ALUMNI:—

I have contemplated writing through the columns of THE MONTHLY to let the great host of Alumni, who are making their way to success, and bringing glory and renown upon their Alma Mater, know of the success I have been having since I graduated from the West Virginia Colored Institute in 1909.

My few years of experience since I have been out in the world, have not been laden with flowers along the pathway, neither have I found it always dreary and dismal and while I might find enough of both to fill several columns, I shall speak only concerning the course and how by it I have been benefitted, by my having completed it.

In connection with the regular Normal course of the above institution I completed the course in Printing, this being one of the allied trades, under the instructorship of Prof. Edward M. Burgess. Before completing my course however I had practical experience by working for the Edward H. Winn Printing Company of Pittsburg. After finishing school I accepted a position with the *McDowell Times* of Keystone, W. Va., and in this position I served to the best of my ability for one year, then severing my connections with the above firm I began teaching in Fayette County. I soon found out however that teaching was not my calling and that I was more adapted to Printing. After having taught one year I accepted a position with the Pioneer Printing Company of Pittsburg, of which Rev. Rodney C. Fox is the manager. After spending about three months in this office I was promoted to the foremanship and served in this capacity until I severed my connection to accept my present position of "stoneman" on the *News-Messenger*, of Homestead, Pa. Aside from this, my regular duty, I render assist-

ance in the job printing department.

The *Messenger* is an 8-page (white) paper of about 5000 circulation, and besides being the largest daily in Homestead, rivals many of the large papers of the city of Pittsburg. It carries an office force from twelve to fifteen employes and has a plant second to none in the vicinity of Pittsburg.

When asked to write a letter, concerning what I have done since I have been out of school I found myself at a loss as what to write, thinking I had done so little, yet in all I have done, I have at all times strived to do that which would bring credit upon the Institution, my Instructors and myself.

If I am credited with having made any success in my undertaking, I owe it in a large measure to my instructor in Printing. I can but say that I have carried out the instructions given me and they have always led me right, and will say, from what I have seen of the world, if the boys under his care and training now will only grasp the instructions given by him and apply every energy in receiving and holding his training, they will be able to go out into the world and "make good." I speak of Mr. Burgess because from him I have received the most individual training, for I do not underrate the instructions given from the other department one iota, because I shall ever hold each and every instructor of my Alma Mater near and dear to me.

During the years spent in learning and studying my trade, the idea seemed somewhat prevalent among the boys of this particular division (printing) that with all of its golden opportunities along this line, no inducements were offered those of my race who would decide to pursue this line of work. This, I am glad to say, however, is a greatly mistaken idea, and I would urge that more of our boys avail themselves of the opportunity—the golden opportunity—of learning such a trade. I believe the reason such an idea was and is prevalent, is that many of the boys did not apply themselves persistently during their apprenticeship and at the end of the time find that they cannot make good as a "journeyman" hence they say that the field is closed to the members of our race. But prepare yourselves and if you are really prepared to do the work the world is waiting for you with open arms.

Printing, I might say, requires more careful study than some trades.



The style of printing of the present decade is much different from that of the last, its changes are recognized year after year, and in order to be able to lend yourself readily to these changes it requires the most thorough and complete foundation possible to attain and this is done only by persistent application.

But then dear readers I am not writing an essay on how broad or unlimited the field is for the negro boy in the typographical world suffice to say that if he prepares himself success will be his. I cherish as jewels of rarest value, the following six priceless bits of advice, which were often held up before as sign posts for self guidance:

1. Be daily determined to "make good."
2. Do not look for disagreements, opposition or discrimination; should either come, remember to please only your employer.
3. Find out what he wants done, and how, and then—do it.
4. Keep good hours, and good company.
5. Save your money.
6. Always be true to God.

S. DEWITT MOSS.



## Other Messages from Alumni.

COALGATE, OKLA.,  
January 15, 1912.

To the Editor of the  
INSTITUTE MONTHLY.

Dear Sir:

I began my work in Coalgate, Okla., October 3, 1911, with an enrollment of 20 pupils. I was issued a temporary certificate from my diploma for eight months.

At first, I found it very difficult to teach, as the majority of the pupils were Choctaw Indians and very hard to comprehend, but I am glad to say I am getting along nicely now and am working very hard to get the school graded.

I am studying harder now than I did when I was in school and am trying to the best of my ability to hold high the standard of Institute.

My salary is \$75.00 per month. Sometimes I get more, if I should have a new pupil to enroll in the month. Some months I have as much as \$20.00 added to my salary. The reason the pupils are so irregular is because this is a cotton state and the people keep their children out to pick cotton. It is very warm here now.

When my school is out, I will be compelled to attend the Normal which is held in the month of June. At the end of the month I will be given an examination and the grade I make in this examination will entitle me to a certificate. These examinations are no more than our monthly tests there. So you see, it is not very hard to get a certificate in this State.

I attended an association at Otoko, Okla., Thanksgiving, and it was very interesting and helpful. I shall attend a Normal at Tulsa next month. I remain

Very truly yours,

OTELIA MORGAN, Academic 1911.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,  
ANN ARBOR, MICH.,  
Feb. 17, 1912.

To the Editor of the  
INSTITUTE MONTHLY.

Dear Sir:

I write you at this opportune time thanking you for the kind favor of sending me my record, and to let you know something of my progress thus far.

I have just finished my first semester work, passing my examinations successfully, and am now entering upon the second semester's work. A considerable portion of my work is Chemistry. Have just completed General Chemistry and am now taking up Qualitative Analysis and Pharmaceutical Chemistry. I am taking, also, Microscopy of Foods and Drugs and Accounting, which I think will keep me well employed during the semester.

I have become quite a consistent worker, idleness having no place in my room.

The privilege of attending a University means much to those seeking higher intellectual development, as one comes in contact with many well developed minds.

I would advise those who contemplate taking a college course to thoroughly master the course that is given at Institute, as the work in college depends upon a well laid foundation.

Hoping you much success in your work, I am

Yours for Institute,

B. S. BRAXTON.

### A Letter from an Ex-Student, Now in the Phillipines

CAMP JOSSMAN, GUIMARUS, P. I.  
January 8, 1912.

To the Editor of the  
INSTITUTE MONTHLY.

Dear Sir:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to write you at this time, and especially to tell you that I arrived at my destination in the best of health. You will also be glad to know that Bruce is well and getting on as well as one could expect. He seems to be perfectly happy. I meet him on board the transport "Logan". He spoke of you in the highest terms of respect, indicating that he had implicit confidence in you. I gave him the best advice I knew how and sent him on his way rejoicing.

The station which has been assigned to us is all that one could wish for situated as it is among the prosperous and intelligent people. The post is situated in a Coacanut Grove, about four miles from the ocean, thus giving us a cool breeze both day and night. The Chaplain has a fine cool place in which to hold his services, which affords us an opportunity to hear him speak and lecture.

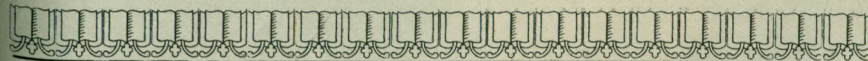
My time expires on July 15 at which time I expect to return to the U. S. before re-enlisting—if I re-enlist at all.

I hope your school is filled to overflowing, and that the students make everything pleasant for you and Mrs. Prillerman. I long to pay old Institute a visit, which I shall try to do upon returning to the United States, if circumstances will allow me to do so.

Trusting that you and family are happy and wishing you abundant success, I am

Yours very respectfully,

HUGH GWYN.



### Elimination of Christmas Holiday Saves Money for the Patrons of the School

Hereafter, the West Virginia Colored Institute will observe only one day for Christmas holiday. This action was taken by the faculty last year and has been approved by the State Board of Regents.

The object is to economize in time and money. It is estimated that the students spend more than \$1,000 during the Christmas vacation besides losing a week in which they do not learn anything.

The new method will enable the school to close May 29, 1912, giving the student a week or ten days longer in which to work to secure means to return to school.

### Ranking of the States As to the Number of Colleges and Universities Supported, and the Number of Students Enrolled.

In the statistics compiled and published recently to show the Status of the different states as to the number of Colleges and Universities supported, and the number of students enrolled, some interesting information is gleaned. In the report which follows, the first column of figures gives the

number of Colleges and Universities. The second gives the number having over 2000 enrolled, and the third shows the number of students;

State—			
1 New York	42	7	42292
2 Illinois	34	4	28293
3 Pennsylvania	35	4	24849
4 Ohio	35	2	20870
5 Indiana	20	2	16719
6 Massachusetts	17	1	16971
7 Iowa	21	2	12118
8 Kansas	19	3	11489
9 Michigan	11	1	9957
10 Wisconsin	9	1	8797
11 Missouri	16	1	8621
12 Nebraska	10	1	8617
13 California	11	1	8417
14 Minnesota	9	1	8338
15 Tennessee	18	0	7993
16 Louisiana	5	0	6115
17 Virginia	14	0	5530
18 N. Carolina	13	0	5260
19 D. Columbia	10	0	4886
20 S. Carolina	14	0	4682
21 Washington	4	1	4567
22 Oregon	7	0	4464
23 Alabama	8	0	4297
24 Connecticut	6	1	4246
25 Colorado	5	0	3624
26 Georgia	8	0	3378
27 Maryland	11	0	3339
28 New Jersey	8	0	3304
29 Kentucky	10	0	3132
30 Arkansas	7	0	2924
31 North Dakota	4	0	2734
32 Utah	2	0	2445
33 Mississippi	6	0	2219
34 Maine	4	0	2114
35 South Dakota	5	0	2086
36 West Virginia	3	0	1995
37 N. Hampshire	3	0	1445
38 R. Island	2	0	1121

Free advice is the kind people give away because they have no use for it.

### A Unique Invention

[Special from "Howard's Weekly" Chicago, Ill.]

A novelistic, unique and practical invention has been made by one of West Virginia's most brilliant colored student. Mr. Gurnett E. Ferguson, teacher in Nuttallburg, West Virginia, the Switzerland of America, conceived in his active mind an article that music students have been silently longing for, yet placing it beyond their dreams—a Music Turner. This unique invention is pending patent in Washington D. C. as the Ferguson Music Turner." [Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Normal Class 1912, W. Va. C. I.]

### Athletic Comments.

[CONTRIBUTED]

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we notice the growing interest in the athletic sports of the school. The young ladies have organized basket-ball teams and we hope to see them busy at work in the early spring, since they have no gymnasium to play in during the winter season.

In the last few years the base-ball team and foot-ball team have established athletic relations with the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute of Frankfort, Ky.,

and Wilberforce University.

It is regretted that the school is located at such a great distance from other representative institutions that it is almost impossible, under present conditions, to establish athletic relations with the other schools.

During the three years that the West Virginia Colored Institute team has crossed bats with the sluggers from the Blue Grass regions, W. V. C. I. has lost only one game out of six. During the two years that the hillmen of the West Virginia Colored Institute have battled with the champions of the Buckeye State, W. V. C. I. has lost only one game out of four to Wilberforce.

The foot-ball team, under the coaching of Dr. J. B. Brown (former quarter for Howard), has been successful in defeating the Kentucky eleven both of the two years the teams have battled on the gridiron. The West Virginia Colored Institute team met the Wilberforce team for the first time last season. Wilberforce outweighed the W. V. C. I. team by ten or fifteen pounds; but Capt. Harris who has been the star of many games, infused courage into his braves and was able to hold the game to a tie.

The school is in need of an enclosed athletic field in order that

admission can be collected for games played on the grounds. A gymnasium is needed, also, in order that students can be given exercises in physical culture and have indoor games during the winter season. A great deal of the "rough house" exhibited during the winter season is only the escape of a surplus amount of undirected energy. I hope that some day the Board will build a dam across the ravine running through the school grounds and form a lake which will not only add beauty to the natural scenery, but will furnish a place for skating in the winter.

I look forward to the time when the school authorities will see the need of these improvements and supply a long felt want.

The Majority of students in the average Negro school gets but little physical training. They graduate with weak bodies and often succumb to the first attack of any fatal disease.

Athletics should be encouraged not only for the benefit derived physically, but also for the great moral influence gained from well regulated Athletics.

The few warm days have enticed some of the boys out to begin limbering up their arms. The manager hopes to see the boys out at hard practice as soon as the weather gets

warm enough to dry the ground.

Several positions are to be filled this year on the team and all positions are open to the best men.

Burke, Brown, and Johnson are back this year. With last year's experience and hard practice, they should be able to take care of the mound. They lack control more than anything else. Johnson has speed and curves, but needs control. The manager hopes to see the boys get in trim so they can cut the corners and split the groove.

Taylor showed up well last year as backstop and hit hard. He ought to make good this season.

Deans had his best year on the initial sack last year after he had gotten in form. The manager hopes that Deans may be able to leave his assistant in charge of his shop so that he can join the regulars in the first of the season for hard practice.

This year will be Captain Harris' last season, as he graduates in May. The manager hopes to see him make this his best year, as he did not show up in his regular form last season. Harris is fast on bases and a hard worker in any game.

Capt. Saunders, ("Old Emmett") Class of '11, has asked for a game on May 3. He says he is going to have a team that will trim the

colts.

The games scheduled, to-date, are:

May 3rd .....Montgomery Stars  
 May 24-25 .....Wilberforce Univ'ty  
 May 28-29 .....Alumni All-Stars  
 Other dates to be filled.

#### Excerpts from Jones Society "Weekly."

Last week a teacher made this report to a group of boys, "It's six degrees below Zero outside." One of the boys said, "Why, I am colder than that."

An officer of the Cadet Corps was heard to say to a private, "If you do like I did maybe you will get an office." The private replied, "It's not what you did that got you your office. It's what you didn't do."

A certain gentleman was taking an unusual long time to eat his dinner the other day. The waitress became tired of waiting for his plate, and said to him, "When are you going to stop eating?" He replied, "when I die."

Mrs. Molly Brooks died of cancer at the home of her daughter in Charleston and was buried in the village cemetery yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Brooks was not known

by many of the students, but she was one of the oldest inhabitants of this place.

Mr. Kellogg sees a hard time these days, especially at the hands of those who haven't studied him for several years. A Senior said to another Senior, "When have you wrote a local?" The other Senior replied, "I haven't wrotten one this year."

One of the greatest questions in Physics was solved by a little incident around this institution. It has long been a question of what would happen if an irresistible force met an immovable body. The gas from Dawson Hall and the gas from Atkinson Hall met between the two buildings last night—Spontaneous combustion was the result.

The following letter was received this morning. It was written by a member of the Dunbar Society who paid a visit to the Jones Society last night:—

EDITOR *The Dunbar Weekly*:

I am a bystander. I do not take a very active part in anything, but I try to get all that I can out of everything. I have recently paid a visit to the Jones Literary Society and have been most favorably impressed with the spirit shown by that organization. They are waking up. They have thrown off the cloak of passiveness and clothed themselves in the

robe of ambition and energy. They have taken pains to elect a corps of efficient officers. The President is particularly well fitted for his position. Under his leadership, the Society will certainly have remarkable progress. Members of the Dunbar, bestir yourselves. Throw off that feeling of lassitude that enshrouds you and awake your senses to the opportunities that are yours, if you wish to retain your present standard.

### Excerpts from Dunbar Society "Weekly."

E. W., you had better look sharp. There is much music in the air and you might B. Flat. You know he is very fond of music.

A member of the Senior class said to the President the other day, "What is the use of a finger bowl? Do you drink out of it?"

A teacher asked a member of the Freshman class, "What is a skeleton?" The student replied, "A skeleton is what you have left when you take a man's insides out and his outsides off."

Drawing students, please take notice. The teacher of Drawing asked Elvin Graves, "What is the difference between a protractor and an irregular curve?" He replied, "There is none."

Mr. Arthur Noel, Class of '13,

who was injured in football practice a day or two before the Wilberforce Game, has returned to school. We are very glad to see Mr. Noel looking so well.

The editor of *The Weekly* wishes to speak a few words in commendation of a practice that has been growing steadily and has secured a firm-foot hold in both literary societies of this institution. I refer to the practice of calling upon visitors from the opposite society to speak. Not only does this help the Society addressed, but it gives the speaker himself opportunity to develop his oratorical powers and become accustomed to facing an audience. It also gives encouragement to the members and performers, for it has been noticed that every person who speak has a word of encouragement.

The following is taken from *The Independent* for January 18. Raymond Patterson is a colored man who has written "The Negro and his Needs." He was a classmate in Yale of President Taft, who has written a page to introduce him. Mr. Patterson has had unusual opportunities to learn the conditions of the Negro in all parts of the country, and he has given here the results of his studies with generous quotations from interviews

with white men and black. He tells very freely the worst facts about Negro conditions and his conclusions are along the line that all educational efforts should be developed within the Grammar schools and that when illiteracy has been removed, it will be time to develop higher Education. We do not accept these views, but the book is well written and full of interest.

### Test for Efficiency In Printing Offered By Instructor E. M. Burgess.

In order to encourage close observation and clean composition in the Division of Printing, Mr. Burgess, the instructor, will give a prize, in each of the remaining school months, to the student who has, on his proof, the least number of errors in composition on our school paper, THE MONTHLY.

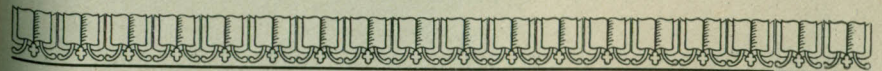
The contest began on the January number of THE MONTHLY, and

everyone did his best to win the prize. After averaging the amount of type set up by each individual, and the number of errors contained therein for the issue, it was found that William Vaughan won the prize, for the January issue, with Thurmond Straughter a very close second, and John Branch, Elvin Graves, Edward Mills, Bert Ross, and Wesley Grey following in the order named.

The prize is a beautiful Nelson vest-pocket edition of the New Testament.

Mr. Vaughan feels very proud to be in possession of such a valuable book, and lauds the instructor for the selection of such an appropriate present.

It is hoped that all the boys in the office will vie for supremacy in trying to have as few errors as possible in all their work. May our proofs on the next edition be so clean that there will be no errors at all, then we will all receive a prize.—Don W. Jones.



## Around the Institute

Little Lillian Guss who was on the sick list is out again.

Miss Ernestine Morris, of Louisa, Va., a member of the Preparatory class, has withdrawn from school.

Editor Whittico of the *The McDowell Times* of Keystone, was a pleasant visitor the latter part of the month.

Supts. Shawkey, and Laidley, payed the institute a business trip recently. They met the assembled faculty, and delivered interesting talks.

Mdme Blanche Tyler and Miss Lizzie Hopkins of the Charleston City schools were visitors at the School recently. They are always welcome.

The Senior Normal Class were the guests of the Faculty Reading Circle at a recent session. The class expressed many thanks for the literary treat it received.

Miss Mary Eubank, of the Domestic Science Department is away on leave of absence. Miss Eubank will spend some time in

Columbus, where she will visit the Domestic Science and art Department of the Ohio State University.

Pres. Prillerman was invited by Mdme Flavilla Railey to speak at the closing of her school at Smithers, the last week of February. The President visited the Montgomery Schools of which Mr. H. H. Railey, an old alumnus, is the efficient principal.

Instructor Burgess, who spent some time in visiting the Trade School in Columbus, Ohio reports favorably concerning the work done, especially in the Department of printing. Mr. Burgess got many new ideas that will be useful to him in his work.

Mrs. Johnson, the mother of McCulty, Mollie, MacVey, and Jacob, Johnson, students of the Institute, who was taken to the Charleston General Hospital for an operation, the latter part of the month, is on the road to recovery. The family thanks the many friends for kindness.

The Managing Editor attended

by invitation the closing exercises of the Wolf Creek School near Fayetteville. Mr. DeWitt Meadows, Normal 1910, the teacher had an interesting closing.

The schools of Fayetteville were also visited. The assistant in the latter schools is Miss Pearl Rotan, Normal Class of 1911. Miss McDaniel the principal spoke creditably of Miss Rotan's work.

The Model Class, ranging in ages from 5 to 11, presented the training teacher, Mrs. Carter, with a beautiful dining room picture,

the afternoon of the 23, and rendered the following program.

Opening Address	Ruth Canty
Piano Solo	Lillian Guss
Recitation	Myrtle Prillerman
Piano Solo	Miss Lucy Smith
Piano Solo	Mrs. C. E. Mitchell
Piano Solo	Ednora Prillerman
Toast	Mrs. E. M. Burgess
Recitation	Eloise Lovette
Piano Solo	Margaret Jones

All arrangements were devised and executed by the members of the class, of which Marcia Canty is president, Ednora Prillerman, treasurer, Lillian Guss, secretary, and Eloise Lovette, critic.

### When I am Dead

When I am dead, my spirit  
 Shall wander far and free  
 Through realms the dead inherit  
 Of earth and sky and sea;  
 Through morning dawn and gloaming,  
 By midnight moons at will,  
 By shores where the waves are foaming,  
 By seas where the waves are still.

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We shall stand above the thunder,  
 And watch the lightnings hurled  
 At the misty mountains under,  
 Of the dim forsaken world.  
 We shall find our footsteps' traces,  
 And passing hand in hand  
 By old familiar places,

We shall laugh, and understand.—*Rennell Ke'd*

## The National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools

Holds its Ninth Annual Session in Chattanooga, Tenn., July 24-28, 1912.

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W. T. B. WILLIAMS, *President*  
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DR. M. W. DOGAN,  
*Chairman Executive Committee*  
Wiley University  
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J. R. E. LEE, *Corresponding Secretary*  
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

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Manual Reader.....	Hughston Brown

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Hereafter, Report Cards of the student's standing in school will be sent to parent or guardian at the close of each term, instead of monthly as formerly.

Parents and guardians should carefully examine these cards as they indicate the progress the student is making in school.

## The Week at Institute

### THE DAILY SCHEDULE

Rising Bugle .....	5:30 a. m.
Breakfast .....	6:30
Study Period .....	7:00-8:00
Chapel .....	8:00
Recitations .....	8:30-12:00
Dinner .....	12:15
Library .....	12:45-1:16
Recitations .....	1:30-4:10
Military Drill .....	4:15-4:45
Supper .....	5:00
Evening Study Period .....	6:30-9:30
Lights Out .....	10:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING .....	6:30
LITERARY SOCIETIES—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS... ..	6:30

### THE SABBATH DAY

Young Men's Christian Association .....	8:15 A. M.
Sabbath School .....	9:30
Young Women's Christian Association .....	1:00 P. M.
Song and Prayer Service .....	6:30



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