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Editorials

THE WEST VIRGINIA TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION WILL BE IN SESSION November, 28 and 29, at Huntington, W. Va. The impression prevails that this will be a record breaking session both in numbers and the quality of its deliberations. ¶ President Sims is doing very much to arouse interest in this session, and he is using his best efforts to secure the best for his feature addresses. ¶ The Northern West Va. Teacher's Association will also be in session on the same date at Grafton. ¶ Mr. Chas. W. Florence, its amiable president has issued his program and circular letter to the teachers of the state The subjects to be discussed are vital educational ones, and there has been a nice adaptation as to fitne s of the subject to the person. Dr. Lewis B. Moore is the feature speaker of the occasion. ¶ It is to be regretted that these sectional associations cannot form a coalition. In union there is more strength, whatever strength may exist in each at the present, and however successfully each at the present pursues the even tenor of its way. Right of priority of existence, fancied and erroneous beliefs in the existence of an official trust, nor anything trivial, that after due and calm deliberation, will not result in the greatest educational benefit to the greatest number of our people, should be dropped into the sea of oblivion. We believe, for we are optmistic, that the thoughtful brainy officers of each, if some power could bring them together, could devise some plan, could formulate some method looking towards consolidation, that would be ratified by both bodies. The Monthly speaks thus, as an exponent for everything that breathes of an uplift for the race in this commonwealth, and not from suggestion. The point is-Let us get together!

PRESIDENT ELECT, THE HON. WOODROW WILSON, HAS RECEIVED THE verdict that entitles him to enter upon the most trying journey of his

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life. All else heretofore with him, has beem myth and mist compared to the strenuous times he will experience in the next four years.

¶ He may prove—and, we pray that he may—to be the one man of training, indgment, and courage to lead us out of the wilderness in which we have been groping for a while. He will be the nation's president, he will be our president, and we hope that he will be a greatsouled president "of all the people." ¶ The Monthly,s interest in the state's political outcome, was, perhaps, a little selfish. The attitude of the incoming State officials, and of the legislature towards Negro education was of very great interest to us. We expected due consideration from any legislature that West Virginians would elect; but we feel that the cause of Negro Education may be safely entrusted to the legislature elect. ¶ We congratulate each State official who has been assured of his reelection and also those upon whom the honor falls for the first time.

THE MONTHLY DESIRES TO COMMEND THE ATTITUDE OF THE OLD students toward the changes necessitated by the installation of the new courses of study. I thad been prophesied that the lengthening of our courses would entail a consequent diminution in the numbers of the old student body. Instead, all, with rare exceptions, have quickly accepted the new conditions, and their action has exerted a helpful influence upon many of the new students.



Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Taylor, the celebrated Anglo-African composer, at the early age of thirty-seven, brings a distinct. sense of loss to his race and to the world/ Mr. Coleridge-Taylor was the son of a doctor of medicine, a native of Sierra Leone, and an English mother. He was born in London in 1875. He played well on the violin before he was six years old. being able to read music before he could read English. At sixteen he entered the Royal College of Music, where he studied with Sir Villiers Stanford, gaining a scholarship for composition in 1893. Five years later the first part of his Hiawatha trilogy - Hiawatha's Wedding Feast-by which he is best known in America, was produced at the Royal College. The second part -The Death of Minnehaha-appeared the next year, and the third Haiwatha's Departure—in the year following. In 1901, the tal-

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The death of Samuel Coleridge- ented young composer came to Washington and personally conducted the Coleridge-Taylor Choral Society, composed entirely of colored men and women, in its rendering of his famous trilogy. The production was a great musical success. The composer is said to have been stronger in the lyrical passages than in dramatic portraval.

> Mr. Coleridge-Taylor has made many visits to America and has given much pleasure with programs of his own productions. On the occasion of one of these visits he put through the press a volume of African melodies, some of the themes of which he characterized as "simple, grand, and noble." He showed his interest in his own race also by writing seven songs entitled "African Romances," and three choral ballads with orchestra set to three of Longfellow's "Poems of Slavery." His versa-

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tility is shown by the fact that he dramas also wrote incidental music for "Nero." many of the plays which Sir Her- Stephen Phillips. In 1904 he bert Beerbohm Tree produced at became conductor of the London His Majesty's Theatre. This in- Handel Society. cluded accompaniments to the

"Herod." "Ulysses." and "Faust." all by

-Southern Workman

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How the Faculty Spent the Summer.

President Byrd Prillerman directed the Summer School at Institute, spent one week in Chicago in company with Mrs. Prillerman attending the National Education Association. He addressed the Baptist Women's State Convention. the McDowell County Teachers' Institute, and the West Virginia Baptist Association.

Mr. James M. Canty spent his Summer at Institute, developing his farm.

Mr. A. W. Curtis taught Agriculture in the State Summer School, and spent one week with his brother in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. S. Hamlin Guss conducted a Teachers' Institute at Bluefield. and spent some time in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mr. C. E. Mitchell assisted in the State Summer School, and

Mr. Charles E. Jones taught in the State Summer School.

Mr. William A. Spriggs spent his summer at Institute and Springfield, Ohio.

Miss Mary Eubank spent the summer session at Columbia University. New York City.

Mr. Solomon Brown spent his summer at Institute.

Mr. Joseph W. Lovette visited his old home in Macon. Miss., and spent some days at Tuskegee Institute, his Alma Mater.

Mr. W. H. Lowry attended the State Summer School at Institute.

Mrs. Emma Cousins-Dorsev spent the summer in Charleston under the care of a physician.

Mr. Albert G. Brown spent the summer at Institute and Malden.

spent some time in Atlanta and New York.

Mrs. Margaret M. Lowry spent her summer at Institute, and visited her parents in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Fannie C. Cobb Carter taught in the State Summer School at Institute.

Miss Charlotte Ruth Campbell spent the summer session at Columbia University. She also attended the wedding of Miss Lucy Case Smith in Chatanooga, Tenn., and visited in Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Mitchell spent her summer in New York studying under the composer, Paul Wolfshorn.

Valdessa Scott, the Second, Queen of Milk Cows.

One of the oldest and most valuable of all dairy breeds of cattle is the Holstein-Fresian, that strongly marked, beautiful animal of north Holland and Friesland. Interes in this breed is becoming marked at this time, and many admirers of Jerseys, Guernseys, Ayrshires, Devons, Dutch Belted. Polled Durhams, Red Polls, and Shorthorns are turning their attention to the strongly marked black and white Holsteins. This breed is noted for large frame, strong bone, abund-

Miss Amanda D. Gamble spent the summer at Atlantic City.

Mr. Thomas B. Payne spent his summer at his home in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Harry Davis spent part of the summer at the Patterson Carriage Works, in Greenfield, Ohio.

Mr. Alonzo C. Ellis spent his summer at Institute and his home in Fayette County.

Miss Lewellyn Spriggs spent her vacation in Atlantic City.

Mr. R. L. Brown spent his vacation at Atlantic City.

ance of flesh, silken coat, extreme docility, and large vield of milk.

About two years ago Josephine, a Holstein dairy cow owned by the agricultural college of the University of Missouri, took the world's milk record from Johanna, a Holland dairy cow owned by J. W. Gillett, of of Rosendale, Wis.

Johanna,s record for six months totaled 15,541 pounds of milk. Josephine's total for the same period was 16,744 pounds. Johanna's best single month in her year's test was 2,783 pounds, against Josephine's high mark for one month of 2,960 pounds.

Valdessa Scott 2d, a Holstein

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Fresian cow, owned by Bernard credit of introducing this breed Meyer, of Finderne, N. J., has been here, and maintaining its puriay is subjected to a test which is said to have demonstrated that she is the best cow in the world, excelling all previous records. In 30 days she produced 2,929.9 pounds of milk and 164.27 pounds of butter. There were three retests in connection with these records, in which time the cow was under constant watch day and night and by different supervisors.

Among those who watched the cow was Prof. Alfred S. Cook, of the New Jersey experiment station, who saw the cow give 26 pounds of milk six hours after a first milking. The milk also tested 4.70 per cent butter fat. W. D. Golding, of the New Jersey experiment station, was in charge of the tests.

Definite records exist of several importations of this breed prior to 1850. It is believed that the early Dutch settlers brought some here n the seventeenth century. The

accorded to Winthrop W. Chenery, of Massachusetts. Three importations were made by him prior to 1862; other importations soon followed. They have increased rapidly by importations and by breeding, and are now to be found in nearly every State in the Union.

These animals are very large feeders, and at the same time are dainty about their food. To thrive best they must have an abundance of rich food. The cows yield milk in proportion to their size. They are famous as great milk producers.

Cows giving from 40 to 60 pounds of milk a day (5 to 7 gallons) are regarded as average animals, 7,500 to 8,000 pounds a year being the dependable herd average. They have frequently made from 15 to 25 pounds of butter a week, and 30 pounds in a few instances.



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cerning the the evidences of progress of the work here. She held a talk to the student body the several convocations with the morning of the 25th.



Among the Societies

A judicious division of the students into three literary societies has been effected. This arrangement was necessitated on account of the unwieldy size of the former Jones, and Dunbar Societies.

The Phyllis Weatley, "The Bull Moose," and "The Douglass," composel. respectively of the upper class girls, the upper class boys, and the lower class girls and boys, are the new creations. It is hoped that by this new arrangement, more opportunity will be given to the smaller membership of appearing oftener upon the progams, and hence deriving more benefit.

A better chance for personal supervision by the literary committee is offered, and every effort is to be put forth to develop a taste for the best literary productions, and their pleasing effective presentation.

The Phyllis Wheatley Society meets each Friday evening, the Bull Moose, each Saturday evening, and the Douglass, each Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:50.

Mrs. Rosa Harper Brown, and Miss Ola Calhoun; Edward Fulks and Edgar Beach, George Patterson, and Bessie Jameson are respectively Presidents and Secretaries of the societies as named. The Bible classes of the Y. M.

C. A. and Y. W. C. A. have been reorganized, and an improved course of helpful reading has been planned.

The Sunday evening exercises given by the Y. W. C. A. the fourth Sunday night of October, was greatly appreciated.

The various meetings of both associations have been well attended, and considerable interest is manifested.

Miss Josephine Pinyon of Washington D. C., special secretary for the college Y. W. C. A. 's was a business visitor the 24, and 25 of October.

Miss Pinyon is a B. Sc. in agriculture from Cornell Unviersity, and is well qualified to preform the services for which she has been chosen. She was very hopeful con-

Athletics

Under the leadership of Mr. T. B. what little advantage might have double teams of basket ball players have been organized among the girls. Practice and contests are field. held, and the young ladies are rapidly learning the points of the game. As soon as the various teams have properly uniformed themselves, more satisfactory results will be realized.

A basket ball association has been organized among the teachers also. Mr. Payne is the instructor, and the teachers are taking a lively interest in the game. Casualties at this date are few, and not necessarily serious.

The Foot Ball game between Wilberforce University and the W. Va. Colored Institute, at Wilberforce, October, 18, resulted in the defeat of Institute, by the score of 12 to 7.

It was hotly contested thru every second of its progress, and it was a toss and take your choice. as to which eleven would be standing under its goal bar.

Institute, while defeated by a better team, was out weighed, and

Payne, instructor in smithing, three accrued to them by virtue of the speed of its backs, was rendered nil by the muck and mud of the

> It began raining about 11:30 A. M. and by three P. M. the ground was soaked.

Ouite a crowd was out in spite of the rain, and even though they were Wilberforce enthusiasts, all were compelled to acknowledge that they had witnessed one of the gamest and cleanest, contests ever put up on the Varsity field.

The Garnett eleven came down on the 11th of October and gave Institute a nice work out.

The score of 27 to 0 in favor of Institute, does not indicate that the Old Gold and Black had a walk over. Garnett showed unusual facility in boring thru our line, and making 2 to 3 yard gains. Coach Brown talked softly and sweetly to his boys at the end of the first half which showed results in the last half.

Dr. Ellis, of Howard University. was referee.

Around the Institue

The West Virginia Colored Institute is crowded to its utmost capacity. This is the second month of the fall term, and there have been registered 264 students as against 243 this time last year. Last winter, President Prillerman made a special canvass of the State for boys above sixteen years of age. This has resulted in filling the boys' dormitory to overflowing. As several other boys are expected still, arrangements are being made to provide quarters for them in another building. The scholarship of the new students shows that great improvement is being made in the public schools of the State.

The curriculum has been strengthened by adding one year to the Academic course. It is highly complimentary to the old students that none of them have dropped out because of this lengthening of the course.

If one would like to see put into practical application the theories that are being advanced about vocational education, he should visit

the West Virginia Colored Institute on any school day in the week. If he visits the literary department, he will find him studying such subjects as arithmetic, grammar, history, geography, algebra, geometry, Latin, liteature, rhetoric, etc. If he visits the industrial department, he will find the girls cooking, making dresses and hats. He will find the boys engaged in painting, brickmasonry, wheelwrighting, printing, carpentry, and mechanical drawing. In the Commercial department, he will find them engaged in shorthand, typewriting, and bookkeeping. If he visits the agricultural department, he will find some of the boys milking cows, others working on the farm, and some engaged in the greenhouse. The Institute farm presents an unusually good appearance this fall. Several acres that have been in clover for the last two years have been sowed with rye and vetch, with the view to putting the soil in a high state of cultivation. Interest in agriccult-

ure is growing rapidly in this institution. All students in the preparatory classes are required to take agriculture one term and all students pursuing the Normal course are required to take the subject of agriculture one year.

By this means it is hoped to enable the teacher going out from the institution to do much greater good in the rural schools to which they go to teach.

Miss Zanphra Robinson of Institute, Class of 1900, and Mr. Walter J. Napper of Hill Top, Academic Class of 1912, were quietly married the night of August, the 21, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Brown of Wilmington, Delaware.

Only a few friends of the family. and of the high contracting parties were present.

Delbert Prillerman presided at the organ. The bride was the recipient of beautiful and useful gifts. Mrs. Napper is a successful teacher of Fayette Co. The Monthly wishes naught but long life and happiness to the happy pair.

Miss Lucy Case Smith of Chattanooga, former teacher in English at this Institution, 15 now Mdme. George Mitchel of Greensboro N. C.

Mr. Mitchel is a successful lawyer and real estate dealer of Greensboro, and is considered a solid and reliable citizen. The

Monthly craves for each unmeasured and unstinted joy.

Mr. Flovd Waddy, a former student of this school is reported married to an estimable young lady. whose name and antecedents we are unable to give. Mr. Waddy was a star athlete while a student here. He is the electrician at present in the Coal River Power Plant.

The Monthly wishes much happiness to both.

The death of Miss Alma Peters. a commercial grad of 1911, and employed in Brooklyn as stenographer, has been reported to us. The Monthly extends sympathy to the sorrowing parents.

Miss Eula Watkins, class of 1912, has been employed as domestic science teacher in the school of Goldsboro, N. C. Knowing Miss Watkins' capabilities, we feel that she will make good.

W. Augustus Brown, Normal and carpenter, class of 1902, and commercial grad. of 1910, has accepted the position of private secretary to the president of the State school for a week or more, on ac-University of Louisville Ky.

Miss Jessie Lindsay 1911, a grade teacher in the excellent schools of Huntington, was a business visitor to the school the latter part of October, Miss Lindsay is one of our most loyal alumnae.

Miss Nannie Saunders and Mr. D. C. Deans Jr. have been in the employ, as stenographers, of the State Republican Committee at Charleston. Both are Commercial grads of 1912, and both have been making good.

Mr. Ernest Chambers, Agricultural Specialist of 1907, who until recently was employed in the agricultural department of our School. has accepted the position of Agricultural director in an industrial School at Dalton, Missouri. Mr. Chambers writes glowing accounts of the situation there. We proudly record the promotion of all products of this School.

Mr. Jacob Johnson of Institute is now employed as teamster in place of Mr. George Hurt resigned.

President Prillerman has granted the local branch of the Federation of Women-The Home Maker's Club-the privilege of holding their weekly meetings in the library of the Institute.

count of an operation for throat troubles.

Mr. N. A. Murray, assistant in the agricultural Department, has moved his family into the house owned by R. L. Brown.

E. Howard Harper Esq. was a visitor to the school October the 24. He spoke to the student body, and his remarks were attentively received.

R. L. Brown, our enginer; and village merchant, has been ur.able to preform his duties for some time. -He has been suffering with rheumatism. T. J. Woodlev '11. has been substituting for him.

The pastor of the village church. the proprietor of the village school. and the mistress of the village school are graduates of this institution.

Mdme Prillerman, wife of president Prillerman, and her daughters, Myrtle and Ednorah, paid a hurried visit to their relatives at London, the latter part of October.

Mr. C. E. Mitchel, business manager, assisted for a few days in the offices of the Board of Control. Madame Prillerman assisted in his department during his absence.

Several new acquisi ions have been made to the farm Chief, a-Lillian Guss, a student of the, mong these are two sp'endid mu'e Sub-Freshman class, was out of teams, a registered Guerrsey Bull,

a pedigreed Duroc Jersey Boar, half hours at our station, and was and several registered brood sows. visited by the faculty and student

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The Duroc Jersey is sired by a Six thousand Dollar blue ribbon winner, and dammed by a pedigreed mother.

These valuable additions to the agricultural department were secured by the business manager and the agricultural director A. W. Curtis from the neighborhood of Lexington Ky. where they were selected from a lot after thorough inspection.

The breeding of these pure bred stocks, will add much to the worth and quality of the stock of the vicinity.

The managing editor, recently d visited the Ohio State University, where Delbert Prillerman, Orester Pierce, Daniel Ferguson, alumni of of the W. Va. C. I. are freshman in Agriculture. He received favorable reports of their progress from the professors under whom they took work. There are nearly a thousand students, at this great institution, taking agriculture.

Pres. Prillerman was the honored guest of the management of the agricultural train which passed thru institute Oct. 17, en route to Point Pleasant and intermediate points of the K. & M. railroad. On the 6th of the month, the demonstration train stopped for one and a visited by the faculty and student body. The utmost courtesy was shown by the management towards the School and the visiting farmers. The agricultural Students, and the farmers of the vicinity were much benefited by the lectures, and enthused over the agricultural exhibits from the state.

State Supt. M. P. Shawkey, and Hon. George S. Laidley made official visits to the school. Supt. Shawkey made a visit to some of the departments. Supt. Laidley delivered one of his characteristic addresses to the faculty, and also talked encouragingly to the student body.

Mrs. Georgia Glover Spurlock, Class of 1898, now the wife of Supt. of Industries A. C. Spurlock of St. Paul School, was a pleasant visitor to her Alma Mater last month. Her husband, Prof. Spurlock is

also an alumnus of this school.

Dewitt Moss, '09, now Stoneman on the Press News, a large daily of Homestead Pa., was a smiling visitor to his Alma Matter. The Monthly delights to say something laudable about alumni who are making good.

Leroy Hall, Class of 1905, teacher and carpenter, is finishing the contract of a \$4000.00 school building at St. Albans his home town.

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He has been assisted in the carpentry work on Saturdays by T. C. Friend, class of '12, who spends his time five days in the week, teaching creditably as principal of the Mandeville School, a sister village of St. Albans.

Messers, A. G. Brown and S. H. Guss went over to see the Wilberforce Institute game. On the return from Xenia, Columbus was included in the itenerary, where the Michigan-Ohio State game was witnessed.

Most of the departments of that great Institution were visited, and both report the most cordial treatment from the officials with whom they came in contact. D. Ferguson, O. Pierce, and D. Prillerman, now enrolled as Freshman, were glad to see their former teachers.

We met our old staunch and loyal upholder of the Black and Old Gold, H. Herbert Banks in Columbus, and at the "Force." He was hale, hearty, and seemingly prosperous.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Brown, October 10, a fine girl. The father is smilng, the mother and child are doing niceiy.

Mr. W. S. Stevens, of New Orleans, La., was a business visitor to the Institute the last week of October. The Hon. Mr. Stevens is the special representative of the State Educational authorities of Louisiana and visited here at the special request of the U. S. educational afficials, to gather ideas and facts from this Institution, to be used in the establishment of a State School of similar nature in Louisiana.

It is reported that straight University may be moved from the city of New Orleans, and that his data gathered here may be used in connection with the enlarged scheme that is projected for this school.

Mr. Fred D. Page, an alumnus of this school, a successful teacher, and a useful citizen, addressed the student body and faculty Sunday October 27, at 11 A. M. Mr. Page's remarks were an exposition of what constituted true religion. His adaddress was forceful, eloquent, and was listened to with much interest.

Mr. W. C. Payne of Washington D. C. who, with his wife visited Mr. and Mis. Joseph Lovette the 26 of October, spoke to the Schoel Sunday night of October 27, in Hazlewood Hall. Mr. Payne's remarks were clear and practical. Mdme Payne is the first cousin of Mrs. Lovette, whom she had not seen for many years.

President Prillerman is in receipt of a letter from Rev. Burgess, our former instructor in printing. Mr. Burgess feeling the call of the

Master, is laboring in the Missionary Christian Alliance Mission on Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. Burgess made the change only after he given the matter profound consideration, and felt that his usefulness had a wider field for doing good as a laborer for the Master, than that in which he lahored here.

His services here was felt as a needed impulse to the moral life of the institution, and he will be missed. Naught but success is desired for him, whenever he may be.

Miss Lula Gardner, of Coshocton Ohio, is visiting her friend Anna Watkins, a special student of the Institute, Miss Watkins entertained in honor of Miss Gardner the night of the 22d of October, in the parlor of McCorkle Hall. About 30 young ladies were present.

Prof. A. W. Curtis of The West Virginia Colored Institute, left Monday, November 11th, for Atlantic, Ga., to attend the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations. The Negro representatives in attendance at this Association will holda special Conference at the Atlanta University, where addresses will be delivered by Hon. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education: Mr.

F. B. Jenks, Land Grant College Specialist; President Kenvon L. Butterfied of the Massachusetts Agricultural College; Dr. H. E. Stockbridge, Editor of "The Southern Ruralist", and a number of prominent Negro educators, A similiar Conference was held at the Annual meeting at Columbus, Ohio last fall, when President Prillerman was elected Chairman to make arrangements for the coming meeting at Atlanta.

Mr. T. H. Norman, an employee in the Postoffice Department at Washington, spent November 3rd and 4th here, the guest of his sonin-law, Mr. Solomon Brown, and President Prillerman. He gave interesting talks to the student body both Sabbath morning and evening. Mr. Norman is a man of unusual strength of character. President Byrd Prillerman and Helived in Montgomery, West Va. where he reared a large family of girls whom he succeeded in giving a good education. Miss Willie Nor man is a member of the Seinor Normal Class this year, having graduated from the M. Street High School Washington last year.

Several teachers and students attended the Shakesperean plays by Ropert Mantell in Charleston Thursday night.

Mr. David C. Deans, Commercial Class of 1912, has returned from

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stenographer in the Republican cedted a position as stenographer Headquarters. He left Monday, November 11th.

Clarksburg, where he served as for Atlanta. Ga., where he has acwith Mr. Ben Davis.

RICHARD B. HARRISON, of Chicago, Ill., One of the Race's Foremost Male Dramatic Readers, Who Read to the Students and Faculty of the West Va. Colored Institute, the Night of November 9, 1912.

Notice to Parents or Guardians:

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	8:30
Recitations	. 8:30-12:00
Dinner	12:15
Library	
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 EVEN	INGS 6:30

THE SABBATH DAY

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

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