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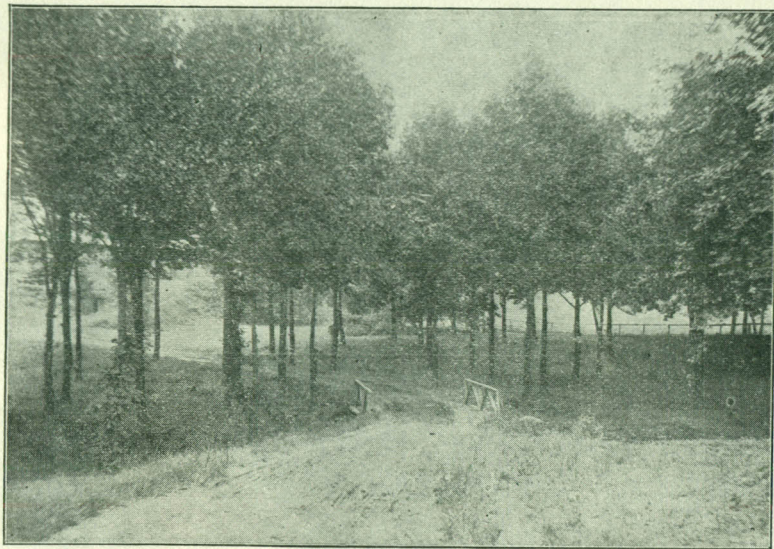
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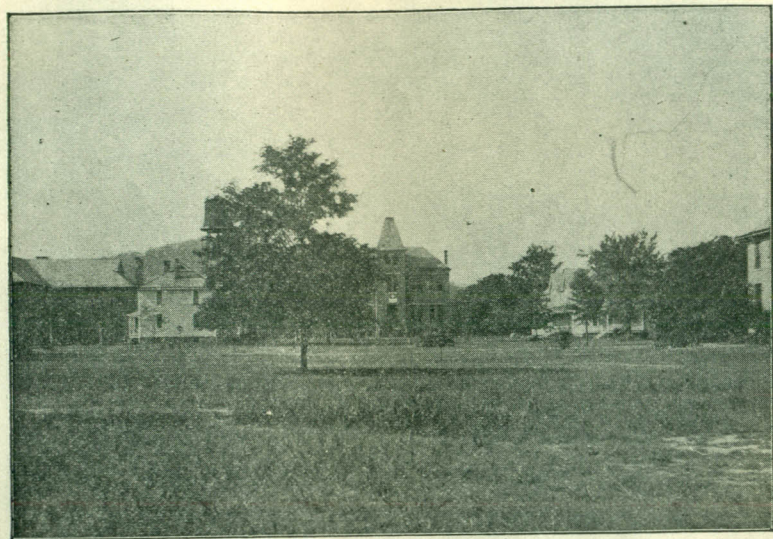
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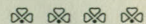
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## EDITORIALS

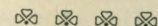
WE ARE INSERTING ELSEWHERE IN THESE COLUMNS A LETTER, FROM Commissioner Claxton, of an advisory nature in reference to some of the work carried on by some schools whose functions come within the limits of the terms of his letter. ¶ Readers of the letter will learn that there is an earnest endeavor on the part of the national government to be of real service to the masses desiring to be educated if certain conditions are complied with. The failure to comply with such conditions, which are specially stated, retards the purpose that is desired to be accomplished, and for which money has been appropriated. Furthermore, the impression is created by the schools who have failed to measure up to these requirements, that there is either an attempt to deceive, or an attempt to get something for a little of nothing.

¶ We feel it a matter of gratification that we have passed the censorship, and have had granted a clean bill of health. ¶ We hope that schools concerned will fall into line, and thus raise all above suspicion.



WE DESIRE TO THUS PUBLICLY COMMEND THE BLUEFIELD AND HUNTINGTON idea of Negro youth uplift, as sponsored by Professors A. S. Peale, and J. W. Scott respectively. ¶ The campaign of Professor Peale appeals more forcibly to boys; that of Professor Scott, to the youth of both sexes. Both are designed to teach thrift, economy, and the habit of saving a dollar. ¶ Adherence to the Bluefield movement, will produce a healthy, manly, courteous, self-respecting, thrifty boy. The girl is not neglected, but the details of the plans that includes her is not fully worked out yet. ¶ The Huntington plan has been the subject of laudable comment by the Huntington Herald Despatch. ¶ The

Monthly thus pays its tribute of praise for these signal attempts to install movements that promises much for the good of the race. ¶ Anything that helps the race, helps the great movement we are pushing here.



## CORN SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

The third Corn Show, under the auspices of the Agricultural Department of the school, was observed in the library, December 8 and 9. In connection with the exhibits of "King Corn," other specimens of agricultural, domestic science, and industrial craft were shown.

Mr. A. W. Curtis, the director, had extensively advertised the show, and much interest was aroused. The exhibits were many varied, and respectable in appearance.

Premiums other than blue and red ribbons were given only to first honor exhibitors. This course was decided upon because of the number of persons listed for exhibits.

The judging was presided over by Mr. T. Y. McGovern, county agricultural supervisor, ably assisted by Misses Mable Southerland, M. E. Eubank, Mrs. T. Y. McGovern, and Mr. W. H. Kendrick.

The following city firms kindly

gave premiums: Bauer Meat Market, one ten pound ham; Woodrum Furniture Company, one rocker; Farmer's Hardware Company, one butcher knife; Lowenstein and Sons, one flash light; Lewis Hubbard and Company, one ham; Palmer Shoe Company, one pair house slippers.

The president presided at the prize presentation meeting, and announced the following program:

Hymn of West Virginia .....  
Devotional.....  
Folk Song.....  
Paper—Domestic Economics.....  
Margaret Mason Lowry  
Address.....  
Honorable Fred O. Blue  
Presentation of Prizes.....  
Honorable H. E. Williams  
The address of Honorable Fred Blue was well received.

The following prizes were awarded: First prizes: The best ten ears of Corn—Men's Contest—Mr. E. Hurt; the best ten ears of Corn—Boy's Contest—Master Steven Brown; the best Housewife—Economics—Mrs. Taylor Brown; the largest Pumpkin, Mr. Richard H.



Lowry; the best peck each of Wheat, Oats, and Turnips, Mr. Taylor Brown; the best Extract of Vanilla, Miss Madeline B. Rogers; the best Bread, Miss Dolly Blue; the best Peaches, Miss Hattie Dehaven; the best Rolls, Mrs. Lottie Brown.

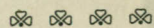
Experts: the best Fancy Work, Miss Maria Eubanks, Miss Katharine Gamble; the best Pound Cake, Miss Myrtle Jones; the best Peck of Potatoes, Mr. Nathaniel Guthrie; the best Peck of Apples, Mr. Ack Meadows; the best Canned Corn on Cob, Mr. A. W. Curtis; the best Needle Work, Mrs. Nathaniel Guthrie; the best Fruit Cake, Mrs. N. A. Murray; the best Pound of Butter, Mrs. L. Woody; the best Apple Pie, Miss Dolly Blue; the

best Jelly, Miss Dallas Morgan the best Canned Apple, Miss Madeline B. Rogers.

Second prizes: the second best ten ears of corn, Mr. Cassie Gore; the second best ten ears of corn, Master Romeo Ferguson; the second largest Pumkin, Mr. L. Woody; the second best Rolls, Miss Amy Walker; the second best Fruit Cake, Mrs. Annie Howard; the second best Apple Pie, Miss Vera Taylor.

Third prizes: the third best ten ears of Corn, Mr. Robert Howard; the third best ten ears of Corn, Master Lacy Woody; the third best Fruit Cake, Mrs. Scott Brown.

Fourth prize: the fourth best ten ears of Corn, Mr. Daniel Ferguson.



### A LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Department Of The Interior  
Bureau Of Education

*Washington, D. C., January 12, 1916.*

To the President of  
THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.  
Dear Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following ruling of the Department approved January 4, 1916:

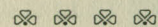
"No part of the funds received from the Federal Government under the Acts of Congress of August 30, 1890, and March 4, 1907, for the benefit of state colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts and similar institutions for the colored race may be used after June 30, 1916,

for instruction in the elementary subjects, or their equivalents, included in the first six years of the course of study of the public schools of the State in which said institutions are located, excepting for students fourteen years of age and over who are devoting at least one half of their time to industrial subjects in the institutions as preparatory work in the mechanical trades, industries for women, or agriculture".

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this notice so that no misunderstanding may arise later over expenditures.

Sincerely,

P. P. CLAXTON, *Commissioner of Education.*



### A PLEASANT RECEPTION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Under the Auspices of the State  
Sunday School Association

A Corps of Experts Lecture  
on Feature Subjects

New year's Day was locally featured by the observance of a very pleasant function given by President and Mrs. Prillerman in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spriggs, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Davis. It will be recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Amanda Gamble Spriggs, and Mr. H. S. Davis are the members of the faculty who have recently plighted their vows at the altar of Hymen.

The affair was conducted in the spacious parlors of East Hall, and from three to six p. m. the invited guests, payed their respects to the host, hostess and guests of honor.

The newly weds were the recipients of many kind expressions of future welfare.

Ice cream, cake, and punch were served in the beautifully decorated dining room.

There has occurred no event in recent years, that has added so much to the life of the school as an uplifting and vitalizing influence as the Sunday School Institute, which was observed here from January 16 to, and including January 21. The Institute was under the supervision of Mr. Arthur T. Arnold of Wheeling, general secretary of the State Association and was one of a chain including St. Albans, Institute, Beckley, Hinton, Alderson, Ronceverte. Each participant on the program was a recognized specialist of national reputation. The following Speakers were on the program: Mr. C. W. Shinn, Educational Leader, Toledo, Ohio; Mr. Arthur T. Arnold, Gen-



eral Secretary, Wheeling, West Virginia; Mrs. George H. Geyer, Adult Bible Class Specialist, Xenia, Ohio; Professor T. W. Shannon, Character Building and Sex Instruction, Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. Asbury of Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. F. N. Palmer, Bible Study Leader, Winona Lake, Indiana; Mr. Alfred Day, Teen Age Specialist, Syracuse, New York.

### WISE SAYINGS

from the "Roycroft Dictionary"

Army: A body of humanitarians that seeks to impress on another body of men the beauty of non-resistance, by exterminating them.

American Plan: A scheme for shortening human life through overeating.

Agriculturist: One who makes his money in town and blows it in in the country.

Anger: A violent blushing and scampering up and down of the blood upon hearing the truth about ourselves; an epileptic condition produced by the presentation of a bill that is not yet due, just due, or overdue.

Autobiography: Things which no one else will say about you, and which therefore you have to say of yourself.

Attention: Concentration of the

mind on whatever will ultimately put something in the pocket; hence in law and politics, the frame-up.

Bughouse: The place where a person without funds is sent under certain conditions.

Brain: A commodity as scarce as radium and more precious, used to fertilize ideas.

Bread: A foodstuff which the rich occasionally give to the poor as a substitute for cake.

### ECHOES FROM THE FIELDS

I have a very nice school. We have organized a reading circle of the patrons and are studying "The Upward Path" by Mary Helm.

GARNETT HARRIS, Class 1914.  
Tralee, West Va.

Miss Ruth Burke, Commercial, 1914, has been appointed stenographer to President Hale of the State Normal School, of Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Virgie Keiffer-Smoot, class 1906, and husband have built them a new home in Madison, Boone County, West Va.

"Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools that have not wit enough to be honest." —*Franklin*.

[At the request of Professor Byrd Prillerman, Paul Laurence Dunbar wrote the following poem especially for the West Virginia Teachers Association. The poem was read by Mrs. Leota Moss Clair at the Huntington meeting in 1892.]

### A THANKSGIVING POEM

The sun hath shed its kindly light,  
Our harvesting is gladly o'er,  
Our fields have felt no killing blight,  
Our bins are filled with goodly store.

From pestilence, fire, flood, and sword  
We've been spared by thy decree'  
And now with humble hearts, O Lord,  
We come to pay our thanks to thee.

We feel that had our merits been  
The measure of our gifts to us,  
We erring children, born of sin,  
Might not now be rejoicing thus.

No deed of ours hath brought us grace;  
When thou wert nigh our sight was dull,  
We hid in trembling from thy face,  
But thou, O God, wert merciful.

Thy mighty hand o'er all the land  
Hath still been open to bestow  
Those blessings which our wants demand  
From Heaven, whence all blessings flow.

Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,  
Looked down on us with holy care,  
And from thy storehouse in the sky  
Hath scattered plenty everywhere.

Then lift we up our songs of praise  
To thee, O Father, good and kind;  
To thee we consecrate our days;  
Be thine the temple of each mind.

With incense sweet our thanks ascend;  
Before thy works our powers pall;  
Though we should strive years without end,  
We could not thank thee for them all.



THINGS I WISH I HAD  
KNOWN BEFORE I WAS  
TWENTY-ONE

1 What I was going to do for a living, what my life work would be.

2 That my health after thirty depended in a large degree on what I put into my stomach before I was twenty-one.

3 How to take care of money.

4 The commercial asset of being neatly and sensibly dressed.

5 That a man's habits are mighty hard to change after he is twenty-one.

6 That a harvest depends upon the seeds sown; wheat produces wheat, thistles bring forth thistles, rag-weeds spoil good pasture, and wild oats sown will surely produce all kinds of misery and unhappiness.

7 That things worth while require time, patience, and work.

8 That you can't get something for nothing.

9 That the world would give me just about what I deserved.

10 That by the sweat of my brow would I earn my bread.

11 That a thorough education not only pays better wages than hard labor but it brings the best of everything else, namely, more enjoyable work, better food, more of the wholesome luxuries and pleasures of life, better folks

to live and deal with, and best of all the genuine satisfaction that you are somebody worthy of respect, confidence, and the priceless gift of friendship.

12 That honesty is the best policy, not only in dealing with my neighbors, but also in dealing with myself and God.

13 The value of absolute truthfulness in everything.

14 The folly of not taking older people's advice.

15 That everything my mother wanted me to do was right.

16 That "dad" wasn't an old foggy aftet all. If I had done as he wished me to, I would be much better off physically, mentally, and morally.

17 What it really meant to father and mother to rear their son.

18 What hardships and disappointments would be entailed by my leaving home against my parents' wishes.

19 More of helpful and inspiring parts of the Bible, particularly the four books dealing with the life of Christ.

20 The greatness of opportunity and joy of serving a fellow man.

21 That Jesus Christ was with me as an Elder Brother and Friend in every activity and relationship of life.

22 That God's relationship to

me was just as helpful and delightful as that of a good shepherd toward his sheep or of a father toward his son.

23 A faithful friend is a strong defense. He that hath found a friend hath found a treasure. A poor man may be said to be rich in the midst of his poverty so long as he enjoys the interior sunshine of a devoted friend.

24 Friendship cheers like a sunbeam, charms like a good story, inspires like a brave leader, binds like a golden chain, guides like a heavenly star.

FIRST RECITAL

By Vocal and Pianoforte Students  
of the West Virginia Collegiate  
Institute

The first recital of the vocal and pianoforte students was listened to by the faculty, student body, and local friends of the school Friday evening, December 17. As on previous presentations of this annual event, a well balanced program was presented.

From the tyro to the advanced pupil, the execution of the various numbers was laudably in accord with the status of the pupil.

The vocal numbers were received. Among those that were featured by appreciative applause were the song of Miss Clara Hill,

and the duet with choral accompaniment of Miss Mable Johnson, and Mr. Huling Lewis.

The following is the program in full:

PROGRAM	
Gitana (Duet) Eloise Lovette and Margaret Jones	Heins
Twilight Marie Robinson	Friml
Flying Leaves Thelma Brown	Koeling
Whispering Waves Lillian Guss	Doring
(a) Sung Outside the Prince's Gate (b) To A Humming Bird	E. A. MacDowell
	Ednora Prillerman
A Garden of Girls Margaret Jones	Bischoff
Over Hill and Dale (Duet) Lillian Guss and Ednora Prillerman	Engleman
Christmas Dance School Chorus	Nevin
Impromptu Alphonse Simpson	Wilson Smith
Hush-a-Bye (Vocal) Clara Hill	Bond
Scenes From An Imaginary Ballet No. 1. S. Coleridge Taylor	Katherine Gamble
Scenes From An Imaginary Ballet No. 2. S. Coleridge Taylor	Thelma Calhoun
Scenes From An Imaginary Ballet No. 3. S. Coleridge Taylor	Myrtle Jones
Scenes From An Imaginary Ballet No. 4. S. Coleridge Taylor	Blanche Fletcher



Selections from the Princess Bonnie	Spencer
The School Chorus	
March	Rubikoff
Frances Cundiff	
Impromptu	Reinhold
Luetta Lipscomb	
Good Night Beloved	Pinsuti
The School Chorus	

### THE HEXAGON CLUB

#### Banquets In Royal Fashion

As the old year was dying, and the dawning presence of the new year was noted by the approach of 12 P. M., the Hexagon club arose from its banqueting table in Glasscock Hall, renewed its vows greeted its guests with a cheery new year's hail, and went homeward, feeling that all previous efforts to please and entertain had been eclipsed.

The Club is an association of young men collected from the better element morally considered, and united for ethical culture. Of insignificant beginning, a strict adherence to its primal purposes has year by year attracted the better class of boys, until now it boasts a membership of thirty odd.

Its annual functions have become established features in the convivial life of the school, to whose occurrence its members and guests look forward to with pleasant anticipations.

The president, matrons, and departmental heads were the especial guests of the Hexagon's this year.

A glance at the appended Menu and program will reveal that the function of the 31st ult., was a feast of reason and a flow of soul.

The annual address of the Hexagon's president, J. A. Kinney, was listened to with interest. He set forth the purposes of the organization. The speeches generally, were interesting.

The menu was well prepared, well served, and the table decorations pleasingly arranged.

#### PROGRAM

Welcome Address	James Washington
Response	Miss Rebeca Green
President's Annual Address	J. A. Kinney
Toast To The Ladies	Holly Wells
	Quotations
	"Bringing In The Sheaves"
Remarks	President Prillerman and Female Guest

#### MENU

Grape Juice punch Vitis Maraschina, Chicken, Cranberry Sauce, Potatoes ala Caneva, Celery, Hot Rolls, Butter, Sweet Pickles, Olives, Green Peas, Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Oysters and Crackers, Mincemeat Pies, Orange-ade, Chocolate Ice Cream, Cake, Mints, Assorted fruits, Assorted Nuts, Assorted Candies, and Cocoa.

#### EXCHANGES

Our table has been well stocked

### THE CADETS' PICNIC

A Comic Operetta  
Pleasingly Rendered by the  
Sophomore Class

On the night of December 28, the Sophomore Class rendered "The Cadets' Picnic." The performance was greeted by a well filled house of students, village residents, and visitors from nearby towns. The action was joyous and sprightly. The airs were those of our college days and made us relive the days of college life. The action was sufficiently enlivening to keep the audience interested and pleased.

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, instructress in music, supervised the performance and according to her custom, the proceeds of the performance were presented to the Athletic Association. It is her intention to put on the opera "Pinafore" sometime within the school year.

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED

With Great Enjoyment  
at the West Virginia Collegiate  
Institute

Christmas night of 1915, was the occasion for the largest celebration of the yuletide festival that has heretofore been observed at the school.

Nearly three hundred students

with exchanges this scholastic year and among them we notice a few strangers and recognise our friends of several years standing.

Among the old friends are, The Educator and School Journal Charleston; The Southern Workman, Hampton Va.; The Student, Tuskegee Ala.; The Sodalian, Wilberforce Ohio; The Parthenon, Marshal College, Huntington; The Pharos, Buckhannon; The Picket, Shepherdstown; The W. Va. Tablet, Romney; The Aurora, Knoxville; The V. N. & I. I., Ettrick Va.; The Storer Record; Morgan College Bulletin, Baltimore Md.; Union Hartshorn Bulletin, Richmond Va; The Mcdowell Times, and The Southern Letter, Tuskegee, Ala.

Among the new faces, we greet The W. Va. Tribune, Northfork; The A. and M. Technical Register, Greensboro, N. C.; The Normal Index, Normal, Ala.; The Beaver, Bluefield, W. Va. and The Howard University Journal, Washington D. C.

Our exchanges of long standing are anxiously awaited, and we assure the new visitors that they are welcome. We are pleased with both the external garb and contents of the visitors. Their columns are filled with matter of interest to the youthful readers.

We welcome you all.



teachers, visitors, and patrons assembled in the dining room of Glasscock Hall where the student orchestra enlivened the gathering with music.

Thru the efforts of the business manager, the hall had been beautifully decorated for the evening. Festoons of evergreens, radiating from Christmas bells suspended at regular interval from the lofty ceiling, made verdant arches, thru which the gray assembly, lighted by the softened radiance from the varicolored electric globes, trooped in joyous measures to the strains of the orchestra.

Presents had been provided for all. Youth and adults vied with each other in the amount of expectancy shown, as to what St. Nicholas was going to bring them from the North-land.

The presents were many, varied, and pleasing. Miss Nancy Brown drew the phonograph that her ticket called for, and this was the feature present in Old St. Nicholas sack for the occasion.

All left the hall, voting it a rare evening of enjoyment.

#### AROUND THE INSTITUTE

Mrs. Arch McKinney of Montgomery, niece of President Prillerman, was a guest of the president and Mrs. Prillerman the last week of December.

Among the yuletide visitors at the school were: Miss Rita Green of Charleston with her guests Mrs. George Ford and Miss Edith Howe of Lancaster, Ohio; Misses Marie Gillard, Burrell Winston, Naomi Willes, and Masters Everett Winston and Fitzhugh Eaves of Huntington; Misses Esther Fulks, Irene Jackson, Evangeline Mitchell, Amy Hutchinson, Maud Alice Moss, Cecil Miller, Frances Starks, Janice Jackson, Clara Brown, Viola Smith, Mrs. Sallie Hale Cousins, Messrs. W. T. Cheeks and Earl Cousins of Charleston; Misses Estella Patterson of London, Bertha Dean of Montgomery, Evelyn Rotan of Fayetteville, Maggie Price and Alberta Wilson of St. Albans, all alumnae of the Institute; Messrs. Dan. L. Ferguson, Orestes A. Pierce, students of Ohio State University; Carl Burke of Grant Town; Hughston Brown of Berwind, and George Coats of London, alumni; Mrs. Robert Peters of Mabscott; Mrs. Evelyn James of Huntington, Miss Lillian Green of Ronceverte, and Miss Viola Spencer of Proctorville, Ohio.

President Prillerman was confined to his room with an attack of la grippe, the last week of the old year.

Mr. C. E. Jones, teacher in history was unable to meet his classes the first week of the new

year on account of a severe case of la grippe.

Miss Flavilla Prillerman, niece of the President of the School and a member of the class of '20, was absent from her classes on account of illness. It was of sufficient seriousness that a few days stay in Crichlow Hospital under the care of Dr. Canady was necessary. She has since returned to school.

Stewart Calhoun, and Christopher Morgan are in hospitals in Charleston recovering from illness engendered by la grippe.

Miss Bessie V. Morris, teacher of domestic science in Wilberforce University, was the yuletide guest of Mrs. M. Mason Lowry. Miss Morris spent an enjoyable vacation visiting friends, and being entertained by those among whom she worked in a similar capacity here some years ago.

La grippe has been much in evidence in the school since the

last week in December. The number of cases has been sufficient to be appreciably noticed in class attendance. While only one case has developed serious complications yet we will be much relieved when the epidemic is past. There has probably been more than fifty cases.

Mrs. Don W. Jones, wife of the instructor in printing, who has been visiting her mother in Parkersburg for several weeks, has returned.

Our watchman, C. Robinson, has been visiting his family in Eckman since the Christmas vacation. P. H. Payne late of the laundry department, is substituting for him.

Dr. R. L. Jones school physician spent a few days of the Christmas vacation in Washington D. C. with his wife and daughter. Dr. Crichlow of Charleston attended to the local health in his absence.

