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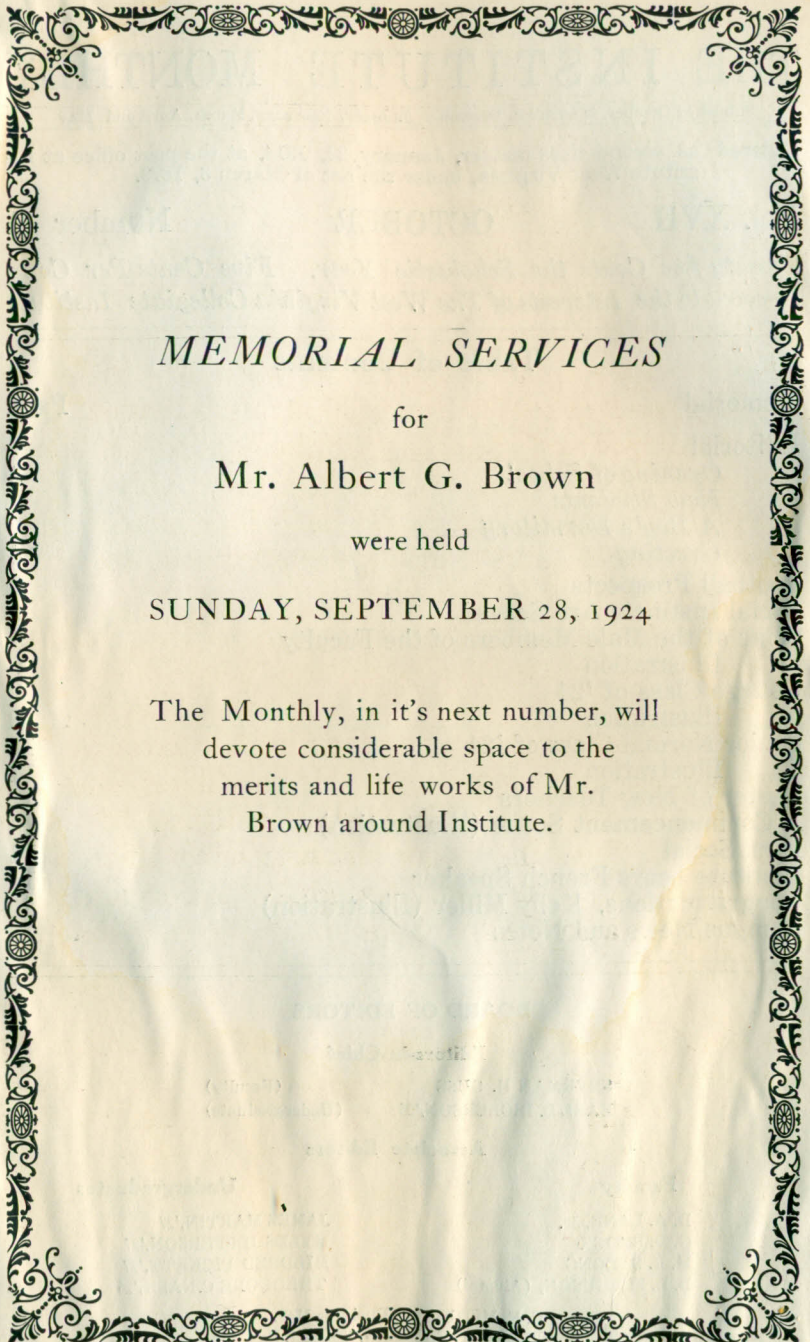
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The Monthly, in its next number, will devote considerable space to the merits and life works of Mr. Brown around Institute.

# The INSTITUTE MONTHLY

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**Opening of School** The opening of the new school year beginning September 17, found many of the old students back again within the walls of our beloved buildings. Of course, we miss through graduation, many old faces that once beamed with the light of the famous "Institute Spirit", but we bemoan them only for the instant, for there are many new faces, eager for a glimpse into a future that will make them, too, heart soul and body, for Institute.

**New Students** There is no doubt in my mind when I say, that the horde of new students that dotted our campus during the first few days of school, are not new by any means at this late date; especially the young men who tasted of "Institute life". We can but do them the honor of welcoming them to our school as one of us, and we gladly encompass them about with a bond of love for Institute that shall last until death.

**A Boys' Dormitory** Speaking of progress is one thing and seeing it is quite another. As we pass up and down the campus, and unconsciously glance toward Atkinson Hall the question arises at once in our minds: Is that a dormitory or a ship? From the number of upper and lower berths that may be seen thru the windows we are apt to believe the latter.

It was not always thus. There has always been ample room for all, but not so now. This is progress in the strictest sense of the word, but if we don't get a boys' dormitory soon, progress is going to flay progress.



**Greeting** To students and teachers who come for the first time in our midst THE MONTHLY smiles a friendly welcome, greetings not formal and official, but sincere and from the heart. It embraces good wishes for your health your happiness in congenial work, your surmounting obstacles, with success that means progress in this wonderful school called life.

To those who return again, our welcome is enhanced by the pleasure of renewing association whose memory is pleasant to recall. We bid you join us in admitting to fellowship those newly arrived. We shall remember, of course, that in the fraternity of those who come seeking education there must always lie spontaneous "camaraderie" and understanding of the value of time and existence that is the essence of friendship.

In the assurance of this thought we look ahead with buoyant hope. We know success is guaranteed. We shall go forward in the culture of the spirit, in genuine scholarship, in sportsmanlike athletics, in all the multiple activities of college life.

While we smile in the joy of welcome, we should not be ashamed of the tear that falls for those who were with us last year but who now have passed behind the clouds of the invisible and unknown. Let us not forget them. May we strive the more valiantly to win the reaches of distant goals and thus enshrine their labor and commemorate their faith.

Neither must we allow even regret for them to dull our striving nor discourage our ardor. They would not have it. They rather would join with us and shout a hearty welcome. They would back us with the bulwark of their encouragement, that we may achieve the best for Institute, for our State, for our Nation, and for ourselves.

## FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

We get it straight that the "Yellow Jackets" are going to have a corking good team this fall. With Cardwell, Gough, and Turner back again, prospects seem to favor Institute's having one of the best teams in the country.

Coach Hamblin is sparing nothing, not even the men, in his efforts to whip them into shape for the first game on the 18th of October.

School spirit is soaring high and we feel certain our team will feel just as proud of the four hundred and some odd students when they mount the bleachers to cheer them on to victory, as the students feel proud of their team.

Onward to victory "YellowJackets" West Virginia is back of you.

## Social Instincts are Served—Clubs and Societies Aid New Students

Five years ago there were but few organizations on the campus which might serve as clubs or social groups for those who had common interests along professional or vocational lines. The social life which embraced so large a part of the life at many institutions had not yet sprung into being at West Virginia Collegiate Institute. But today there is a fraternity, sorority, club or organization for every student who feels the need of gathering together with his fellows in a group, which has a dual purpose of fostering the social as well as the educational, broadening aspects of college life. These groups not only aid the individual in becoming acquainted with other students on the campus, but also assist in keeping alive tradition and perpetuating loyalty to the college itself.

At present there are two fraternities, one sorority and nearly a dozen clubs existing on the campus. The fraternities are Alpha Phi Alpha, a national organization which promotes scholarship and character among the students, and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, which promotes good fellowship among the students on and off the campus. The sorority is the Alpha Kappa Alpha



which is a national young woman's organization which has for its purpose the promotion of high ideals among its members and the furtherance of the welfare of the college.

Among the various clubs on the campus are the following: Morrill Agricultural Club, Hexagon Club, P.O.N. Club, Sphinx Club, and the Scrollers Club.

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association are composed of young men and women students from all divisions of the school.

There need not be one student who feels that social contact is at all lacking. The various organizations named above are able to take care of the social needs of West Virginia Collegiate Institute's student-body.

## *Some of the Male Members of the Faculty*

*Front row from left to right*

Mr. F.A. Parker, graduate of Amherst College, is Professor of Mathematics.

Mr. A.L. Harris, A.M., University of Pittsburg, is Professor of Economics. He is also a regular contributor to the *Current History* and other magazines. Mr. Harris entered the faculty of W.V.C.I. at the beginning of the Summer Session.

Mr. David A. Lane, Jr. A.M., Harvard, is Dean of the College Department and Professor of English.

Mr. William Jones, A.M., University of Chicago, was formerly Professor of History. He is now teaching at Howard.

Mr. Leonard Barnett, A.M., Ohio State, is critic teacher in the Model Training School. Mr. Barnett is also a new member of the faculty.

Mr. William F. Savoy, L.L.B., Hamilton, is Secretary to the President and instructor in commercial subjects.

Mr. Adolph P. Hamblin, Knox College, is the Professor of Biology and foot-ball coach.

Mr. A.G. Brown, deceased.





SOME OF THE MALE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY



## College Class of 1924

Of the thirty and four who journeyed forth, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty, on the pilgrimage thru the dark and sometimes dreary valleys of College Mathematics Biology, English, Home Economics etc., only these twelve persevered and fought up to the sunshine of "Another Day".

The West Virginia Collegiate Institute offers this little group of prepared men and women to West Virginia, and all the world for that matter, without apologies, knowing that in this twelve there is not one who will in any way betray the trust, or lower the Standards of "Old Institute".

Mrs. Louise Coleman-Williams, A. B., is instructor of English and Principal of The Excelsior Junior High School.

Miss Madaline Marshall, A. B., teaches in The Keystone Eckman Junior High.

Miss Marie Robinson, A. B., is instructor of French and Music in The Elkhorn High School.

Miss Ethel Nunnally, A. B., is instructor of History and English at Bramwell High School.

Mrs. Ruby Hubbard-Moore, A. B., is teaching in Elkins, W. Va.

Miss Ione Bowyer, B. S. in H. E., is instructor of Home Economics in Simmons High at Montgomery.

Mr. William Moore, B. S., is at Garnett High at Charleston, W. Va.

Miss Marcia Canty, B. S. in H. E., is instructor of Home Economics in The Keystone-Eckman Junior High.

Mr. Fitzhugh O. Eaves, B. S., is instructor of French and Manual Training at Simmons High, Montgomery.

Mr. H. Smith Jones, B. S., is instructor of Biology and Coach at Kimball High.

Mr. Edward Dickerson, A. B., is studying for his Master's Degree at Ohio State University.

Mr. Alexander Washington, B. S., is assistant instructor of Mathematics at The West Virginia Collegiate Institute.

NORA EATON-CHILDRESS, '25





SENIOR COLLEGE CLASS



## Senior Normal Graduating Class of '24

### *Front row from left to right*

Dorothy Courtney, of Charleston, is now a successful teacher in the Public School of Nuttallburg, W. Va. "Dot" was popular among her school-mates as an imitator of the distinguished characteristics of persons on the campus.

Veva Cox, of Fairmont, is teaching at Farmington, W. Va. Veva was never known to be serious on any occasions. However, her work at Institute has been that of splendor.

Ruth Gipson, of Huntington, has not received an appointment.

Thelma Cuper, of Charleston, is also without an appointment.

Gladys Thomas, of Morgantown, is teaching at Star City. Aside from being an excellent student, Gladys possessed a wonderful personality.

### *Second row from left to right*

Hazel Robinson, of Charleston; Margaret Jeffers, of Buckhannon.

Nellie Johnson, of Fairmont, has not received an appointment.

Odaris Palmer, of Danville, Va. is the Principal of the Primary Department of the school at Union, W. Va. "Zubie" was a member of the P. O. N. Club and an enthusiastic basket-ball player.

Lucille Rowland, of Fairmont, is teaching in a rural school at Montana, W. Va.

### *Back row from left to right*

Ethel Dodd, of Parkersburg, has not received a definite appointment. She was without a doubt the greatest radiator fan and comedienne in Dawson Hall. "Hedge-hog" sent all of her messages on the radiator.

Beulah Smith, of Huntington, is teaching at Macedonia, Ohio. The most complimentary thing that can be said of "Pattie" is that she was an extensive reader --of novels.

Georgia Peters, of Sistersville, was the President of the class and assistant matron of Dawson Hall. She is now matron of MacCorkle Hall.





SENIOR NORMAL CLASS



Elizabeth Whittaker, of Charleston, is not teaching this year.

Margaret Matthews, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, has not made her appointment or intentions known. However, it was rumored that she was matriculating at Pitt this year.

Humania Humbles, of Charleston, is teaching at Ronceverte, W. Va. "Hughie" is a girl who is serious at all times and on all occasions.

Beatrice Wade, of Moundsville, is assisting her father in his real estate business. Her ability in Parlance amply fits her for the position.

## Roster of New Teachers

Clarence Cameron White, noted concert violinist.

Valaurez B. Spratlin, A. M., University of Colorado, instructor in modern languages.

Loratus L. McKenzie, A. M., University of Michigan, professor of History.

Homer M. Taylor, E.S., B.S. in C.E., Purdue, instructor in Physics.

Abram L. Harris, A.M., University of Pittsburgh, professor of Economics.

Leonard Barnett, A. M., Ohio State University, critic teacher in the normal Department and instructor in education

Elmer A. Brown, B. S. in E. E., University of Illinois, instructor in Mechanical Drawing.

Harriette E. Stewart, A. B., Howard University, instructor in Latin and French.

Birdia Williams, B.S. in H.E., Ohio State University, instructor in Home Economics.

Alexander Washington, B. S., W. Va. Collegiate Institute instructor in Mathematics.

Beatrice W. White, instructor in the theory and practice of Music.





A SCENE AT COMMENCEMENT



## THE FIRST SOCIAL

The usual getting acquainted social was given in the gymnasium Friday evening, Sept. 19. There were practically 500 old and new students present. This is perhaps the largest number of students enrolled in the history of this school. Each new student was provided with a card bearing his or her name thereon, in order to avoid the, "Your name please". During the entire social every effort was extended by the old students to make the new ones cheery. In fact they appear to be one big family.

The following program was rendered:

Welcome address to the new students	-	Alonzo Harden
Response	- - -	Louise Mitchel
Welcome to the new members of the faculty	-	Dean Lane
Response	- - -	Miss Harriet Stewart
A Review of the Faculty	- -	Elaine Meadows
A Welcome by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	-	Theo. Nash
Song, West Virginia	- - - -	Students
A Welcome by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority	-	Clara Fairfax
Welcome by the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity	-	Louie Chatman
School Song	- - -	Students

## Institute Hears French Speaker

M. Emile Villemin, well known French author and man of letters, addressed "Le Cercle Francais" at Hazlewood Hall Monday evening, October 13, on the subject "The Art of Speaking French". He was introduced to the student body by Professor John F. Matheus, head of the romance language department.

M. Villemin is the official lecturer of the French Alliance with which W. V. C. I. is affiliated. Experience acquired in the course of numerous trips throughout France and foreign countries has made M. Villemin a master of public speaking. He is a specialist in diction and recently published a book on French phonetics that ran through several editions.

Not half of the audience to which M. Villemin spoke had studied French, but by his artistic manner of speaking, they gleaned something of the spirit of the French language.





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The meeting was opened with the singing of the "Mar-seillais" followed by the reading of the XXIII Psalm by Professor V. B. Spratlin. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read by the Secretary, Mary Dow Lewis. A solo was rendered by Miss Myrtle Taylor followed by a piano solo by Miss Dorothy White. Introductory remarks were made by Max Westerband, president of the club. After the lecture of Mr. Vellemin, the meeting was closed with a sextette by Misses Clara Fairfax, Beatrice Cain, Mary Dow Lewis and Eula Forney and Messrs Westerband and Robert Carroll.

*After leaving Institute M. Villemin sent the following message to the school*

"Avant de quitter Charleston, je tiens a vous renouveler mes remerciements pour l'aimable accueil que j'ai recu a Institute- - Presentez mes meilleurs compliments a M. le President ainsi qu'a son aimable femme. Pour vous, cher Monsieur, je vous renouvelle mes bien cordiales salutations.

Votre devoue,  
Emile Villemin

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## CAMPUS NEWS and NOTES

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The whole student body was present at the memorial service held, Sunday night, September the twenty-eighth for Mr. A. G. Brown, former teacher of Mechanical Drawing at this Institution. Mr. Broady read the obituary. Mr. Brown's favorite hymns were sung reverently by the assembly. Talks were given by Messers Hill, Ferguson, Lane and Westerband concerning the early life, friendliness and Christianity of the deceased. President John W. Davis extended comfort to the relatives assembled: exorting them not to mourn for a man whose death bed message "Tell the people to live the Christian life every day" showed his sublime faith and unselfishness.

On Friday, September the twenty-sixth, the gymnasium was crowded with enthusiastic students at their first "pep" meeting of the year. As its main purpose was to initiate the new ones into the art of yelling, "noise" was the keynote.

Mr. Earl Dickerson was elected chairman of the Athletic Association and Miss Edmonia Walden Secretary and Miss Zemoria Wood and Messrs. Alexander Lowry and Max Westerband were elected cheer leaders. Printed copies of the yells were passed around and, with the orchestra in attendance, the cheering began. Mr. Kenney football manager spoke briefly. Then a few dances more yelling and the meeting was over.



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- C. Needs of conditioned students;
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