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## EDITORIALS

WE ARE VERY ANXIOUS THAT EVERY STUDENT, MEMBER OF THE faculty, and friend asisist us in making The Institute Monthly the best school paper in this section of the country. Any article or news that is interesting to all will be gladly received by us. We hope each student will take an active interest in this paper and see that he does something every month to help build it up. We want every one to feel at liberty to send in any news; we assure you that it will be gladly received. ¶ Kindly give news to any member of the editorial staff not later than the first of each month for publication.

## Fitting Resolutions of the Northern West Virginia's State Teachers' Association

Representative teachers of city of Clarksburg on the 30th of northern West Virginia, held a November, and December the very successful association in the first.



Over forty teachers were present. The program was high grade in every respect.

Prof. DuBois was the feature speaker, and his address was a masterpiece of forensic effort, revealing depths of Negro history that created in the minds of his hearers a desire to delve deeper into the history of the race.

Wheeling was selected as the next meeting place.

The following resolutions were adopted:

#### RESOLUTIONS

*Be it resolved:*

1 THAT we extend our sincere appreciation to the good people of Clarksburg who generously opened their homes and provided so liberally for the comforts and entertainment of the Assciation.

2 THAT we commend the President, Miss Lilly D. Allen and her corps of assistants, for arranging such a spendid program, including a lecture by Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, of New York, and for the able and successful manner in which it has been carried out.

3 THAT we thank the newspapers of the city for the courtesies shown by publishing the proceedings of our sessions.

4 That we commend and heartily thank the ministers, High School Chorus, and all others who by their attendance and interest have contributed to the success of this meet-

ing.

5 THAT we suggest and recommend that our teachers make a place in their programs for teaching Negro History and liberation to our boys and girls.

6 THAT we thank the City Supt. J. L. Jackson for the interest he has shown in our association and for his excellent address to us Thursday afternoon.

7 THAT we commend the state authorities for raising The West Virginia Collegiate Institute to College rank, and indorse the action of the State Board of Regents in establishing a four-year college course in this institution leading to the degrees of A. B. and B. S.

8 THAT we appreciate the fact that 32 young men and women are now in the college course at this institution and we heartily recommend the young men and women of our state to take advantage of the opportunities afforded at this institution.

9 We congratulate the institution on the splendid record it has made in athletics this fall, having been the first school to score against Fisk on the Fisk Athlectic field in five years, and for being the only school to tie with Howard University this year.

10 We compliment the administration on the fact that there are now enrolled in the institution 385 students.

11 We most respectfully urge The State Board of Control and

state authorities to have erected at The West Virginia Collegiate Institute a school building capable of accommodating this fine student body.

12 THAT we do all we can to aid the newly elected President Prof. Harry Jones of Wheeling, and his assistants to make our next session at Wheeling the grandest we have ever held.

13 THAT these resolutions be published in the local papers, the Educator and a copy be spread upon our minutes.

Respectfully submitted:

C. W. Warfield  
J. H. Rainbow  
Alberta McClung  
Eula Forney  
H. D. Hazelwood, Chairman

#### THE CLARK-PETERS NUPTIALS

The first wedding to be celebrated in the chapel of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, was that of Miss Hattie Peters, neice of President Prillerman and Prof. John F. J. Clark, principal of Garnett High School in Charleston.

Miss Peters is a normal graduate of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and belongs to the class of 1906. For several years she has been a teacher in Garnett School of Charleston.

The ceremony was one of the most beautiful and impressive that

we have ever seen celebrated. The decorations of the interior of the chapel, mellowed by the subdued glow of the electric lights, gave forth the appearance of the interior of a cathedral.

Promptly at 9:55 a. m. the tone of Mendelsohn's Wedding March ushered in the ribbon bearers—the Misses Ednora and Myrtle Prillerman—who barred each side of the carpeted center aisle with cordons of white silk ribbon. The misses were habited in becoming costumes of pink silk and white chiffon.

They were followed by the bridesmaids and groomsmen in the following order: Miss C. Ruth Campbell, and Mr. W. T. Cheat; Miss Luellyn Spriggs, and Mr. Ed. James; Miss Ethel Spriggs, and Dr. A. H. Brown, and Miss Pitts, and Mr. A. G. Brown.

The bride's maids advanced up the east aisle, and the groom's men the west aisle.

Miss Campbell wore white net over green messalin, Miss L. Spriggs, green messalin, Miss E. Spriggs, white net over pink messalin, and Miss Pitts, white chiffon and pink messalin.

All the gentlemen wore black English frocks, gray trousers, and pearl gray kid gloves.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Carrie Critchlow, wore white silk chiffon over green messalin, and hat with black the prevailing color.

The maid of honor, Miss Amelia Wilcher, was habited in a striking



costume of gold silk cloth, and hat of gauzy material.

The bride to be, and her escorts, were preceded by Master Austin Curtis, license bearer, and the little Misses, Clara V. Spurlock and Alice Curtis.

The tones of the majestic wedding march changed, and the school chorus, from the flower-bedeked stage, broke into "Faithful and True", just as the officiating clergyman, Reverend W. C. Thompson of Simpson M. E. Church, Charleston, and the maid of honor assumed their positions at the altar, in advance of the bridal pair.

The bride habited in white silk en train with conventional veil and carrying a beautiful bouquet of bride's roses mingled with lillies of the valley, swept up the aisle, supported on the arm of President B. Prillerman, her uncle, and was met at the altar by the bridegroom attended by his best man, Attorney T. Gillis Nutter.

Reverend Thompson united the couple with impressiveness.

While the service was read, Miss Mabel Johnson, with chorus accompaniment, sang "Oh Perfect Love". After the ceremony, Professor and Mrs. Clark and guests were breakfasted at the residence of President and Mrs. Prillerman.

The bridal pair left at 12:40 over the K. & M. R. R. for Columbus, Cleveland, Buffalo and other points.

## AN EVENING WITH NEGRO AUTHORS

On the night of December 18, 1916, in Clarksburg, there was given a program by the Water Street High School of which L. R. Jordon, a normal graduate of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, class of 1897, is Principal—a program that was, in a measure, a departure from the ordinary high school program.

The music, instrumental and vocal were compositions by Negro composer, and each literary number was a gem from some Negro author. Mr. D. H. Kyle, assistant who supervised the presentation of the program had the primary purpose of instilling into his people a greater appreciation for the literary achievements of the Negro race.

The general judgment of the large audience, after they had listened to the program, was one of high appreciation.

## AN ECHO FROM THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The West Virginia Collegiate Institute is to be congratulated on the favorable impression made on the teachers and visitors at the state teachers association for the unstinted hospitality accorded them and the progressive improvements along all lines that are being

made. The state has made no mistake in its appropriations and the recognition given the race through this Institution. The teachers everywhere have been heard to say

they were never more royally received and entertained and they say everything was a stimulant to them in their work.

—*McDowell Times.*

## A ZEPHYR

Clarksburg, W. Va.,  
Dec. 17, 1916.

## EDITOR INSTITUTE MONTHLY

For the third time, within increasing interest, I have read your editorial in the November issue of your publication, concerning the union of the two Teachers' Association of the state.

Since my advent into the teaching profession in this state the one discordant note has been this uncalled-for, illogical division of the teachers.

During the meeting of the association, just adjourned, I felt forcibly the truth of all that you have said in your paper, but I felt my position too. The length of my membership disqualified me for the fight which the success of the advocacy of such a proposition would demand. Knowing that the minds of some of the members of our association were not properly disposed to such a subject, even when bearing the weight of authority, I felt that any attempt upon my part would have been, not only ineffectual, but would have tended to hazard the future hope of success.

Every argument employed by you in placing this matter before us has been well taken, and I am in hearty accord with all you have said. I hope your Monthly will not give up this fight after having sounded this Clarion Note, but will hold this matter persistently before teachers of the state.

We, of Northern West Virginia need that healing and cementing principle of mutual sympathy which comes from contact and the ex-



change of ideas. If it is my good fortune to meet with the teachers in this association again, it shall be my most earnest endeavor to bring the two associations together.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

G. S. Ruffin.

### BE PREPARED

Years ago Lincoln said, "I will study and prepare myself and perhaps my chance will come." Today this has, of necessity, become the motto of all who desire to make the future mean something to them; who desire to become a cog in the machinery of the world.

The world of today calls for trained, efficient men and women. It has no time to waste on those who are not prepared. In this age we can not go thru life in the same sluggish and indolent manner as we did years ago, because the last few years have wrought a remarkable change in the methods and requirements of the world. In the days of old the race was not to the swift or the strong, but to him who endured to the end. This was prepared efficiency.

In the last few centuries the world has sent out many different calls, all leading out to perfection. Twenty years ago the call was for optimism, but to-day the call has been summed up in one word, "Efficiency". It is up to the pre-

sent generation to answer.

A man cannot become efficient thru idleness. The idle are a weak link in the chain of progress. We can only become efficient thru hard study and proper application. It is not merely a study of books and theories, but a study of life, men, and the world. Physical training, discipline, and self-reliance are also important factors in training for efficiency.

A relative may die and leave us a fortune, but efficiency cannot be inherited. It can only be acquired by our efforts. There is no royal road to it. We must all follow the same rugged path and only by perseverance can we efficient.

—H. H. D.

### A NEW BUILDING

It is very necessary that we have a new building erected as soon as possible. At the present time the dormitories are over crowded and the provisions for the growth of the school are inadequate. A new building which would contain class rooms, a well-equipped laboratory, a

large auditorium to seat 1200 people, a more suitable place for a library, new offices, and a gymnasium. Such a building would approximately cost \$150,000.

The school is growing rapidly. Every day students, outside, are seeking admission, but we are unable to admit them for lack of suitable accommodations. Already the Trades Building has been converted into a dormitory for boys, and the laboratories are also in this building built especially for the industries. The present Academic Building contains the class rooms, the offices, the library and the chapel. The library is situated in the basement and is in a very poor condition, lack of space prevents us from increasing the number of books. The chapel is by far too small to accommodate the crowds we have during a convention or a public program. The students alone fill the room. A large auditorium would help draw visitors, and would give them that feeling of comfort which is necessary to hold the attention of any audience.

In order to increase the college department we must offer, as near as possible, advantages and conveniences equal to those offered by others colleges. To have our college rank among the leading colleges of the country is our aim. To this end we are working, and a new building would help very much to accomplish this aim.

Would not such a place in the educational world justify an expenditure of \$150,000 or more?

—B. H. H.

### EXCHANGES

We acknowledge the receipt of the following school magazines up to date: The Picket—Shepherd College, Shepherds Town, W. Va. —is a very interesting magazine. The story "Just a Coincidence" deserves creditable mention. It is a beautiful description of Autumn.

The Southern Workman, Hampton Normal Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va., is a well balanced and neat magazine. The editorial "Negro Rual Life in Virginia" is very instructive, and acquaints the Northern Student with the work of the South.

The Howard Journal, Howard University Washington, D. C., is a collection of good material and is well arranged. Literary and Athletic Department are exceptionally strong.

For some unknown reason our exchanges have been delayed. Up the present time we acknowledge the receipt of the following:

The Howard Journal, Howard University, Washington, D. C., which is, as usual, very interesting, especially in the literary department. The cut of the football team is a very interesting feature



of the last issue.

The Tuskegee Student, -Tuskegee Institute, -Tuskegee, Alabama. The most noticeable feature of this paper is its many interesting short stories. We think this is a very good change as it offers many opportunities for development in literary training.

Keep it up.

### ATHLETICS

The Nineteen Sixteen Season of football has been the most successful in the history of Athletics at Institute. The squad should be given great credit for their work against such machinery as that of Fisk, Howard, and Wilberforce Universities. This being the first year of Athletic relations with Fisk and Howard, the showing was unusually good.

Coach Smith of the Michigan Aggies showed his ability in the team he turned out. This being his first in such a responsible position. He deserves great credit for the development of such a machine, the greatest in the history of the Institution.

It was said of Mr. Smith by the Detroit Free Press, concerning the Michigan Aggies-Michigan University game: "Smith, the Negro played as unerring as his color is dark and his teeth are white. He was the biggest star in the Aggies'

defense. No one player received more attention than Smith. Smith weighs over 175 pounds, and was like a bull on a rampage."

Under the direction of Coach Smith much attention has been given to football. Coach Smith organized inter-class teams, and arranged a series of post-season games. None of the Varsity players were allowed to play and this made the teams more evenly matched. The games were as follows: December 2, Junior-Sophomore game, Sophomores 13, Juniors 0. At 3 p. m. of the same afternoon the College played the Seniors, their first game of the inter-class series. This was the hardest fought game of the season. Neither team being able to score until the last three minutes of play. The final score was Seniors, 7, College, 0.

December 6, the Senior-Sophomore game was called at 4:00 o'clock. Both teams played an excellent game, and it seemed as tho it would be a scoreless tie till the wonderful toe of Russel Lewis succeeded in kicking a field goal from the thirty yard line for the Seniors. This took the life out of the "Sophs", and during the last quarter a fumble by the "Sophs" was recovered by Simpson of the Seniors, who ran 20 yards thru an open field for a touch-down. Final score: Seniors, 9; "Sophs", 0.

December 9 the Seniors and

Juniors played their game of the series. This game decided whether the Seniors would win the Championship without the loss of a game, without being scored upon, or whether they must play another game to decide it. The game was called at 1:30 o'clock with 300 fans on the side-lines. The teams showed real class until the last half when the climax came. Ferguson, the Senior quarter received a punt on the thirty-yard line and ran thru a broken field of Juniors for a touch-down. And a pass from Calloway to Jones, who ran fifty yards for a touch-down, put the Seniors in the lead decidedly.

Burke, Hodge, and Clyde Hardy were chief ground gainers for the Juniors. Score: Seniors 13, Juniors 0.

The same afternoon the College and "Sops" played their scheduled game. Game called at three o'clock. Both teams played a

strong game; neither team being able to score until the last minute of play, when Harris, on a sweeping end run, ran fifty yards through a broken field for a touch-down. This was the greatest run of the entire series. The features of the game were the catching and running back of punts by Walker of the College eleven, and the defensive playing of Hackney at end for College. S. Calhoun of the College played his usual star game ripping the line at will. Harris, Saddler, and Hamlin stood out prominent among the "sophs". Score: "Sophs" 6, College, 0.

The classes that were eligible to have teams were College, Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores.

As the teams all showed exceptional form, the athletic editor has taken upon himself the responsibility to select to his best judgment an all-class team, as follows:

#### FIRST TEAM

| Player          | Class                |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Prillerman..... | L. E. .... Senior    |
| Houston.....    | L. G. .... College   |
| Hamlin.....     | L. T. .... Sophomore |
| Dixie.....      | C. .... Senior       |
| Vaughn.....     | R. G. .... Senior    |
| Peters.....     | R. T. .... Senior    |
| Saddler.....    | R. E. .... Sophomore |
| Calloway.....   | L. H. .... Senior    |
| Calhoun.....    | R. H. .... College   |
| Harris.....     | F. B. .... Sophomore |
| Ferguson.....   | Q. B. .... Senior    |



## SECOND TEAM

|            |       |           |
|------------|-------|-----------|
| A. Lewis   | L. E. | Junior    |
| M. Simpson | L. T. | Senior    |
| Davis      | L. G. | Senior    |
| Bland      | C.    | Sophomore |
| H. Jackson | R. G. | College   |
| W. Lewis   | R. T. | College   |
| C. Jones   | R. E. | Senior    |
| C. Hardy   | L. H. | Junior    |
| L. Buster  | R. H. | Senior    |
| R. Lewis   | F. B. | Senior    |
| D. Brown   | Q. B. | Sophomore |

The first basket ball game of the season was played Saturday. Juniors vs Sophomores. The game was well played, altho the Juniors appeared to have the advantage over the Sophs in their splendid team work. Lack of team work prevented the Sophs from scoring at least twice.

Morgan and Hardy starred for the Juniors while De Witt and Hunley featured for the Sophs.

Juniors 15, Sophs 0. The lineup is as follows:

| Juniors          | Sophs  |
|------------------|--------|
| Hardy.....F..... | Harris |

## HUMOR AND WIT

W. Houston takes agriculture. If he is as good raising potatoes and beans, as he is in raising arguments, he is a wonder.

The best way to tell a woman's

|        |        |         |
|--------|--------|---------|
| Hodge  | F..... | De Witt |
| Taylor | C..... | Hundley |
| Morgan | G..... | Hamlin  |
| Lewis  | G..... | Simpson |

Basket-ball teams are being organized by the various classes and societies in the school. The managers of these teams are now working on a schedule for this season's contests.

The members of the 1916 football team are looking forward to their annual banquet which is to be given some time in February.

age is to subtract 53 from 100 and divide the quotient by 1.

## SLIPPERY

I have just discovered why they call the moon silvery. Why? Slippery—Because it is divided into four quarters.

## AT THE STATION

S. A. Calhoun—Where does this railroad go?

M. A. Brown—It doesn't go anywhere; we keep it here to run trains on.

## WHEN SHE'S AT HOME

Father at top of the stairs—Beatrice, What time is it?

Beatrice—I don't know father; the clock isn't going.

Father— Well, what about Willie?

If I had a mule I'd name him Algy.

Why? So I could hear Alg (y) bra.

## IN THE DINING HALL

Miss P. McG.—Oh!

H. M. J.—What is the matter?

P. McG.—My teeth stepped on my tongue.

It is easier for the school to raise the board than the students.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES

The members of the Douglas Literary Society are entering into the work with enthusiasm. Its membership has increased this year, and better work is being done in giving training and parliamentary usages.

The Booker T. Washington Lit-

erary Society is doing unusually good work this year. It gives excellent training in discipline and parliamentary usages, and seeks to develop its members in the art of public speaking and debating. Excellent programs have been rendered by the society.

The Freshmen and Sophomore College Classes have organized a joint-literary society called the College Literary Society. This society has divided its members into debating teams and great work is expected of them in the near future. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are both doing excellent work this year. The young people seem to have awakened to their sense of duty. Both associations have increased in membership, and all seem to take an interest in their work. Several questions pertaining to Christian life have been discussed, and all have been benefited.

## ORGANIZATIONS

The Morrill Agriculture Club is one of the active clubs of the institution. It now has nineteen members. The object of the club is to advance the knowledge of agriculture and to promote the general interest of agriculture in the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. April 14 is the day set aside for the banquet given to the members and invited guest.



The Platonian Club is very prominent. Its members are entering into its work with a zeal. The object of this club is to secure for its members literary, historical, and political culture, skill in parliamentary usages and public speaking.

The Hexagon club is also very active. From its motto which is "Men of High Culture", one can readily judge the caliber of its members. No one is considered a member this club until he has spent at least a year in the institution.

Men of the College Department have organized a Greek Letter Club. As yet no definite name has been given to it. It is understood that the club is to be a Greek-Letter Frat. Mr. Hull of Wheeling was chosen its first president.

The Bible Classes are entering

into their work with that spirit that gave the Bible Study Classes of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute first place among the Bible Classes of the State last year.

The work this year promises to be equally as good. However there are some students who have not as yet connected themselves with a class.

Negotiations have been opened by President Prillerman with the famous Williams' Jubilee Singers, with a view to filling an engagement here the latter part of March, 1917.

The program will probably be given on Saturday night, so that graduates who are teaching, may have a chance to hear the concert and return to their work without losing any time.

