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EDITORIALS



THE MONTHLY with the beginning of another scholastic year, renews its efforts to present the West Virginia Collegiate Institute to its alumni, friends and others who may be interested in education. We have every reason to believe that we stand upon the threshold of the School's most notable era—an era in which real purpose has been manifested to supply those things most necessary to make a wide awake modern educational plant.

Elsewhere in those columns you may read in detail sketches, briefly informing you of the scholastic qualification of the new addition to the faculty.

To the casual reader, it will be evident, that the best that the great Universities have turned out, have been secured to teach here.

They bring to us the best and latest in thought and culture, and will infuse new life, and new purpose into each department with which they came in contact.

All courses of study have been modified and modernized to meet the requirements of reputable schools.

Auto Mechanics, and the Smith-Hughes course in Home Economics have been added. The eagerness with which entrance into these courses have been sought, shows their popularity.

As given out in an executive order in a previous issue, no course below the first year high school is offered in the Secondary Department. The Short Normal Course is also discontinued in the regular session of the School, and is only in the Summer School to graduates of High Schools.

A model school is regularly conducted under competent teachers, in which each member of the senior Normal class must do the required amount of practice teaching.

We feel that all alumni and friends will rejoice with us, when we announce that the enrollment for this fiscal year will run four and fifty students.

The present enrollment of the College and Normal Department, are 46 and 26 respectively.

We will be pleased for the alumni and patrons to make our paper

the medium to let us know, what you are doing for human uplift, what you think of us, and what the school is doing to supply our great needs.

“Merit Wins”

The following is the main part of an address that Mr. Frank H. Jackson, a state advisory committeeman for the Colored Schools of West Virginia, was scheduled to deliver as a Chapel feature in May of last scholastic year, but on account of a train accident, he was unable to be present.

We think it possesses elements of merit, hence present it to our readers.—Ed.

By HON. FRANK H. JACKSON.



WE ARE now entering a Crucial period in the history of our race, new conditions have been placed upon us; larger fields of opportunity are being thrown open for us to enter, and he or she, who is not qualified to enter these spheres of needed activities must of necessity be pushed aside or trampled under foot by the on-rushing crowd. There may have been a time when you might have perhaps, been carried along with the crowd, but conditions have changed and it is not so now. You must produce the goods. Individuality must play a conspicuous part, each one must play his or her part and fit into the proper place, as the mighty wheels of civilization and progress move on, failing in this we must drop out and be an idle onlooker as the mighty, busy, procession

moves on; and when I say we, I mean the great army of boys and girls who are now laying the foundation for future citizenship in the public schools and colleges of our country. For it is upon you that the future destiny of our race depends. We that are upon have but blazed the way, and it is for you to clear the pathway, remove the barriers and discrimination and till the soil of citizenship and manhood, so that you and generations to come may reap the harvest. You must so equip yourselves that you will be recognized as potent factors in this great struggle for supremacy, prepare yourselves so that you shall not always be seeking the other fellow, but that the other fellow may be seeking you. I sometimes think we fear ourselves more than we fear the other fellow of whom we make so much complaint, we complain about not

taint is now connected with the Jew, the Irishman, so to will the name Negro mean all that the term American citizen stands for, and we will be known and recognized as full fledged American citizens, clothed and endowed with the full habiliments of citizenship and manhood.

**MRS. H. A. RUCKER GUEST
OF PRESIDENT AND MRS.
DAVIS**

Mrs. H. A. Rucker of Atlanta, Georgia, mother of Mrs. John W. Davis, and wife of the famous H. A. Rucker, so intimately connected with the things worth while in the life of his race in Georgia and the South, was the guest of President and Mrs. John W. Davis during late August and early September. Mrs. Rucker's father was the late Jefferson H. Long, the only Colored Congressman from Georgia. He took his seat in Congress February 24, 1871 and served during the forty-first Congress. Mr. H. A. Rucker, was for 13 years the United States Internal Revenue Collector of Georgia.

The pleasure afforded by Mrs. Rucker's presence was manifested by a series of social functions and

motor parties that rivaled the society events of a thriving city. She regretted that important duties at home compelled her to shorten her visit.

**THE COOK-PRILLERMAN
NUPTIALS**

On September 18, from 5 to 8 p. m. a very pleasing reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Prillerman, at the residence of Professor and Mrs. Byrd Prillerman in Institute City.

The reception was the local homage paid to the union of the young people, which took place in Cleveland Ohio, June 24, 1920, when Miss Amelia B. Cook became the bride of Professor D. M. Prillerman.

The affair was largely attended by local and out of town guests, and the number and quality of the presents displayed, attested to the popularity of the young people.

Professor D. M. Prillerman is instructor in Chemistry at the Institute, and is well qualified in his line. His wife, by her genial and affable manner, has won many friends in her new home.

The Monthly joins in well wishes for the bride, and congratulations for the groom.

*One Hundred Dollar Scholarships
From the Clarksburg
W. V. C. I. Club*

Clarksburg, W. Va., October 14, 1920.

President John W. Davis,
West Virginia Collegiate Institute,
Institute, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find check for One Hundred (\$100) Dollars in payment of two Fifty (\$50) Dollar Scholarships one each for Miss Ethel Nunnally and Miss Blanche Howard of Clarksburg, as per agreement of the Clarksburg W. V. C. I. Club.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very truly yours,

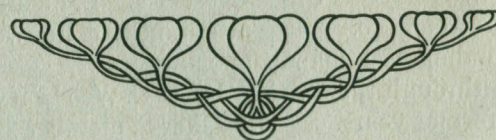
L. Amelia Lowry, Secretary W. V. C. I. Club.

The spirit that vitalizes the above letter is that, that makes heroes, martyrs, philanthropists and altruists. It is that spirit that has made Harvard, Columbia, Princeton and Chicago Universities the centers from which spring the guiding impulses of a great people.

Professor E. Bismark Saunders,

the officers of the Clarksburg W. Va. C. I. Club, and its roll of loyal members deserve the highest praise for the leadership shown in this line.

Alumni, wherever you are may we hope that you will accept and respond to the challenge of the Clarksburg Club?



receiving this, or not being permitted to do that, until we make it appear to those not thoroughly acquainted with the situation, that we are bound, mentally, and physically, with shackles of iron, as it were: every vocation is open and waiting for he or she who can best qualify or deliver the goods, and race or color, are no barriers now for the persons who can best perform the task assigned them. Let us stop for a few moments and review a few of the many cases that substantiate this claim. Come with me to the busy little city of Fairmont. I see a man directing a group of men stretching long cables across the Monongahela river. I see him again directing another group that are erecting huge derricks that towers high above the buildings that surround them, and again placing intricate machinery in place, for the construction of a bridge, which when completed, it is said, will be the most beautiful structure in the Central States. I hear men comment on his knowledge and skill as a Master Mechanic, which job he holds with one of the large Bridge Co's. in this country, and yet I hear no man comment or criticize because this Master Mechanic is a man of my race.

Over there I see another group of men working on a number of large buildings, the walls mount rapidly, higher and higher, I read in the daily papers of the rapidity and perfection of the brick work

of the M. V. T. Co. and yet I hear no censure or criticism because of the fact that the contractor and his force of men are all men of my race.

Again over there I see an imposing brick structure covering almost half a square, with a spur of railroad running up to the very doors; upon inquiry I find it is a large wholesale produce company whose fame and products are known in the extreme sections of W. Va. I see his name also recorded on the Chamber of Commerce of that progressive city and yet who cares, or what does it detract from the end accomplished in solving the problem that he is a member of the Negro Race, and thus we might go on in the various pursuits of life; and the lesson presents itself in letters so plain that he who runs may read "Produce the Goods;" and so I say to my people prepare to produce the goods. Stop seeing yourselves as in a looking glass. Shake off that fear of self and color, and step out boldly and determinedly in this rapid march of civilization and progress and being armored with efficiency and determination the sky will become clearer the pathway will be smoother and we will be lifted higher in the scale of American Civilization and the so called race problem will become a myth, and manhood will be judged for its intrinsic worth and the value of that that worth in the respective communities in which

you reside. A good many years ago there was bitterness and hatred, and persecution against the Jews. Is there a Jew problem now? Why? A quarter of a century ago perhaps there was another race whose sole occupation was track walking, and pick and shovel; today you never hear the terms applied to that race as you did then. Why? Examine clearly the cause of these transformations and you will find the remedy. Practical Education is needed and which if properly applied, in what ever sphere of life you may enter let efficiency be your goal, Excelsior your motto and the great and popular idea of American Democracy will come to us of itself. I often reflect on the application of the story in one of the old Readers of the vessel that had lost its course and had been drifting they knew not where for many days. The crew were on the verge of mutiny for want of fresh water.

An old sailor who had been leaning over the side of the vessel, stepped forward and said to some thirsty sailors: "Let down your buckets where you are." They did so and to their joy and surprise they found the water fresh. His experienced eye had discovered one of the ocean currents of fresh water, and so I say may we not now, with equal assurance take up the full responsibility of citizenship, and say to our race "Let go from here."

The world is not made up of millionaires, of Senators, of Bishops, Lawyers and Bankers. The mighty factors in Civilization and progress are the fellows who can produce something the world needs, and in consequence the world needs them and will take care of them and protect them. And yes you may be ready to say they are not doing it. I want to say then that such opposition as a rule is coming from the fellow who himself is not contributing anything to Civilization, nor does he belong to the great army of doers. They are the barnacles in this ocean of progress, they may impede the progress for awhile, but can never keep it from reaching its destination, and our boys and girls, in the High Schools and Colleges who are manning the ships will keep her moving on and on until we shall finally reach the haven of full fledged American Citizenship.

In conclusion let me say we must educate and educate and then educate some more along all lines, in every vocation, to meet every contingency, for

A little Knowledge is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep, or touch not the Pierian Spring,
A little draught intoxicates the brain,
A deeper draught will make you well again.

So let us as a race drink deep, let us enter into every avenue of citizenship and civilization; become active and living factors in our respective communities; and as no



CLASS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS OF 1919

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

The foot ball squad has a very heavy schedule outlined. It is the heaviest in the history of the games here, as a glance will show.

October 23, Virginia Theological Seminary and college at Institute. October, 30 Howard University at Washington, D. C. November 6, State University of Louisville at Louisville, Kentucky. November 13, Bluefield Colored Institute, at Bluefield. November 20, Va. N. I. I. at Institute.

November 25, Wilberforce University at Wilberforce Ohio.

The team is rounding into shape and hopes to go through the season as well as in former years.

Several teams in Basket-Ball

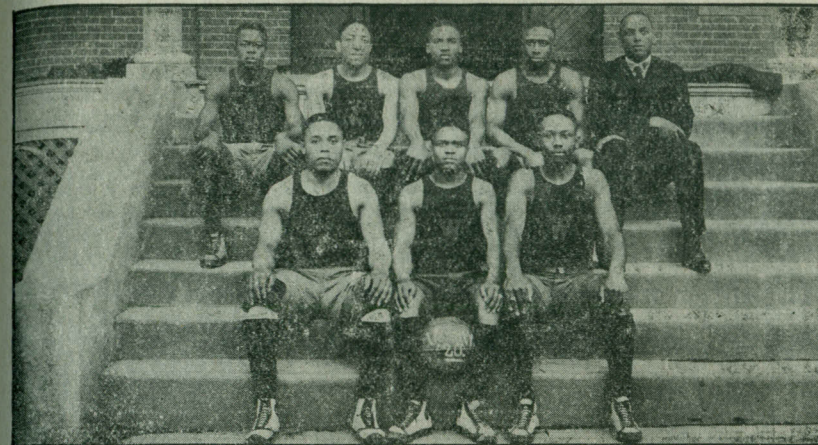
are being organized among the coeds.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Miss Lillian Guss was a week end visitor to Poca, W. Va. She was the guest of Miss Vivian Duckwyler of that little city. The ladies returned, bag and baggage on No. 2, Sunday evening, and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the whirl of social pleasure that they had experienced.

Prof. Byrd Prillerman addressed the student body Monday morning October 4. His address was given attention and he was generously applauded.

Dr. C. G. Woodson was the chapel speaker September 22, and he took occasion to recall the incidents



THE VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1919-20

leading to this epochal day in the life of the American Negro. Around the historical facts, he wove a theme of advisory thought that the race should never forget to hallow its recurrence, and so acquit itself that those who had died for the principle of human freedom, should not have died in vain.

Mrs. F. C. Carter, teacher in the Normal Department for a number of years, tendered her resignation the 8th of September. Mrs. Carter has accepted a position on the Women's Suffrage bureau.

Mrs. Price, wife of Professor Price of the Normal department has been elected to fill the place of Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, director of the Musical Department for ten years, terminated her service with the Institution in September, by resignation.

She had made herself a very necessary factor in the musical and

social life of the Institution and vicinity.

We are informed that she will enter the movie field as a producer and presenter of high class films that will disclose a phase of racial life hitherto untouched.

The Monthly wishes her success.

Mrs. Anna Belle Robinson and son, of Springfield, Ohio were the September guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spriggs. Mrs. Robinson was the recipient of much social recognition, and was highly delighted with her visit.

Mrs. McCulty Johnson Claytor of McAlpin, W. Va. is the guest of her father, Mr. Jacob Johnson in the village.

Mrs. Claytor is an alumna of the school, and a teacher of some experience.

Mrs. Virgie Keffer Smoot chaperoned her sister and cousin at the opening session of school.

The sister and cousin, both mat-



THE PLATONIAN CLUB

rons, brought their boys from Madison, W. Va. and placed them in school.

Mrs. Smoot is a graduate of the school, and was for a number of years the head of the sewing department in the Lawrenceville

Industrial school.

Mr. George Nunally of Clarksburg, W. Va. attended his daughter Ethel Nunally when she entered school. It was Mr. Nunally's first visit to Institute, and he was pleased with every thing he saw.



BASEBALL FOR THE GIRLS

