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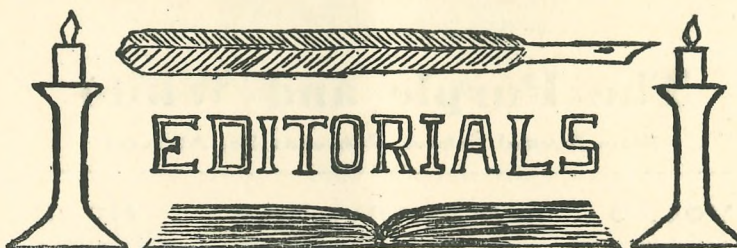
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The year 1913 has gone down in history. The problems and principles settled in that year are part of us. There is no chance to remedy the inconsistencies that laid their deadly fangs upon us during the past year. They are irrevocable. However, there lies before us a new year, an unshapen page of history, and we, by our actions and failures to act, must write it. It lies within the power of each individual to shape his course as far as the possibilities of man extend. The failures of the past are before us. Let us profit therefrom, and where we, by our lack of forethought and determination in the past, trod the pitfalls of man, let us in the new year build something "which shall survive unchanged and beautiful when time shall have withered the garland of youth; when thrones of power and monuments of art shall have crumbled into ashes."

A happy and prosperous new year to you all! May each make it a bright and wholesome page in his history, and leave it a legacy worthy of contemplation.

The subject for the annual debate has been chosen and the speakers are studying it seriously. The subject, "Resolved, That more of the power within the United States should be centralized in the federal government," is one of vital importance, and very nearly balanced for and against the object stated therein. It is a question to which every patriotic American should direct his thoughts occasionally, for it is a question which has to do with the welfare of the meanest individual as well as that of the most exalted statesman. The insight into governmental affairs would doubly pay the speakers for the

time spent, even though they were not fired by patriotism for their respective societies.

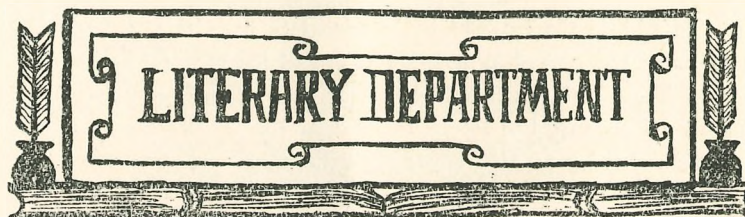
To add to the interest in inter-society activities, a football game will be played in which the boys of the "Prep. Championship Team" of the South will test each others' mettle. Old students are urged to return to Jacksonville for the 21st of February in order to rejuvenate their S. N. S. spirit.

Cement walks will soon be completed approaching the college building from three directions. These, besides greatly enhancing the beauty of the grounds, greatly add to the enjoyment of approaching old S. N. S.

Many new students have come in since the holidays. Twenty-one have already been enrolled. This number is scattered from Senior to Sub-Freshman classes. We welcome them all.

School activities are rapidly assuming their pre-holiday aspects. Those who seemed almost "burned out" before the holidays have reinforced themselves and are now pressing forward with an enthusiasm which bids fair to carry the outer defences of "transcendentalism" and seriously jeopardize the line of communication between the "acid groups" and "determinants." But as we press on in this good work we must not forget the fellow who advertises in "The Purple and White." Let us reciprocate the favor of our advertisers.

As the product of a pupil of this school, we take pleasure in commending the poem, "Emma Sansom," to our readers. We feel sure no one can read it without feeling a thrill of pride and inspiration. Like Emmerson, we can say, "It came to Emma Sansom a business, to aid her Southland; it went from her poetry, inspiring another. *Bon soir.*"



EMMA SANSOM.

Come gather 'round me, maidens,
And list to the tale I tell
Of a maid who in a crisis,
Hath served her country well.

Away back in the sixties,
In the days of the Civil War,
General Streight, a Northern leader,
Purposed to win a star.

He planned to capture Rock Run,
Destroy the furnaces there,
Then march to the little town of Rome,
Despoiling every where.

He soon collects his forces bold,
Of men both brave and strong,
And to the music of the drum,
Confidently they march along.

But ere they make much progress,
These thousand men and two,
They behold another army
Coming into their view.

It is our leader, Forrest,
With bold and dauntless mien,
To thwart the other's purposes,
Appears upon the scene.

Streight's men were nothing daunted,
To see a force so small,
For they numbered scarce six hundred,
Officers and soldiers all.

Early that April morning
They fought a fearful fight—
Our army won the victory,
The Northern fled to right.

Forrest follows to the Warrior,
Finds Streight has crossed the ford;
He decides to stop and rest his men,
So they lay down shield and sword.

At length they rise up boldly,
Eager to make a start,
To save their beloved Southland
From the enemies' fiery dart.

They approach a creek near Gadsden,
In the northern part of our State.
Says Forrest: "We shall soon o'ertake them,
If we continue a while at this rate."

But looking up at that moment,
What appears to his wondering gaze,
But the bridge across the river
Enveloped in an angry blaze?

They hold their breath one moment—
"Alas! Alas!" said they,
"We cannot cross this stream so wide,
Since the bridge has burned away!"

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For the river was swollen greatly,
From the heavy rains of late,
And lashed its waves in fury,
As if mocking their baffled state.

But Emma Sansom and her mother,
From their home on a near-by ridge,
Had seen the Federal soldiers
Apply the torch to the bridge.

They determine to try to save it,
But ere they come, behold!
Some Northern soldiers stationed
The burning bridge to hold.

General Forrest, seeing the maiden,
Asked if she knew some place
Where they could cross the stream in safety,
And pursue the enemy apace.

"Let me up behind you," said she,
"And go where I point the way;
You can surely cross where I show you,
And march right on to the fray."

"No, Emma!" said her mother,
"I must!" the maid replied;
"Shall I spurn the call of my country,
When so many brave have died?"

Thus saying, up she mounted,
This maid of scarce sixteen.
While showers of shot and bullets
Rained thick and fast between.

Minerva-like, she rode on calm,
In the face of death so grim,
Until straightway they reached the ford
Where she dismounts with him.

Still thick and fast were flying
The bullets all around;
One even piercing through her skirt,
And passing into the ground.

Upon this she waved her bonnet at them,
In a taunting way,
"My skirt is only wounded," said she,
By a bullet that chanced to stray."

They looked in silent wonder,
And admiration sheer,
And every man ceased firing,
All, too, sent up a cheer.

Our men the ford cross over,
Pursue their fearful foes,
And soon the cry of victory
From all our vanguard rose.

Our legislature voted her
A medal of shining gold,
A section of land also,
"To sustain her when she is old."

And still her name is sacred
Throughout our Southland dear,
And even in the further North
Is held in deep revere.

And mothers by the fireside bright,
When winter nights are cold,
Still charm their maidens with the tale
Of this brave girl of old.

Alice Gray Harrington, '15.

Nelle Morris: "Lucile, are you joke editor for the Purple and White?"

Lucile Weaver: "No, but Ed is!"

AN APPRECIATION OF "THANATOPSIS."

"Thanatopsis" is a great poem in which man is brought closer to his Creator and made to realize the great influence of nature in his life. He is lifted in spirit and is shown the relation between himself and his surroundings in such a way that he is made to think seriously. The view of death as shown here gives a new interpretation to life and brings one to think of the plan and great purpose of the infinite God, who makes himself known through nature.

This poem is marked for its grandeur of expression; and its grave, direct style gives an effect of sublime simplicity and originality. It is very earnest, grave, and calm. Great power and feeling of spirituality are manifest in its expression also.

When read aloud the movement is found to be very smooth, slow, dignified stately, and solemn. Gracefulness is seen in every line and its music is marked for its power.

The confused cries of our life are found to unite in a symphony of joy and faith in immortality. The thought rises high above the passions, anxieties, and mere gratifications of existence, and we are pointed to the moral.

"So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Marie Alexander, '11.

Miss Marks to Ed Milner: "Monsieur Milner, comprenez-vous?"

Milner: "Miss Marks, that must be one of those idioms (idioms) that I have forgotten!"

A CHARACTER SKETCH OF SILAS MARNER.

George Eliot gives us three phases in the character of Silas Marner. The first gives us a clear picture of him as a happy, sympathetic and contented youth, who had a trusted friend, love, and faith in God. His character is full of the faults and virtues of human nature. A feeling of sadness steals over one by the change in Silas' nature which comes as the result of the loss of his friend, love, and his faith in God—the three things most needed to keep his life human. The change made him sour, moody, and a self-centered miser with but one object in life—to gather gold. The reader's heart is made to thrill again by the incidents of the broken pitcher and the aid given to Sallie Oates, the sick woman, because it proves that love and sympathy are still alive in his heart.

The last change comes after the loss of his hoarded gold and the coming of Eppie, who has more than taken its place. His insect-like nature is gradually reawakened, and unfolds with the developing growth of her life, until he again feels the old love and faith of his youth. Silas was forced into the society of the people of Raveloe, whom he had avoided these many years, in order to "do what was good for the child," as Dolly Winthrop told him. He was taken into their church, where old memories were stirred into life, when Eppie was christened. He was often seen bareheaded in the meadows where the child gathered buttercups and listened to the songs of the birds, while the soothing influence of nature put the finishing touches to the restoration of his soul. The many demands the care of the child made upon his time and thoughts were in sharp contrast to the one made by his gold, which had narrowed his life down to one point of interest while the child's life expanded his interests until a thousand could not meet the needs of her growing life and those of the restored soul of Silas. George Eliot sums up the change in these few words:

"As the child's mind was growing into knowledge, his mind was growing into memory; as her life unfolded, his soul, long stupefied in a cold narrow prison, was unfolding too, and trembling gradually into full consciousness."

Luella Mitchell, '17.



During the past few pretty warm days you could see those who are eager for athletics and outdoor sports taking advantage of them by mountain climbing and tennis playing. Almost every tennis court in town is crowded with earnest and hard playing girls and boys. At present there are no other athletics carried on. For some reason a basket ball team was not organized.

But you can see groups of boys discussing what has been and what is going to be before many weeks pass. And we are all looking forward to the time the practice will begin for the annual football game between the Morgan and Calhoun Literary societies.

Before the Christmas holidays the Morgans challenged the Calhouns to meet them for the annual game the 21st of February. The challenge was accepted.

The spirit of each society is boiling over, and it will be the hardest fought game ever played in this part of the State. There were no scars in the game last year. It will be much harder fought this year. Each team is heavier, faster, and has more experience, and new and old boys are coming every few days who are anxious to "get at 'em,"

After this hard fought battle the "oval" will be laid to rest until next season, but not forgotten.

We expect to do much better next season than this, though we never lost a game.

Our new ball park is now being sodded and will be in excellent condition for the coming baseball season, which has the best prospect the history of the school has ever known.

❖ Class Department. ❖

SENIOR CLASS.

All the members of the Senior Class except one are back in school. Mr. Glover has not returned yet, but will be back as soon as he can leave his brother, who is very ill.

Mr. Sisson came home for the vacation and decided to spend the remaining part of the session with us. He was a Junior last year, also a Junior at the University of Alabama.

The Senior Class has begun to study Emerson's Essays, which they enjoy very much.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

Before we left school for the holidays our class elected officers ready to begin our new year's work. Those elected were:

Mr. H. W. Dunson, president.

Miss Louise Douthit, vice-president.

Miss Margaret Pouten, secretary.

A class institute has been held in which some interesting talks were given by members of the class.

Each old member is back and seems very enthusiastic over his work.

We are glad to have so many new members in our class, and hope we may help them make their work pleasant.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Although we have all enjoyed the holidays very much, we are glad to be back together and at work again. Many members of our class stood the State examination in December, and are looking forward with joy to the time they will receive their certificates. The other members of the class join them in wishes for their success.

In our last institute we had many interesting topics discussed. Among them "The Value of Botany" and "The Value of Corn Clubs." Mr. Clements gave the Prophecy of the girls of the Junior Class, and if we ever attain the positions of honor as prophesied by Mr. Clements we will all be great women

some day. As we do not wish to see so great a prophet proved false, we must all do our best to attain these ideals of perfection that he has prophesied for us.

FRESHMAN CLASS.

At our first meeting the following were chosen as our class officers, excepting editor:

W. R. Brown, president.

Ione Adams, vice-president.

Louie Usry, secretary and treasurer.

M. L. Robertson, sergeant-at-arms.

Ruth Nixon, critic.

Julia Orr, editor.

On account of a failure to elect our editor with the other officers, we did not send in our report last issue. Consequently some of our news may not be news, but history.

A large per cent. of the old students of our class have returned, and a number have entered their chosen field of labor.

We cordially welcome our many new members, which are twenty-one.

Our class held several very instructive institutes in the pedagogy room, under the leadership of Miss Forney. Several interesting programs were rendered. Among the most noteworthy features of the program were the following:

"Local Taxes for Rural Schools," by Mr. Watson.

Reading—"Learning How to Skate," by Miss Ruth Nixon.

"How to Conduct a Recitation," by Miss Maude Hodge.

Reading—"Jennie," by Miss Helen Pope.

"Domestic Science," by Luella Mitchell, which closed with the old adage, "Let us make hay while the sun shines," being an appeal for more to study the art.

The members of the class are interested in the arts.

The trip to Weaver's Cave was a very enjoyable outing. The little creek inside the first cave being higher than usual, gave spice to the journey through it. Most of the crowd crossed without paying the penalty of wet feet. The number of songs sung inside of the cave which awoke the echoes will long be remembered. Taking of the flash light picture and examining the lime formations were of renowned interest. Seven members of the faculty chaperoned.

The class social was held at the home of Mrs. Van Sandt and was enjoyed by every one, as it gave an opportunity for the students to see each other in a new guise.

🌀 Literary Societies. 🌀

The four literary societies are doing some excellent work this session. Every member seems to be more enthusiastic over the society work than ever before. Each member is taking an active part whenever it comes his or her turn.

Many new boys and girls have entered school since Christmas, and almost every one has joined one of the different societies either as an active or an honorary member.

The Morgan and Calhoun societies are planning to settle another great national question on February 21. The subject to be debated is: "Resolved, That more of the power within the United States should be centralized in the federal government." Both societies have selected their speakers. The speakers for the Calhoun are Messrs. Jno. D. Samuels and Jas. A. Davis, who represent the affirmative side of the question. The Morgan speakers are Messrs. J. A. Watwood and W. L. Little, who represent the negative side. These four young men are very able speakers, and we are sure they will handle the subject equal to young senators.

The next very important feature of the day, in which more than four will be involved, is yet to be mentioned. Not many days ago the Morgan Society challenged the Calhoun Society to play a football game February 21. The Calhouns being anxious to see the Jacksonville State Normal football players lined up one more time this session, accepted the challenge with pleasure. No doubt you have seen several football games, but if you want to see a game that will be worth your while, make it a point to be in Jacksonville February 21. Even though the boys love each other as they do a brother, they are predicting one of the hardest fought games that has ever been played on the Jacksonville football ground. In a few days there will be not less than fifty boys on the football ground straining every nerve and making every good play possible in order to get on good terms with the captain. Every one wants to make the team and play February 21.

The Jacksonville boys believe in doing things, as many of the football teams of Georgia and Alabama are able to certify to. When the season was over the Prep. Champions were not satisfied, so they accepted a challenge from the second team of the champions of the South. They were a little outclassed in this game, but the team as a whole gained some noted distinction.

 Alumni.

Mr. David Hamner is now one of the leading merchants of Winston county.

Mr. Ira B. Kerbin is a student at A. P. I., Auburn.

Prof. Walter Parker is an efficient assistant in the Lawrence County High School.

Mrs. Lola McCullough is teaching at Prattville, Ala.

Misses Winnie, Ada, and Annie Milligan spent the holidays in Jacksonville with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Milligan.

Mr. P. W. Capps is doing excellent work as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Beaumont, Texas.

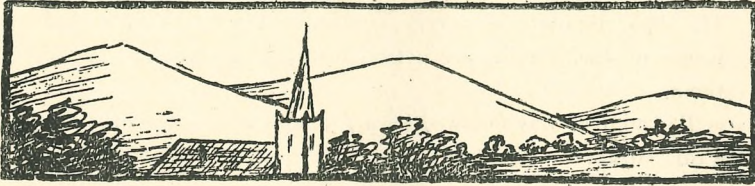
Mr. Elmore McCullough holds an important position at Columbus.

Mr. Frank Glazner, who holds a position in the high school at Oxford, spent Saturday in Jacksonville.

Mr. Irving McCullough has a position at Easonville, Ala.

Miss Kate P. Adair, '12, is again our generous contributor. We greatly appreciate such loyalty.

Alumni contributions are requested from all.



Y. W. C. A.

We are glad to welcome so many of the members of the Y. W. C. A. back, and we hope that the new girls who have just entered school will realize the benefit that girls derive from the work of the association and join us in this work.

Let us make the most and the best of this year, walk closer to Christ, live pure lives, and do all we can in the way of knowing Christ better.

We are going to organize a mission study class, which Miss Marks has consented to teach. We feel sure Miss Marks will make the class very interesting, and we are sure much benefit will be derived from the class. This class will meet every Saturday afternoon, and the book we are going to use is "India Awakening," by Sherwood Eddy. We should be delighted to have all girls who are interested in missions join the class.

Y. M. C. A.

Y. M. C. A. interest seems to be on the increase, judging from the number present on Sunday following the opening of school after the holidays were over.

It is the opinion of all who are interested in Y. M. C. A. work that the work is on better footing than it has been in several years, for the courses of study led by Profs. Howard and Young are proving of much interest to the boys, as is shown by the increase in numbers in each study.

The association enjoyed a splendid address from Bro. Bennett, pastor of the Baptist church of this place, Sunday, Jan. 11. Bro. Bennett is a very strong man spiritually, and the people of Jacksonville are indeed fortunate in having him with them.

His address was followed by a few well chosen remarks from Prof. Howard. He always has something good to tell us, and the boys that fail to come out and be with us are missing a treat that isn't within their reach all the time.

LOCALS.

Since the Christmas vacation we find almost all the students who enrolled at the first of the session in school again, and lots of new ones.

Mr. King, principal of County High School, visited the college Saturday, December 9, when he gave a very interesting talk to the students.

Prof. Daugette entertained the football squad December 18, when all the members of the team and their "lady friends" enjoyed a delightful evening at his home. New officers were elected for next season, and all those who were present made interesting talks. A. M. Boone was elected captain for next session. Exercises were had; football songs given; refreshments served; and other things for amusement.

The debate between the Calhoun and Morgan societies will come off February 21.

Miss Julia Orr: "If a man was asked to drink twice and he refused, what should he do the third time?"

Miss Rena Nunnally: "He should accept, 'cause three scruples make a dram!"



EXCHANGES.

Among the magazines that have been sent us are: State Normal Magazine, from Greensboro, N. C.; The Springhillian, from Mobile, Ala.; The Clarion, from West Hartford, Conn.; Daisy Chain, from Waco, Texas; Corral, from Abilene, Texas; Acorn, from Ogden Utah; Black and Gold, from Montgomery, Ala.; The Era, from Emory, Va.; The Mirror, from Birmingham, Ala.; The Limestone Star, from Gaffney, S. C.; The Birmingham Reporter, from Birmingham, Ala.

I wish I had time to tell each student in each school how very much we enjoy everything in the magazines, and we think you are all doing fine work this scholastic year.

As the "Corral" was among the first to reach our table, I will tell the editor of it, through the "Purple and White," what fine talent they have in school. "Compulsory Education" is a fine story and should be read by all who have the chance. "His Reward" is a very thrilling short story that all will enjoy. The "A Lord? Or a Prince?" is also interesting. "The "Corral" has a department for almost every subject, so that everything of interest concerning the school can be found in the magazine.



Prof. Saunders: "Can you tell something about how tuberculosis affects people?"

Grubbs: "I don't know much about it, 'fessor, but I think those that linger along are more apt to get well than those that die suddenly."

After receiving Annie Lee's report card, her mother was very much surprised to find D on it.

Mrs. Lunceford: "Why, how is this, Annie Lee?"

Annie Lee: "It was Miss Lizzie's fault."

Mrs. Lunceford: "Why so?"

Annie Lee: "'Cause she moved the one who prompted me!"

Mr. Davis: "My watch has stopped. I wonder how long I've been talking."

Miss Sargeant (getting impatient): "You'll find a calendar in the hall!"

Mr. Harris: Miss Fitz, if I can do a piece of work in seven days and Mr. Steadham can do it in nine, how long would it take us both to do it?"

Miss Fitz: "You wouldn't get it done at all. You would sit down and tell fish stories!"

J. D. Samuels to G. G. Lawson: "Lawson, have you heard of the terrible hanging in Jacksonville?"

Lawson: "No, I have heard nothing of it. What about it?"

Samuels: "Whew! it scares me to think about it!"

Lawson: "Tell me about it at once. Who was it?"

Samuels: "Why, it is Mr. Percy Plyler forever 'hanging around' Mr. Daugette's!"

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