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OPENING OF SCHOOL.

It is customary for schools to report with some pride that every opening is the best, and that there is an increase of at least twenty-five per cent over the previous session. The record was broken last year in that we had an increase of forty-four per cent and this year breaks it again with an increase of thirty per cent over last session. But of more importance than increase in numbers is the growing quality of the student body. About forty graduates of high schools and colleges entered the first week. The Freshman class is the smallest class in school, the Junior being the largest.

The opening, as usual, was entirely informal, welcome addresses being given by the pastors of the churches and impromptu talks being made by local citizens. They all breathed the spirit of optimism. After singing a few songs the year 1916-17 was fairly under way. The enrollment for the session will probably be upward of three hundred.

PRIZE AT THE STATE FAIR.

The exhibit of the Normal School was awarded first

prize at the Alabama State Fair, Birmingham. Our exhibits have never yet failed to secure premiums, though there have been times when other schools have made larger exhibits.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR JACKSONVILLE.

In a movement which was agreeable to all parties concerned, the city of Jacksonville and the Board of Directors of the Normal School, the public school of Jacksonville was separated from the Normal School and now occupies a beautiful new building across the avenue from the Normal School. The prime reason for the separation was the necessity for a high school in Jacksonville, which could not be maintained without the public school. It has started off well, and the separation is quite a relief to the Normal School and seems to be agreeable to the people. A training school of seven grades is maintained as a model school by the Normal. We have room for only eighty children and the list is now full.

SUMMER SCHOOL.

The summer school last year enrolled 256 pupils. This will be very largely increased the coming summer. The summer school begins early, May 16, and continues three full months, being divided into two terms, one ending with the examination in July, and the other continuing to complete the twelve weeks, ending August 4. The regular work of the school will be carried on during the summer term. In addition, review courses for the state examination are offered to those who wish to prepare for higher certificates. Courses for the extension of certificates will also be given. The extension course is given at all times during the regular session. Those who wish reservations at the dormitory for the summer school should make them early, as all the rooms were taken last summer, and there will not be room in the dormitory for all those who wish to come next summer.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

The winter term begins November 28 and the spring term February 27. All the work of the Normal School is run upon the term basis and the teacher or student present one term may drop out at the end of the term, get credit for the work he has done, re-enter later and resume his work where he left off.

HOSPITALITY.

Th students at Jacksonville display a most commendable spirit of hospitality. They meet students at the train, carry their grips for them, help them through registration and in many other ways which a stranger appreciates. "Is there anything I can do for you? Can I help you?" are familiar questions one hears about the opening of school and at other times when new students arrive. This hospitality is characteristic of both pupils and teachers.

FACULTY CHANGES.

The only changes in the Faculty which were made this session were occasioned by the separation of the public school from the Normal. Miss Edith Johnston accepted a position in the Normal School at Farmville, Va.; Miss Mary Berry is employed in the public school of the city of Jacksonville; Miss Louise Pelham is supervisor of grammar grades of Jacksonville, Florida, city schools; Miss Caroline B. Smith is fifth grade critic in the Troy Normal School. Miss Ethel Randolph of Anniston, who has had several years successful experience and who is a graduate in supervision from Columbia University, occupies the position of head critic, and each member of the Normal School Faculty is critic for some subject in his department. Miss Randolph has taken hold of her work with tact and energy. She is very pleasing in address, and will doubtless make herself indispensable to the institution.

The teachers who left us will make good elsewhere, as they did here.

SCHOOL NEWS.

Dr. Robinson of Marion has attended chapel exercises several times during his visit to Jacksonville. He has been conducting successful series of meetings at the Presbyterian church.

The class socials were held on November 11, and all report spending a pleasant and agreeable evening.

The reception given by the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. to the new students on the evening of September 25 was a most enjoyable occasion. It was held in the reception room and auditorium of the new dormitory. The program consisted of addresses by C. E. Harris, president Y. M. C. A., and May Bell Alexander, president Y. W. C. A., and President Daugeette; recitations by Rev. O. L. Millikan and Miss Willie Hudson and songs by the male quartette, Messrs. Paul Davis, Henry Carpenter, R. P. and H. H. Evans.

After the program games were played in the auditorium. Punch was served on the porch.

The campus has been greatly improved recently. The grounds surrounding the dormitory have been graded, a driveway and cement walks have been made and grass sown upon the plot. Later flower beds will be made and flowers planted, all of which enhance the beauty of the campus, which was already naturally beautiful.

Unusual interest has been taken in athletics this session. The boys are all working hard in their daily football practice. "Rabbit" Harris is ably assisted in coaching the teams by John B. Steadham. Two games with other teams have been played on the Jacksonville grounds, the first with Blount County High School, resulting in a score of three to nothing in favor of Jacksonville, and the second with Marshall County High School, the score being six to twelve in favor of Marshall High. Games are scheduled with Birmingham College and Howard College, the last game being with the Presbyterian College of Anniston on Thanksgiving.

The girls have organized a basketball team, with Mr. A. L. Young as coach. Miss Ava Stout is captain and Miss Nora Snead, manager.

The girls are enthusiastic and hope soon to be able to play a game with some other teams.

Early in September Miss Feminear of Auburn visited the school and made an interesting talk at chapel.

Dr. L. O. Dawson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, while conducting a revival at the Baptist church, paid several visits to the school and made talks at chapel exercises, which were highly appreciated by faculty and students.

The students have shown deep interest in the educational amendment and have been active in writing letters to friends and relatives at home.

Among visitors who brought children to enter school are Mr. J. D. Armstrong of Oneonta, Rev. J. N. Davidson of Gaylesville, Dr. Jno. W. Abercrombie of Anniston, Mrs. R. Y. Street of Anniston, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Thompson of Anniston, Mrs. Sarah Jones of Ashland, Mr. J. D. McCrary, Lineville.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Class of 1916.

The class of 1916 are located as follows: W. M. Bean is principal of school near Clanton; Clyde Brittain is a student at Auburn; Irene Carpenter is teaching at Merrellton; Johnnie R. Clements is teaching mathematics, manual arts and athletics in Fayette County High School; Mr. Clements returned to Jacksonville after his graduation and took a life partner one of Jacksonville's daughters, Miss Martie Whiteside, who would have been a Senior this year.

Mrs. Conerly is teaching near Jacksonville at Willingham School. She is fortunate in being located so near her Alma Mater and where she can get glimpses of Mr. Conerly, who is a Senior this year.

Liston Crow, who displayed so much ability in the role of "Caesar," is preparing himself for the ministry and, when he becomes a full-fledged Presbyterian preacher, we shall expect his oratorical powers to eclipse those he displayed here.

Martha Dean Crow is also teaching under the shadow of her Alma Mater, at Piedmont, Ala.

Fannie Dyer is teaching in the High School at Pell City. She specialized in domestic science and now has the opportunity to show her ability in teaching this course in connection with other branches.

Louise Douthit is teaching at Gieger, Ala.

Faye Emond is teaching in the Birmingham Public Schools.

Vada Glass has second and third grades in the school at Sulligent. She also has public school music for all grades.

J. Fred Gurley is principal of the school at Heflin, Ala.

Emrys Hamilton is assistant chemist at Woodward Iron Works, Bessemer.

A. C. Johnson is teaching at his home at Adger in Jefferson County.

C. C. King is principal of a school in Montgomery County.

G. G. Lawson is principal of the school at Adamsville. He was offered a position as supervisor of manual training in the elementary schools of Birmingham, but he had already signed contract for Adamsville School.

Bryan McCollough is teaching in high school at Fort Deposit.

Ed M. Milner is teaching in Madison County near his home.

C. C. Naugher is a student at the University of Alabama.

Elsie Nixon is attending Woman's College in Montgomery.

R. P. Scarbrough, owing to the state of his health, had to give up the school he had contracted for, and is now principal of a school at Ardmore, Okla.

Mary Bowling Stewart and May Belle Tatum are teaching a school near Wadley, Ala.

A. G. Walker is teaching in the high school at Geiger.

Lois Weaver is a student at Florida College for Women at Tallahassee, Fla.

Clyde West is teaching in rural school, Cherokee County.

Class 1915.

Josephine Gaboury is teaching in Birmingham Public Schools.

Roy Ellison is attending the University of Alabama.

James A. Davis is attending the University of Alabama, and is playing football on the University team.

Marie Alexander is teaching in the Jacksonville Public Schools.

Ann Amelia Wood is teaching in Gadsden Public Schools.

Lucile Weaver is a student at Florida State College for Women at Tallahasee.

Margaret Toland is teaching at Murphy, N. C.

C. D. Tatum is principal of school at Henegar in DeKalb County.

M. G. Satterfield is teaching at Daviston.

John D. Samuels is principal of a school in Coosa County.

L. J. Robinson is principal of Lockhart Public Schools, Lockhart, Ala.

Julia Privett is assisting B. B. Lawson at Graysville.

Nelle Morris holds the position of English and domestic science in St. Clair County High School at Odenville.

Coleman McCollough holds the position as first assistant in Lawrence County High School at Moulton.

Annie Kemp is attending Peabody College for Teachers this year.

Frank J. Little is principal of Ohatchee High School.

Class 1914.

Jno. W. Boyd is principal of Weaver School.

Arthur Glover is teaching at Ozark, Ala.

Sadie Bell Johnson is teaching near Montgomery.

W. L. Little is principal of school at Munford, Ala.

Mary Bettie Lunceford is teaching in Thomaston Schools.

Chas. Sisson is attending Princeton University.

Alma Whiteside is teaching near Renfro, Talladega County.

Class 1913.

Chas. C. Dailey is located in Mississippi—is doing Y. M. C. A. work.

B. B. Lawson is principal of school at Graysville in Jefferson County. He assisted in 1916 summer school, and was married in August to Miss Dennie Privett, Class 1913.

Thomas E. McCollough is principal of high school, Brewton.

Lola McCollough is teaching in High School at Roanoke, Ala.

Birdie McCollough, class 1910, who has been doing settlement work at Reedsville, N. C., will train for nurse at Richmond, Va., the next two and a half years. After finishing the course, she expects to continue doing settlement work.

Melvin Johnson, class 1911, and J. H. Rayfield, class 1910, are in the Senior Class this year, studying for the standard diploma.

Winnie Milligan, class 1908, is teaching in Brewton Public Schools.

COUNTIES REPRESENTED AND NUMBER FROM EACH.

Calhoun	64
Blount	9
St. Clair	6
Dallas	1
Hale	1
Clay	14
Cherokee	13
Monroe	2
Barbour	2
Marshall	3
Etowah	4
Chambers	2
Montgomery	1
Tallapoosa	10
Talladega	4
DeKalb	8
Morgan	2
Elmore	4
Winston	2
Tuscaloosa	4
Coosa	10
Madison	3
Washington	1
Jefferson	10
Randolph	2
Fayette	2
Chilton	3
Covington	1
Cleburne	6
Lee	1

Total Number of Counties Represented 30
Menlo, Ga. 1

Officers of Senior Class.

President, O. B. Thompson.
Vice President, C. G. Conerly.
Secretary, Kathleen Daugette.
Critic, H. H. Evans.

Officers of Junior Class.

President, H. C. Pannell.
Secretary, Ethel Thompson.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Morgan.

President, R. P. Evans.
Vice President, G. L. Gilbert.
Secretary, J. P. Johnston.

Calhoun.

President, B. E. Jones.
Secretary, Cranfill Upshaw.
Vice President, V. L. Adams.

Officers Y. W. C. A.

President, May Belle Alexander.
Vice President, Noba McCollough.
Secretary, Mrs. Willie P. Jackson.

Officers Y. M. C. A.

President, C. E. Harris.
Secretary, O. B. Thompson.
Vice President, Albert Worley.

Officers Football Team.

Manager, R. L. Clements.
Captain, B. P. Livingston.

CALENDAR FOR 1916-1917.

1916.

Fall Term.

(12 Weeks.)

Entrance Examination Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 4-5
Fall Term Begins Wednesday, Sept. 6
Holiday Thanksgiving Day
Fall Term Ends Saturday, Nov. 25

Winter Term.

12 Weeks.)

Winter Term Begins Tuesday, Nov. 23
Christmas Vacation Begins Friday, Dec. 22
Christmas Vacation Ends Monday, Jan. 1

1917.

Annual debate between Morgan and Calhoun Literary

Societies Saturday, Feb. 24

Winter Term Ends Saturday, Feb. 24

Spring Term.

12 Weeks.)

Spring Term Begins Tuesday, Feb. 27
Spring Term Ends Wednesday, May 16

Commencement Week.

Annual Sermon Sunday, May 13
President's Reception to Senior Class Monday, May 14
Alumni Exercises Tuesday, May 15
Graduating Exercises Wednesday, May 16

Summer School.

Entrance Wednesday, May 16
Work Begins Thursday, May 17
End of first term of Summer School July 14
End of Summer Quarter Saturday, Aug. 4