

# Lincolntonians Are Justly Proud Of "Fassifern" College

Fassifern, the home school for girls, established in Lincolnton in 1907 by Miss Kate C. Shipp, is an institution of which all Lincolntonians are justly proud. Good schools contribute more, perhaps, than any other agency in the development of culture and refinement in a community, and the influence of Fassifern has become a potent educational force in the life of the town at large.

Although Fassifern is simply a modest preparatory school, where young girls of good parentage are fitted to enter the large colleges and universities, yet few educational institutions of the state can claim so strong and able a faculty. Two of the teachers hold diplomas from the University

of Cambridge, England, while another is a B. A. of the Royal University of Ireland, and all are experts in their several lines of work.

Miss Kate Cameron Shipp, the founder and principal of this school, is one of the most prominent and widely known educators in the state, having held the chair of mathematics in St. Mary's, Raleigh, eight years, the Presbyterian College and Seminary, three years, and is by nature and experience especially fitted for the work she now has in hand, having had the privilege of inspecting personally many of the best schools in this country, and abroad. Miss Shipp has adopted what seemed to her best in courses of study and discipline. Her belief

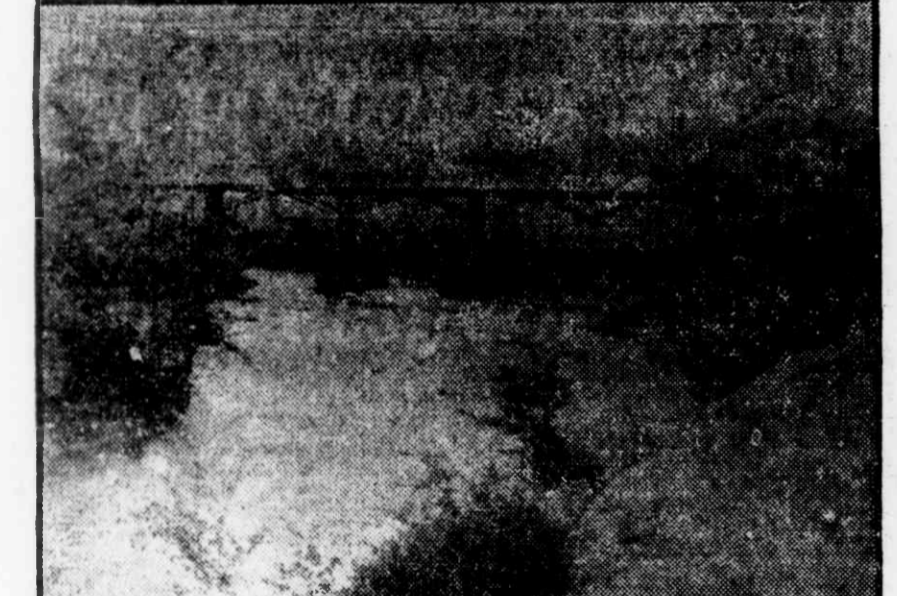


day with prayer, and on Sundays the pupils are required to attend church. A teacher, or competent chaperone, accompanies the pupils to the church indicated by parent or guardian. Where no preference is shown by parents, or guardians, the pupils go with the household to the Episcopal church. In the regular course of instruction in the Bible is provided for all, and each must attend the Sunday afternoon Bible class. Those who are Episcopalians are instructed in the catechism and prayer book. The entire atmosphere of Fassifern is that of a normal Christian home where the kindest personal care is given to each child.

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ness and power in the development of musical taste and intelligence in the vicinity. The artists' course of concerts inaugurated the past year has become an established fact in the life of Fassifern and Lincolnton. Contracts are being made which will give students opportunities for enjoying the work of musicians who are seldom heard outside of the larger cities.

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that there was in North Carolina a demand for a small private school, located in a healthy and quiet place, giving girls more home life than is possible in a large school, has been amply justified by the steady growth of this school, the patrons of which are people who value refinement and culture.

Fassifern takes its name from that of the ancestral home of the Camerons, in Scotland. From its first inception Miss Shipp's purpose has been to make it strictly a select home school for girls, laying no claim to the much abused title of college. And although the demand of applicants has forced the addition of new buildings each year, it is not the purpose to develop the school to much larger proportions. Miss Shipp's idea is to keep her school within certain limits, where each and every pupil may have the advantage of individual attention. The all-pervading idea at Fassifern is, "thoroughness in all things."

Unique in character, a school which fills a long-felt want, thoroughly efficient, with the painstaking care that is given to each pupil individually, the success of Fassifern is not in any way surprising. It is rather a departure from the old established lines of preparatory schools, combining the advantages of the private tutor with those of the public school while at the same time preserving the necessary degree of exclusiveness to insure perfect congeniality among the

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Mrs. A. said, "because I heard her mention a 'trained tree'."

"Goodness me!" Mrs. B. laughed. "What queer hearing you must have! They were talking about going away, and she said find out about the train, dear."

"Well, did anybody ever?" Mrs. C. exclaimed. "I am sure they were talking about musicians, for she said 'a trained ear,' as distinctly as could be."

The discussion began to warm up, and in the midst of it the woman herself appeared. They carried their case to be promptly and asked for a settlement.

"Well, well, you beat all!" she exclaimed, after hearing each one. "I been out to the country overnight, and was asking my husband if it rained there last night."

After which the three disputants retired, abashed and in silence.

one particular falling—that of absent mindedness. He visited his married nephew a few days ago and had listened to the young wife's praise of her first born.

The gentleman felt that he must say something to give the impression that he was interested.

"Can the dear little fellow walk?" he inquired quickly.

"Walk?" shouted the mother. "Why, he has been walking for five months."

"Dear me!" exclaimed the professor, looking again into abstraction. "What a long way he must have trot!"—Philadelphia Times.

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A man is mighty smart to understand women, and a lot smarter to know he doesn't.

## The Greensboro News Department

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Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 7.—Among prominent friends from a distance who will be present at the 214th annual session of the North Carolina yearly meeting of Friends which will begin at Guilford College next Wednesday, will be Rev. Charles Tebbetts, general secretary of the American board of foreign missions, and Timothy Nicholson of Richmond, Indiana.

The executive committee of the A. & M. college for the colored, met here today and transacted routine business, examining the accounts, looking over the farm, inspecting the buildings, etc. The committee authorized repairs to the roofs of the college buildings and other necessary improvements to prevent deterioration of property and grounds. The executive committee is composed of Dr. J. L. Foust of Greensboro, Prof. M. C. S. Noble of Chapel Hill and W. L. Klutz, of Salisbury, who were present.

Dr. G. F. Ross, the superintendent of Health of Guilford, who is paid a good salary to devote his entire time to sanitation and health besides attending all sick, who are a charge on the county, in jail, work house, county home or convict camp, will begin a tour of the county Monday. He has published a list of fifteen appointments. At each point he will discuss tuberculosis, typhoid fever and general sanitation, the lectures to be illustrated on a stereopticon for the fathers and mothers of school children.

Later, when schools are in session, Dr. Ross will give lectures in the public schools adapted for teachers, children and the general public.

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Just Dropped In.

Returning from a week's vacation in Lancaster county, Silas Mulford tells of a conversation between a farmer and a tramp that indicates the intellectual advancement of the knights of the road.

The tramp was in the farmer's cherry tree eating his fill of luscious fruit.

"Hey, there," yelled the farmer; "what are you doing in my cherry tree?"

"Tryin' to get out," explained the tramp. "I just fell down from a balloon."—Philadelphia Times.

Budoir Acrobatics.

I want to tell the ladies of the National how I've overcome the difficulty of buttoning my waists in the back. I throw my waist over my shoulders, leaving my arms out, and button down the front, leaving the upper and lower buttons unfastened. Then I fold it over my shoulders, turn it around, push my arms up into the sleeves, and lo, my waist is buttoned and no stretching, and no buttons missed either.—From the National Magazine for August.



CLARA MORRIS

Clara Morris, the famous actress, who has been blind several years and is now recovering her sight, owing to the remarkable work of foreign specialists, who came all the way from Europe to treat her in her home at Yonkers, N. Y. At latest report, Miss Morris was able to discern the design and figures on the wall paper. Every day she sees better, and it is hoped that, within a few weeks or months her vision will be as good as ever.

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