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## Co-Laborers in a



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Through the most trying years of the of Grensboro. Miss Mary Lynch of Salis-State Federation work, Mrs. Minnie Sumner Pearson by popular election was called upon to serve as our State President. Mrs. Pearson's first great problem was how to face the task of succeeding the distinguished club founder, Dr. Brown, whose heavy financial and administrative responsibilities at Palmer demanded her undivided attention.

Mrs. Pearson's second problem was the solution of the difficult situation at the Efland Home—the debt, the need for larger facilities for water, the farm and its development, the securing of a suitable matron at the Home and teaching personnel as well and other needs, the details of which are too well known to necessitate a reviewal at this time.

Problem number three was that of arousing the lethargic club women throughout the state to a continuation of the fine work which through united energetic effort had been accomplished during the earlier years of Doctor Brown's administration. Securing an adequate appropriation through appeals to consecutive State Legislatures was both difficult in character development, attention to and disappointing.

Patience and persistence brought success to Mrs. Pearson who with Doctor Brown, Mrs. Julia Warren and others struggled on day by day, month after month. These women traveled back and forth from their homes tirelessly supervising the humble work at Efland. Thus we pause to honor Mrs. Pearson, the third president of the State Federation and her faithful companion and loyal co-laborer Mrs. Julia Warren who was one of the most unselfish club women North Carolina has ever seen.

Mrs. Marie Clay Clinton of Charlotte. North Carolina. rendered outstanding service first as State President and later as matron of the Efland Home.

Mrs. Griffin of High Point, Mrs. Nelson



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bury, all belong to that immortal coterie of pioneers whose noble services we honor at this convention.

"What about Mrs. Maggie Jones of Asheville?" you ask. She is indeed the matchless, indefatigable, energetic, heart warming, beloved "Mass Woman." There is no one like her. When she was created and fruits are shelved each year. the angels must have hidden the mould. We have not found it yet. It will take a special edition for this marvelous pioneer. Others there are most certainly deserving of honor, sketches of whom will appear in the Editor's forthcoming History.

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will enable graduates to enter college North or South. In addition the school offers cultural training in drama, art, and music, and in the latter department the Sedalia singers have carried their alma mater's name to many places.

The students are divided into small circle groups over which some teacher is counselor and adviser. each individual student thus receiving personal training personal appearance, and other cultural necessities. All students are required to give one hour of work per day to the school. No general work program can be offered here except to a limited number of working students, but to be able to work is one of God's greatest blessings in the curriculum of the school, and so the president seeks to dignify toil with hands, to place high valuation on work well done whether in the office or in the kitchen.

Two modern dormitories house seventyfive girls and fifty boys, and are both well-equipped and modern, while Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial houses the administration building, classrooms, home economics laboratories, music studios, the library, and Wellesley auditorium.

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Now apart from its beauty, the hydrangea becomes more interesting because a valuable medicine is being produced from its root, according to announcements made by scientists of the Lederle Laboratories at Pearl River, New York.

The medicine obtained from the hydrangea is in the form of a drug which promises to become even more effective than quinine in the treatment of malaria; espe-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

able asset. Corn, potatoes, and other vegetables are raised and canned for the use of the school, and surpluses often sold, while thousands of quarts of vegetables

At the head of the school is Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, who has served as president of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, and vice-president of the National Association of Colored Women. She is a very forceful speaker, and has appeared at Columbia University, Mt. Holyoke. Smith. and Wellesley. She has traveled extensively in Europe and her own country, and has authored many stories. Dr. Brown is truly a woman of whom her race should be very proud.

On special committees and acting as trustees for Palmer Memorial we find such names as Stanley High, former Governor Ehringhaus, Mary E. Wooley, of Mount Holyoke. Frank Graham of the University of North Carolina, Mrs. James Roosevelt, Sr., William Neilson, president of Smith College, and others.

Three years ago, after thirty-five years of existence, Gordan Hancock, in an editorial in the Norfolk Journal and Guide, said: 'What is perhaps one of the most significant experiments in Negro education in this country is to be found at Sedalia. North Carolina. In Palmer Memorial Institute we find a type of culture adapted to rural life after a fashion unapproached anywhere in this country. Hitherto the emphasis on Negro education has been decidedly urban in its outlook and possibilities; but at Palmer we have something new, an attempt to adapt not only education to definite rural needs but there is the inception of an almost unique rural