

NEW BUILDINGS AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL

The remarkably fine dedicatorial exercises at the Girls' School in Kinston reminded me of a story entitled "From the Cobbler's Hut to the King's Palace." There was something that suggested a magician's wand, an Aladdin's ring, or a magic carpet. We touched the ring, aroused the genii; we said, "Efland go! Dobbs Farm come! Come new buildings! Come fifty transformed girls! Come the finest superintendent in all the states! There they were all of these and a glorious, never to be forgotten exercise of dedication that filled all our hearts. The buildings are things of beauty and they will be objects of our eternal pride and gratitude.

Miss Mae D. Holmes has put her whole heart in this great enterprise of redemption; and her success is written from the entrance gateway of the school, to the remotest corner of the farm. Dormitories, residences, office building, library, dining room, rest rooms, indeed, the program itself, the luncheon, the excellent music—all had as someone said "the Holmes flavor." It is a wonderful work that has been accomplished at the Girls' School. Thanks to Miss Holmes and her staff; thanks to the peerless Mr. Leonard; thanks to the good old State of North Carolina; thanks to the Federation of Negro Women's Clubs; thanks to the early leadership of Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, and thanks again to Mae D. Holmes. The Federation sent a dozen beautiful American Beauty roses as a wee token of our great esteem. Alas, there are not enough roses in Picardy, nor orchids in India to express the full measure of our deep admiration for and unbounded appreciation of the splendid service Miss Holmes has rendered during her stay at the State Training School for Girls at Kinston, N. C.

DAUGHTER OF DORCAS CLUB

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for others, and she'd always want to be associated — in fact, she asserted she'd never give up her membership.

At this point all gathered around and partook bountifully of sandwiches and of delicious and delightfully cold fruit punch from a gorgeous punch bowl placed on a lovely lace cloth. Pleasant mingling kept all lingering and it was hard to say "Good Night."

Mrs. Cotton and her committee were thanked over and over for so pleasant an evening. Miss Ruth Rush had been, among others, a "right hand" to our beloved late President, Mrs. C. S. Moore—and when it became necessary, she was unanimously elected President. She has given meritorious services and congenial companionship, always giving her best in guiding wisely in the interest of all.

How greatly we shall miss Miss Rush! Surely she carries with her the highest regard, the prayers and best wishes for

MRS. LILLIE B. GIBSON

For several years Mrs. Lillie B. Gibson of Shelby, North Carolina, has worked most diligently as our Junior Organizer. This year she is none the less earnest than in previous years. Indeed she seems to be working with even more zeal and enthusiasm. Her programs rendered at the conventions, her initiation of the annual observance of Girls' Week, and her general efforts toward promoting a program for finer womanhood through the junior clubs should be an inspiration to our Federation leaders throughout the state. "More clubs and better clubs for the young women!" That is our slogan.



Along the Road with Our Juniors

*A pleasant thought can do so much
To brighten up the day,
And fill with friendly atmosphere
Whatever words we say.*

*It conquers wrath and prejudice;
It lightens every care;
And, it is something everyone
Should have the grace to share.*

*A pleasant thought is rich as gold,
And yet is always free;
And it provides, by far, the most
Enduring memory.*

*It gives us inspiration in
Our struggle for success,
And leads the way to dreams of love,
And lasting happiness;*

*So why invite the faintest frown,
Or bear the smallest strife,
When just a pleasant thought can do
So much to brighten life?*

her continued success and happiness of all the members of the Daughters of Dorcas Club of Durham, N. C.

BE THE BEST

by NAOMI WADDELL

So often seeing young people of my race miss the mark of becoming successful, I take this opportunity to tell you a few facts about being the best of whatever you are.

When a boy or girl goes to college for maybe one or two years, and then drops out giving some lame excuse, such as, "I don't like it"; well, how can one expect to be carried to heaven on flowery beds of ease? No, to succeed a student must stick to his studies whether he likes them or not.

If we really want to be someone worth while we can. It is up to us. Many people now holding outstanding jobs worked their way from the bottom up, because they were determined to be the best of whatever they were. Consider students who work as caddies, cleaners, shoe-shop helpers, maids or waiters. This is honest labor and better than loitering along the streets, walking idly from place to place.

Is it your ambition to have a high school education and future training? This can be secured by persistence and by doing whatever work is necessary in the very best way possible. This will prepare you for a better job, will give you dignity, will guarantee you a higher standard of living, will give you the opportunity of meeting fine people. So let us not miss our mark; let us begin with the small jobs and do them well, and not be content to be good, or even better than someone else, but be the very best of whatever you are; as the poet says:

*"If you can't be a pine on the top of a hill,
Be a shrub in the valley, but be
The best little shrub by the side of the road
Be a bush, if you can't be a tree;
If you can't be a tree, then just be a bush.
We all can't be captains; some must be crew.
There's work for us all here to do.
If you can't be the sun; then just be a star,
But be the best of whatever you are."*

Cabiness Named Head Of Business Division For Negro UF Drive

Mrs. Lillie B. Gibson
Division Chairman

Warren G. Cabiness has been named Negro Business Division Chairman of the Cleveland County United Fund campaign, it was announced this morning by J. D. Kibler, Jr., Chairman of the Negro Division.

A complete list of workers for the division is being compiled by Cabiness and will be announced when completed.

Mrs. L. B. Gibson, Shelby Negro Division Chairman, will head the house-to-house drive locally and is also preparing a list of her workers.