

FACULTY NOTES

Miss Jane Summerell, head of the Latin Department in G. H. S., has been at home for ten days on account of the illness of her mother.

Miss Mary Morrow, head coach of Girls' Basket Ball, accompanied the team to Asheville, N. C., for the first inter-scholastic game of the season.

Miss Edna West spent the Thanksgiving holidays with friends at South Boston, Va. Miss Maud Minish visited relatives at Walnut Cove during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. Edgar Woods spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Richmond, Va.

Miss Mary Broom has been added to the efficient office force. She takes the place vacated by Miss Evelyn McCullers, who was married to Lieutenant Townsend.

Mrs. A. P. Kephart has been substituting in High School during Miss Summerell's absence.

Miss Lutie McIntyre spent the Thanksgiving holidays at her home in Troy, N. C.; Miss Cornie Henley, with her sister at Guilford College; Miss Eula Alexander at her home near Stony Point, N. C.; Miss Inabelle Coleman at Lyons, N. C., and Miss Nellie Dry at Concord, N. C.

"ARMISTICE DAY"

Two years ago this morning
Peace came to the world once more—
Just as the day was dawning.
They hushed the cannon's roar;
Rest came to the soldiers so weary,
And to those so far from home
Looked beyond the prospect so dreary
Across the ocean's white foam
And glimpsed a vision glorious
Of Home Sweet Home!
Our soldiers, thankful, victorious,
Prayed that they never more might roam
Where damage that passed all telling,
Where suffering never ceased,
Where shouting and booming and yelling
Seemed that Hell the world had leased.
Prayed that nevermore our kindred
Such torture need endure;
Prayed that hearts might by God be led
To be peaceful, loving and true.
Thus Armistice Day we see
Meant more than Peace to the world.
Faith, hope, love and trust in Thee reigned
When the War Flags were furled!
—Elizabeth Thornton.

"There is a story in this paper of a woman that used a telephone for the first time in eighty-three years."

"She must be on a party line."

THE PILGRIM FATHERS

Three hundred years ago this month the Mayflower, a frail sailing vessel, with its band of one hundred and two pilgrims landed on the rugged coast of Massachusetts. The Mayflower had set sail from Plymouth, England, late in September of 1620, to seek freedom of religion in a new land. They are rightly called "God's Adventurers" because they were adventurers—not for personal ambition or desire, but adventurers for God. They were willing to leave comfortable homes and friends, and sail for two months over uncharted seas, to find a land of which they had no knowledge, except by the vague rumors, in their own way.

The ship was bound for the mouth of the Hudson river, and she boldly started westward, under a good gale and fair weather. But in midocean the storms burst upon her and for days at a time it seemed as if the furious waves would swallow the little ship. Some thought it would be wiser to turn back, but the masts were mended and with calmer weather new hope was instilled.

The passengers themselves lived in crowded, uncomfortable quarters between decks, eating very poor food, for the most part uncooked, suffering terribly from sea-sickness, and expecting at any moment to be drowned. Even in these agonizing days, however, the Pilgrims conducted themselves with calm courage—praying, fasting and always trusting in Divine Providence, whose keeping they had given their lives.

The little band was brought even closer together by life, and then death on the voyage. A sailor and a passenger died and were buried in the sea, while one child was born or board.

At last, after more than two months at sea the bleak coast of Cape Cod was sighted. It is not known whether it was purposely or accidentally that caused them to go far from their destination, but at any rate they anchored next day at the point of Cape Cod. After giving thanks to God for their safe arrival the Pilgrims drew up a covenant of self-government of the colony.

This was not a suitable location for a permanent settlement though. Several parties were sent out to explore, and after about two weeks they moored the ship in Plymouth River. They stepped from their vessel on a strip of land jutting out from the shore and called it Plymouth Rock. This was on the 26th of December, three hundred years ago.

America then cannot be compared with the present America. Where the sturdy company of Pilgrims landed three centuries ago, and built their log cabins now stands a progressive, modern town. We Americans of today are proud to be descendants of that noble group of men and women and children who colonized Plymouth. We probably cannot imagine the hardships through which they passed. Living without protection from the cold, in constant danger of attacks from the Indians, with a scarcity of food, and handicapped in almost every way, they pushed resolutely forward, practicing that religion for which they struggled so long. The death toll for that little colony the first winter, which was almost fifty per cent, gives us some idea of their suffering.

These Pilgrims, our forefathers, pioneers of America, are the ones who are being commemorated by all Americans this year. Naturally, Massachusetts is doing most of the actual celebrating, but by picturing those pioneers in their early strug-

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gles and adversities, by reading about them and by keeping alive the memory of these, "God's adventurers," every boy and girl can do his or her part of the commemoration.

SENIOR ENGLISH CLASS HAS ARMISTICE PROGRAM

Miss Beam's Senior section of English celebrated Armistice Day Nov. 11th, 1920, by a program rendered by several members of the class. The program was one that recalled to our minds the World War and our brave boys who took part in it. It was enjoyed by all. Miss Katherine Wharton was in charge and the program ran as follows:

1. "What Armistice Day Meant to Us" Frances Blackwood.
2. A poem, "What Did You Do?" Read by Alice Waynick.
3. An interesting talk on the League of Nations, by Bain Alexandria.
4. Three poems, "The Kid Sister," "Just Think of You," and "The Orphans in France." Taken from a book of war poems called "Yanks." Read by Estelle Mendenhall.
5. A short story told by Elizabeth Pickard.
6. An original poem given by Elva Yeates.
7. "Some Personal Experiences in France," told to Kenneth Lewis by a veteran of the war, who in turn told them to our English class.
8. A few entertaining war jokes by Katherine Armstrong.

After the formal program was over the pupils were asked to contribute anything about the war which would fit the occasion. Whereupon Miss Helen Goldstein told a true war adventure of a woman in France.

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