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CULLOWHEE NORMAL A SCHOOL OF MERIT

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NORTH CAROLINA.

To the Editor:—Since coming to Jackson county last fall it has been my pleasure to visit Cullowhee several times and note with pride what is being accomplished there. The school has ten well prepared teachers. Prof. A. C. Reynolds, formerly county superintendent of Buncombe county, is the very efficient principal and professor of pedagogy. The school is the largest now in its history, having enrolled approximately two hundred students, the larger majority of whom are boarding students. Nearly all of these young men and women expect to teach. Many of them have already taught one or more terms of public school. The State must have invested in building something like \$50,000. There are three splendid buildings. One of these is a girls' dormitory which accomodates perhaps 125 young ladies.

In the old administration building is a well equipped auditorium which is seated with open chairs and seats 600 people. A new administration building is nearing completion which will cost about \$25,000. In this new building there are seventeen class rooms, a study hall accomodating two hundred pupils, society halls, and on the third floor will be fitted up a modern library and reading room. Just at this time the school and vicinity are taxed to their utmost to provide boarding facilities for the students.

This school is located in an ideal community. Towering mountains surround it in every direction. In the village is a Baptist and Methodist church. The school has a splendid faculty and well organized departments. Courses in domestic science and agriculture are given. All pupils are taught drawing. A department of music is also provided. The agricultural course is conducted by Prof. Brown, who graduated a few years ago from the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Prof. Brown was reared near by is one of the progressive farmers of the county. He gives special attention to training teachers to teach agriculture in the public schools.

This school is destined to be the leading factor in the regeneration of Western North Carolina. Each year sees the school given new and large, usefulness. There is no reason why this school within a very few years should not be made a college by the State. Perhaps there is not a school in the State with a larger sphere of usefulness and I doubt if any school in the State collects a student body possessing more latent talent than Cullowhee. These young people all have strong bodies and vigorous minds and are the purest Anglo-Saxon blood on the face of the earth.

This is one of the schools of which the whole State may well be justly proud.

Jackson county is one of the most progressive counties of the State educationally. But Cullowhee receives its patronage from all this section of North Carolina. All the buildings are steam heated and lighted with electricity.—Chas. H. Utley, in News and Observer.

WHAT CULLOWHEE MEANS TO W. N. C.

The excellent article on the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, written by Prof. Chas. H. Utley for the News and Observer and copied in in this week's issue of the Journal, reached our desk at an opportune time, for it was the purpose of the Journal to devote part of its space this week to Cullowhee and the great work that is being done at that institution.

However, we feel that Prof. Utley has told better than we shall be able to do, the story of Cullowhee and the high place that institution, its faculty, and its students hold in the esteem of the people of Western North Carolina.

The Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School is located in one of the most favored portions of Jackson County, where the waters of Cullowhee creek join those of the Tuckasegee in their tortuous, tireless journey through the hills toward the "Father of Waters," and where the fertile valleys, as rich as any in the State, are surrounded by towering mountains. The township is one of the best agricultural sections of Jackson, having great natural advantages for farming the people of Cullowhee have improved them and made great advancement along the lines of scientific agriculture. The people are happy and prosperous and with the school as a center the community is taking on new life, is reaching out for larger and better things.

The school buildings are situated on a lovely elevation overlooking the limpid waters of the winding Tuckasegee, 2250 feet above the level of the sea and commanding a view of the beauty and grandure of the surrounding hills and plains.

The girl's dormitory, or Davies Home, is one of the newer buildings and furnishes admirable accomodations for some 125 young ladies. In the old administration building is the auditorium, with a seating capacity of 600. The new administration building has just been completed and the recitation rooms are now being used, is well constructed of first class brick and concrete asbestos slate roofing. In the entire structure there is not a foot of wasted or unutilized space. The basement is to be used for physical and chemical laboratories and for baths for the students. The floors of these rooms are concrete and the rooms are well supplied with running water making them especially adapted to laboratory purposes.

On the first floor are two administration offices and five well lighted and well ventilated recitation or class rooms.

The second floor has four class rooms the same as those on the first and also has two society halls with library rooms for each.

Even the attic is turned to a good purpose, the whole of it being made into Y. M. C. A. hall and lecture course room.

It will be heated by steam but every room is supplied with an emergency flue to guard against a mishap to the heating plant.

The building is a credit to the State and a monument to the business ability of those who have the construction in charge. For we are of the opinion that in this building the State has realized more for the money invested than in any building has ever erected for any purpose. The school has its own heating

plant, the buildings are lighted with electric current generated at its own dynamo on the Tuckasegee river, and is supplied with pure, clear, fresh water in superabundance from the school's own reservoir in the nearby mountains. As it stands today, the State's educational plant at Cullowhee has cost approximately \$50,000.

Cullowhee has been a most potent factor in the educational campaign in the mountains. Here a host of young men and women have been prepared for the fight and have gone forth to spread the gospel of enlightenment all over this section and even to piedmont and eastern Carolina. Day by day Cullowhee has been growing and extending the sphere of its influence until it is felt in every cove and on every creek in North Carolina's Appalachia.

The faculty of the Cullowhee school is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, of the secondary schools in the State and would do credit to any college. Prof. A. C. Reynolds, formerly superintendent of public instruction of Buncombe county, is the principal, and holds the chair of Education; Prof. L. B. Abernethy has the chair of Mathematics; Prof. O. S. Dean that of English; Prof. H. B. Jones of Latin; Prof. E. H. Stillwell of History; Prof. Frank A. Brown of Agriculture and Prof. J. N. Wilson is Bursar and has the chair of Civics and Spelling. These gentlemen need no introduction to the people as they are known all over the western part of the State as instructors of the first rate ability, each one being a specialist in his line. They not only train the minds of the students but are moulders of character instilling into the young people the things that are more necessary than mere knowledge of worldly things. Prof. Reynolds, Prof. Dean, Prof. Abernethy and Prof. Jones have come to us from other counties and aside from the work they are doing in the school are invaluable as citizens of county. The department of music is under the efficient direction of Mrs. Mary Carter Brinson. Miss Charlotte Young is doing an excellent work in the department of Domestic Science.

At Cullowhee the trustees and the faculty realize the necessity of looking after the development of the bodies of the students as well as their minds and an athletic field of six acres has been prepared, containing nine tennis courts, a base ball ground, a basket ball court and a race track. All the young folks at Cullowhee take a keen interest in athletics and every afternoon, when the weather permits you will find nearly the whole student body on the athletic field.

Of the student body Prof. Reynolds says, "We have the best body of students with whom it has been my privilege to work."

For a Normal school for Western North Carolina the Cullowhee school is admirably located, being in the center of Jackson and Jackson is the central county of the western group. Cullowhee is only 7 miles from the railroad and there is being completed a magnificent sand-clay highway from the railroad at Sylva to the school. Cullowhee is a most important element in the cause of education and progress in the mountains. "The guiding star of Education in the west." Around her Jackson county has builded its hopes, Jackson county she is a vital necessity, the mountain counties look to her for strength and leadership.

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REASONS FOR THE FARM LIFE SCHOOL

In this age of keen competition men and women are educated for every line of activity. Schools are nearly as old as the race. Training schools are nothing new. But not training schools for farmers, the real food producers for all the world. But teachers, preachers, lawyers, doctors, salesmen, telegraph operators, mechanics and many others have been provided for by regular training schools for generations. While the farmers and the ones who prepare the food and keep the home have been overlooked or neglected.

ON URGENT NEED.

The food supply is too short. The corn crib and smoke house are about to fail. The butchers find it hard to get beef. The grocer has daily calls for eggs and butter at fancy prices but his supply will not meet the demands. Eaters are in excess of the producers, or the methods of production are too antiquated to keep pace with the ever increasing demands. Scientific methods have been introduced and adopted in every line of activity more than in the production of the raw materials for feeding and clothing the race. Methods must change or want and suffering finally come.

THE PRODUCERS MUST BE EDUCATED.

The farms have lost their virgin richness. Crops are failing for want of better and more scientific cultivation. Time was when the unthinking had an adage that, "when a man does not have sense enough to do anything else, he can farm." This idea sent many a man into some so called learned profession to live hard and die poor, when he could have been a leading producer teasing treasures from mother earth. That idea has made the world poorer. We now know better, we are beginning to learn that many young men turn their backs on the farm because they do not know any better.

THE EDUCATED FARMER.

The world is about to recognize the fact that we all sit at the farmers table, and feed our stock from his barn. If he fails we go hungry. If he succeeds we have plenty. And we are about to learn that the farmer can do a much better business if conducted along scientific lines than he has heretofore. In fact if he has managed to feed us all and keep his head above water what will he do when provided with agricultural schools teaching him every line of agricultural science and stock raising. He deserves to be made a prince among men.

SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE WILL BRING RESULTS.

In every profession this fact has been clearly proven a thousand times. In thousands of tests with every known crop the same principle has proven beyond a doubt. "Knowledge is power" as certainly in the corn field, in the garden, in the cow lot, and poultry yard as anywhere in the world. Too long already this knowledge has been neglected. But this is a new era day has come and we are about to wake up. Real work lies ahead of us, only the wide awake well prepared, up to date in make up and method can cope with the problems ahead of us.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ARTIST.

Not with pen, brush or chisel painting, carving on canvass or

marble but this artist who keeps the world young and beautiful paints rosy cheeks on childhood's laughing face, and puts manly vigor into manhood's frame of flesh. She keeps the worlds workers, old and young, well and strong, or sickly and weak. The cook in the kitchen is the dynamo of the family and the farm. Skill, she needs, the highest and best the food she prepares makes us happy and sends us to work singing, glad to be alive and face the world with strong hearts and clear brains or or give us indigestion, the blues steals the smiles away, kills song and the puny, sickly, underfed, but gorged on indigestible poorly prepared food, wants to commit suicide. The cook stove not the piano is the real music box. Skill in the fingers that make the bread mean much more than the skill that can tease harmonies from the key board of the piano. Bad cooking heads the list, according to good authority, as the cause of divorce in the courts of the United States, all honor we say then to that artist who prepares our food, sets the table keeps the home and then a "side line" rears the coming generation, in health for manhood's strenuous life or ignorant sends the little infant to an early grave and persuades herself to be consoled by a platitude of that ancient patriarch of patience, Job. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Let no one think, doctor, lawyer, preacher, engineer, teacher, anybody needs scientific correct training quite so much as the daughter,—wife and mother to be—race builder or destroyer give her the best possible.

CHAS. H. UTLEY

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

AT THE CULLOWHEE NORMAL AND
INDUSTRIAL

On Monday evening of this week the departments of Music and English gave the second of a series of literary-musical entertainments. The evening was pronounced a decided success by all who attended. The program follows.

"Interpretation of Robert Browning" Mr. F. L. Wells.

"Prelude in D. Flat" (Chopin) Miss Kathleen Conroy.

"The Death of the Flowers" (Bryant) Miss Edna Coward.

"The Song of the Cattaohocchee" (Lanier) Miss Bettie Snyder.

"Gypsy Rondo" (Haydn) Misses Gibbs and Howell and Mrs. Brinson.

"Selections from John Charles McNeil, Mr. T. W. Bird.

"Doan ye Cry, Ma Honey" Messrs Brinson, Picklesimer, Wood and Hardin.

"Annabel Lee" (Poe) Mr. Conley Rich.

"The Butterfly" (LaVallee) Miss Kathleen Conroy.

"Enoch Arden" (Tennyson) Professor Dean, assisted by Mrs. Brinson at the piano.

THE BOONE- CULLOWHEE DEBATE

The citizens of Jackson county and surrounding counties should not forget the debate between Cullowhee and Boone, Friday March 20. This promises to be one of the most interesting and exciting occasions of the year. Strong debaters are lined up on both sides and a lively time is expected. Do not forget the date—March 20th.