

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Editorial

Opportunities

Perhaps we have all thought that opportunity very seldom knocks at our door, but of which member of the family of opportunities are we speaking? Now if it is opportunity to do good we may think it true that it very seldom knocks, yet on the other hand, opportunity to do evil knocks quite often. Some have said these two members of this particular family, called "opportunities," knock the same number of times, but that the welcome that they receive determines how well we remember their call.

The opportunity to do good and the opportunity to do evil first begins to knock at our door during our school life. Of course we always want to accept the opportunity to do good. It has been said that opportunity has horns but no tail. By this simple expression we learn that if we catch opportunity we must catch it when it first approaches, for after it has passed it will be too late. Now is the time to answer the calls of opportunity to do good. While we are in school we have the best chances to our patience, our kindness, our forgiveness, our fairness and our assistance toward others. Let each of us be watching the opportunities that knock at our door and give the opportunity to do good a hearty welcome. S. M. Y. '26.

School News.

Friday afternoon the S. S. S. and Lanier Literary Societies debated on "Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished." The debate was held in the afternoon instead of at night as had been announced. Local men acted as judges. The decision was in favor of the negative, which was the Laniers'. The judges especially complimented William McGuire on his speech.

Franklin's basket ball teams went to Sylva last week-end and played S. C. I. and Sylva high school. The girls defeated the Institute in a hard-fought game, but in all the other games Franklin lost. Mr. Moss claims that the reason the boys never win any games now is that the presence of the "squealers" always "frustrates" them. He says that they notice the girls so much that they can't

see the ball unless it hits them in the face.

Tuesday morning, during chapel period the ninth grade entertained the school with a dramatization of one of O. Henry's short stories. The characters were, Ida Moore, Ross Zachary and George Carpenter. They acted very cleverly and the school enjoyed the play very much.

Last Thursday morning the eighth grade had charge of the chapel exercises. Each girl in the freshman class impersonated some famous woman in history, while the school guessed whom they represented. The girls acted their parts so well that the audience had little trouble in recognizing them.

The P. T. Association met Friday One very welcome thing they did was to furnish the school with a nice cot, mattress, pillow and covering. This will make it so that children who get sick at school can be taken care of and not have to be put on hard desks or just anywhere. It was a very welcome and thoughtful gift. E. S. '27.

Jokes.

Farmer—"Be this the Woman's Exchange?"

Woman—"Yes."

Farmer—"Be ye the woman?"

Woman—"Yes."

Farmer—"Well, then, I think I'll keep Maggie."

"Just think of it!" exclaimed Fegra the romantic. "A few words mumbled over your head and you're married."

"Yes," agreed Dora, the cynical "And a few words mumbled in your sleep and you're divorced."

Willie held his nickel tightly while the Sunday school teacher told of the collection for the poor heathen.

"Do they have ice cream cones where the heathen lives?" he asked.

"Why—no," answered the teacher.

"Or movie shows? or Candy stores?"

"No, indeed!"

"Well, then," said Willie, pocketing his money. "They ain't got any use for money, anyway."

The goose had been carved, and everybody had tasted it. It was excellent. The negro minister, who was the guest of honor, could not retain his enthusiasm. "Dat's as fine a goose as I ever set ma teeth in, Brudder Williams," he said to his host. "Whar did you git such a fine goose?"

"Well, now, pahson," replied the carver of the goose, exhibiting great

dignity and reluctance. "When you preaches a speshul good sermon, I never axes you whar you got it. I hopes you will show de same consideration." E. H. A., '27.

School Talk

All school people are well acquainted with the swing of the pendulum during the last few years toward a longer school day. But how far is it going to swing? Some teachers and pupils would be much alarmed at the prospect of an all-year round school year. But several places have it this year, Newark, N. J., Nashville, Tenn. and Virginia has decided to experiment with it in one county for the year. There are many others. It is the people back of the movement. The following is taken from the February number of the Educational Review. In it the Chicago Tribune says: "In the days when life was much less complex the education of children was of much less concern than in these confusing times. Times change, and we change with them. The old-fashioned summer vacation is passing. More and more educators and parents and physicians have come to the conclusion that the idle vacation is a mental, physical and spiritual detriment to childhood. The new will be a vacation period of directed occupation." The Pittsburgh, (Penn.) Press, says "The Board of Education announces that the lengthened school day is not to be abandoned. The school year was lengthened in September of last year, and the authorities see no reason for returning to the shorter day in vogue before that time. The pupils themselves do not seem to have any real objection to it. The school curriculum now includes so much more than it did a generation ago, and few parents realize the improvement that there has been in school methods."

1915 McDowell Club

The regular meeting of the Music Club was called to order on January 27 at the home of Mrs. Henry Cabe. The program, under the leadership of Mrs. Smith Harris, was as follows: Types of Compositions by Chopin Mrs. Neville Sloan. Piano—Valse, Op. 64 No. 1 (Chopin) Miss Mattie Angel. Piano—Nocture, Op. 15, No. 3. (Chopin) Mrs. Shields. Piano—Polonaise, E Minor, (Chopin) Mrs. Gilmer Jones. Piano—Masurka, Op. 33, o. 4 (Chopin) Miss Virginia McGuire. Piano—Valse, Pokthumus (Chopin) Miss Mattie Angel.

Mr. Henry B. Talley of Highlands died at a local hospital January 23th. His remains were interred at Franklin the following day, a large number of relatives and friends from Highlands and Franklin attending. The deceased was a prominent and highly respected citizen of his community and is survived by the following named members of his family: Father, Mr. Walter Talley; brothers, Evan and Jonas; sisters, Mrs. Will Justice of Franklin; Mrs. Avery McCall, Dillard, Ga., Mrs. L. S. Cabe, Toceog, Ga., Mrs. Bascom Long, Highlands, and Mrs. George Carpenter of Franklin.

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