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## OLD SCHOOL WITH NEW LIFE.

Educational Activities at Rutherford College—Fifteen Students From Gaston—Improvements Constantly Added—Program for Commencement.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Rutherford College, April 2.—As I am a student of Rutherford College and a citizen of Gaston county, I thought that a few facts about Rutherford College might be of interest to the readers of the GAZETTE.

Rutherford College is situated in a beautiful little town one and a half miles from Connelly Springs on the Southern Railway. The town is small, but it is one of beauty. The citizens all live here for the benefit derived from the school. It is ten miles West of Hickory and twelve East of Morganton. It is located on the slope that rises gradually to the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains which lie at a distance of about thirty miles north and west. It is almost entirely surrounded by mountains, having the Blue Ridge on the north and west, the South mountains on the south, and the Brushy mountains of Caldwell county on the east. These mountains surrounding it makes Rutherford College one of the most beautiful spots in North Carolina. It is 1350 feet above the level of the sea. This elevation helps to make its climate healthful. Its climate is also very mild. Its winters not being extremely cold nor its summers hot. In summer there is a gentle breeze from the mountains which keeps it always pleasant.

## NEW BUILDINGS.

Rutherford College is not so well equipped as some other colleges of the State but recent improvements are adding a great deal to the accommodations of the college. A dormitory for boys has recently been built which in connection with the old one affords accommodation for fifty boys. Improvements on the college building are now under consideration which, when carried out, will add a great deal to the appearance of the building. Work on the campus is now in progress, which is adding a great deal to the beautification of it.

## SOCIETIES AND LIBRARY.

The college is furnished with two excellent society halls, the Platonian and the Newtonian. They are well furnished and well equipped in every way. It is also furnished with a library which has many good books, also several daily papers and leading magazines.

## STRONG FACULTY.

Rutherford college is under the management of a strong faculty; men of superior intellects, who have the interest of the student at heart and exert their utmost faculties in his development both intellectually and morally.

## RELIGIOUS INFLUENCES.

The opportunities for spiritual development are great. The Y. M. C. A. is a potent factor in the moral development of the young men of the institution. There are preaching services held almost every Sunday in the chapel building. Each Sunday evening the Epworth League holds services which are very instructive to those who are active workers in the cause of Christ. On Wednesday evening prayer services are held by the pastor, Rev. D. G. Carver. A meeting which has just closed has done great good among the students of the institution. Rev. R. M. Courtney of Lincolnton assisted the pastor in this meeting.

## PRESENT TERM'S WORK.

The present school year has

been a very successful one. Up to the present time 233 students have been enrolled. The conduct of the students as a body has been very good. Although the work of the classroom is very essential to becoming a scholar, it alone is not the greatest. The classroom work in connection with the literary work done by the students makes their education thorough. In the classroom the student learns a truth. In the society hall he learns to express that truth. We may have all the learning of the world and if we cannot express it so as to benefit others it is of no use to us. This is the part the Platonian, the Newtonian, and the Victorian literary societies of Rutherford college play in educating the sons and daughters of North Carolina. The annual debates of these societies came off, the Platonian the second, the Victorian the 9th, and the Newtonian the sixteenth of March. The program of each manifested diligent work among the members of each society.

## COMMENCEMENT COMING!

The program for commencement is expected to be the best that has been given at Rutherford college in years past. All of the speakers are very efficient. The program as it will be rendered is: On Tuesday, May 22, at 11:00 a. m. Annual sermon by Rev. G. T. Rowe S. T. D., pastor of Central church, Asheville. At 3:00 p. m., the declaration contest will come off. A medal will be given by Mr. H. R. Jones of Saguaw, N. C., to the one delivering the best declamation. The contestants are H. C. Smith, S. C. Nixon, and R. S. Beam with W. C. Brock as alternate from the Platonian society; and C. C. Beam, J. O. Erwin, and W. B. West, with J. F. Moser as alternate from the Newtonian society.

At 8 p. m. the Debaters' Contest will come off. A Debater's medal will be given to the best debater by Hon. J. D. McCall, of Charlotte.

The contestants from the Platonian Society are O. K. Burnett and C. L. Baker; from the Newtonian, Claude B. West and A. P. Rutledge.

On Wednesday, May 23, at 11 a. m., the Literary Address will be delivered by Jno. G. Chikales, M. A., of Wofford College, S. C. At 3 p. m., May 23, the Alumni Address will be delivered by S. R. Belk, D. D., of Augusta, Ga.

At 8 p. m. a recital will be given by the young ladies of the Victorian Society. An Essayists Medal will be given by Mr. W. C. Thompson, of Stanley. The contestants for medal are Misses Cora Beam, Minnie Humphries, Dora Hoover and Lillie Morris. Those on for recitation are Misses Loolie Byrd, Hester Summey, Willie Cherry and Louise Brown.

It may be of interest to the citizens of Gaston to know that there are fifteen students enrolled from that good county. May there be three times as many next year!

GRIFFIN C. CONNELL.

A hospital association has been organized in Monroe, and a charter will be secured from the State. Already sufficient money has been subscribed to assure the success of the venture. The equipment of the hospital now run by Drs. Ashcraft and Stewart will be purchased and owned by the association. A suitable place will be rented for the home of the hospital. The doctors of the town will co-operate with a board of directors appointed by the hospital association in operating the institution.

## THE DUE WEST DORMITORY.

Prospects for the Female College Greater than Ever Seen Before—President Boyce and His Collaborers Begin Active Work.

Rev. James Boyce in Due West Presbyterian. Readers of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian will be glad to see the letter which follows:

March 20, 1906.  
Rev. James Boyce, President Due West Female College, Due West, S. C.

Dear Sir:—Responding to your communications on behalf of Due West Female College, Mr. Carnegie desires me to say that he will be glad to contribute ten thousand dollars towards the cost of a Dormitory Building when you have raised an equal amount for the purpose in cash or realizable securities.

Respectfully yours,

JAS. BERTHAM,

P. Secretary.

About one year ago application was made to Mr. Carnegie for aid to the College. Two long letters with catalogs, minutes of Synod, &c., were sent. He began correspondence with us in January, requiring full and detailed information concerning the College. We made a strong plea for enough money to erect the dormitory. But he could not be moved from his usual plan of giving only when immediate friends of the institution have given their part. He will not consider giving except "in proportion to present buildings, endowment, equipment, &c." Consequently we feel, that as we estimated our brick building to be worth \$10,000, he has given us to his full limit.

This is a great day for our College for women. It opens up a prospect for enlargement, equipment and endowment which its friends never saw before.

This generous gift comes at an opportune time. The present buildings, especially the frame building, are not adapted to the modern requirements of a college for young ladies. We have none of the modern comforts and conveniences of heat, water, light and sewerage, which all our competitors have. The frame building is unfit for any use but a barn. Matters are worse there this year than ever before on account of leaks in the roof which we have been unable to stop. We have felt that we could not use that building another year. The Carnegie offer comes therefore in the nick of time.

But it leaves us a very short time to get up our part of the money and erect the building in time for the opening next fall. But if all the people of the Church will respond promptly we will be able to go forward with the building and be ready for the girls the middle of September.

We need a new building to accommodate our increasing numbers. The normal capacity of our building is 70 boarders. We have heretofore considered that to be our limit. This year we have 97. We will need room for 25 when college opens next fall. More rooms have been engaged already than any previous year at this time. Surely the need of new and comfortable accommodations is utmost.

The Associate Reformed Church has not done anything for her daughters. Ample and elegant provision has been made for her sons. Is it not time she should provide worthily for her daughters? The church has never enjoyed such prosperity—is twice as strong numerically as when Drake was built and endowed and is many times stronger financially. Our southern country has not experienced such financial prosperity since the civil war. Under these circumstances we ought to raise the required \$10,000 in a few weeks. Will not the friends of the College rally around it and quickly place it well on its feet and in the way to large usefulness and prosperity?

The Presbyterian gives in its local columns the following additional particulars of the campaign now begun for raising the ten thousand dollars:

## MEANS FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Last week President Boyce received a letter from Mr. Carnegie offering to give that institution \$10,000 for a girl's dormitory, provided \$10,000 additional was raised by the management. President Boyce and Rev. O. V. Bonner, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, have been working on this matter for the past year. The letter last week was the culmination of this effort, which included a visit to Mr. Carnegie in New York. President Boyce will proceed at

once to raise the \$10,000 additional. We understand that Mrs. A. G. Brice of Chester is succeeding finely with the amount Synod asked her to raise from the alumnae. Mr. Carnegie's gift brought general rejoicing in college circles here. It means a forward movement for the D. W. F. C., and one long needed.

## THE CANVASS BEGINS.

The Female College Board—the members located in Due West—met last Monday and asked Mr. Boyce to take up his canvass at once for the girl's dormitory. He will begin canvassing in Due West this week. The matter will be presented to the A. R. congregation here next Sabbath. Let everybody do their duty. The cause is a worthy one and interests everybody in this community.

## SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Lewis Roddenio of Italy is preparing to locate a colony of Italians on 600 acres of land near Spencer, N. C.

The Supreme Court of South Carolina has decided against the Southern Railway in the case of Mrs. Dorothy Brickman, who was awarded \$40,000 on account of the killing of her husband in the Fishing Creek wreck.

A prominent Rowan Republican tells the Salisbury Post that Moses N. Harshaw, Esq., of Lenoir, will certainly oppose Representative Blackburn for the nomination and that he will have a good following in this country. This gentleman adds that there will be a combination of all forces to beat Blackburn.

Gov. Glenn has been invited to go to Columbia April 11th, to witness the conferring of the Shrine degree of Masonry on Governor Heywood of South Carolina. The latter wrote a personal letter to Governor Glenn appealing to him to be present and stand by him during the ordeal. The Governor will accept.

In the Executive Office of Gov. Glenn there was Tuesday morning the presentation to the State through Hon. J. Bryan Grimes a handsome life size painting of the late John Heritage Bryan, 1798-1870, who had the distinction of graduating with the highest honors from the University of North Carolina at the age of 16 and being elected in 1825 without his knowledge to both the State Senate and the U. S. Congress from the fourth congressional district, this being an honor without a parallel in the political annals of the State.

## Town Education.

Hickory Mercury.

A good many go to town to educate their children. They mean well, but in most cases it is the mistake of their life, one that will last through eternity. The children will learn too much. Not only from other children, but from grown up boys and girls. Parents who have never tried it will not or may not believe this. They may want to test it, but they will do it at the risk of their children's morality and their own happiness. Don't do it. Don't do it. Get up good schools in the country and pay good teachers. It will be cheaper, safer and in the end happier.

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## COURT ENJOINING A COOK.

The Supreme Court of New York State Using All Its Authority to Prevent a Cook Who Can Cook From Cooking.

Householders throughout the land will watch with solemn and breathless interest a contest now pending between the Supreme Court of the State of New York and a cook. As all men and women know by personal knowledge, the cook is a portentous, a formidable and a bewildering proposition and becomes more so every year. The resources of human courage, ingenuity and patience have been taxed in dealing with her. Never before, we believe, has she come into direct conflict with a supreme court, although we doubt not that she has encountered and overthrown as individuals judges and justices of every court in the land; for the cook is no respecter of persons. No man is a hero to his valet and to the cook—especially the female cook—every man is as a worm of the earth, a thing to be tolerated but despised, to be crushed when in the least intrusive, the squirmings of it to be observed with amused but scornful interest. To her the bishop, the judge, even the president himself, are on the same level with the most obscure thing that wears trousers—merely an apparatus into which food of a kind to fit her whim is to be placed at times suiting her convenience. The only foe she holds worthy of doing battle against, the only victim to be dignified by her attention is the woman supposed to be the mistress of the house and even she is but gentle exercise in the way of combat of wills and struggles for supremacy. A full supreme court acting officially and collectively pitted against a cook is new, however, and should make a war worth seeing. It is black gum against thunder, the old problem of an irresistible force encountering an immovable obstacle.

Additional complication and new interest is given this affair by the fact that whereas most of us have found our troubles with the cook resulting from efforts to induce her to cook, the supreme court of the State of New York is trying by all the machinery of the law and the power of its own authority and dignity to prevent a cook from cooking. The cook is Mrs. Merz, of East Twenty-third street, New York city. She is one of the born cooks who come now and then from some bright region—we cannot think of it as fire and heat—to illuminate and gladden the world and make life a joy, just as the poets come—only the cooks are more infrequent than the poets, more useful and add vastly more to the sum of human happiness and to the luxuries of human digestion. Mrs. Merz had established a reputation for her little restaurant which made it vastly popular. She cooked as no high paid chef could and produced gastronomic dreams and joys and raptures. She sold out at a high price under an agreement by which she promised never again to cook within ten blocks of her old place. She moved next door, however, and there her passion for her art overcame her conscience and swept away legal and moral restraints. She proceeded to cook for her family and some favorite and blessed friends and was detected in the act. Thereupon the supreme court was applied to and gave an injunction forbidding her from cooking. The task seems to be not unlike that painfully familiar in rural regions of trying to prevent a hen intent on setting from engaging in that avocation or to induce one to set when she is reluctant. A second detection has been followed by a second injunction, but there are strong indications that Mrs. Merz continues to cook in secret and that her achievements are more captivating than ever. So the fight between the law and the lady is definitely joined and the results remain in doubt.

The sympathies of millions of people who can procure no cooks, who are subject to the whims, eccentricities and shortcomings of persons purporting to be cooks, who are condemned every day to face sole leather steaks, raw or sour bread, roasts barely heated through or cooked to shreds, greasy soup and devastated vegetables, will be with Mrs. Merz. These will look askance upon the efforts of the supreme court of New York to enjoin a woman who can cook and whose glory is in cooking from gratifying her most commendable desire. Whatever may

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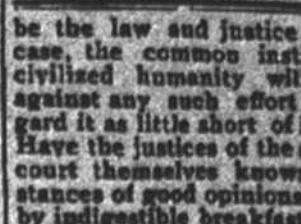
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be the law and justice of the case, the common instincts of civilized humanity will revolt against any such effort and regard it as little short of impiety. Have the justices of the supreme court themselves known no instances of good opinions spoiled by indigestible breakfasts, judgment dulled by bad dinners,

views of the law warped by the iniquities of relentless cooks and cooking, cooking which was but a travesty, even of someone ruined by similar calamities? Why, then, should they seek to enjoin from cooking a cook who can cook and who wants to gladden mankind by her cooking?