

TRAINING CLASS RECORD.

A Paper Read by Miss Tommie Brooks Baber of Davenport College.

The Teacher's Training Class was composed of twenty young women, with Mr. T. W. Birmingham as teacher. The names and addresses of the young women are as follows:

Misses Kate Shaw, Macon, Isabelle Mabry, Norwood, Lucy Harrelson, Cherryville, Clara Horn, Rutherfordton, Mae Cline, Lincolnton, Nell Mauney, Gastonia, Bess Hoffman, Lincolnton, Bess Heafner, Crouse, Lucy Camp, Lincolnton, Hallie Gibbs, Marion, Ruth Sherrill, Rutherfordton, Lucille Womble, Goldston, Ethel Brown, Long Island, Annie Wilson, Whitnel, Ruth Fincher, McAdenville, Mabel Cherry, South Fork, Inez Le Gette, Taylorsville, Emily Euler, Augusta, Ga., Nell West, Summerville, S. C., Tommie Brooks Baber, Greenville, S. C.

The class began its work the first of last September, a short time after school opened. In fact, just as soon as our Sunday School was organized and the literature could be had for this course.

The class was largely composed of members of the Senior Class, it being represented, however, by a few Faculty members and several undergraduates. Each seemed to join with much enthusiasm and interest for this most helpful and noble Sunday School work.

The attendance has been perfectly splendid during the entire course, there being no absentees except in case of sickness or absent from the college.

About four weeks ago a final examination was taken and each member passed it except one, who was ill and could not take it along with the class, for which we were all very sorry. She however, entered the new class which has recently been organized, and in that way she will receive her diploma with the class next year.

This course means so much to the young woman, if she goes about it with a purpose. The result is two-fold, she not only gets an abundant amount of good for herself, but she is able to share it in her home and community after college days. Competent Sunday School teachers have been, and is the cry of all modern and wide awake Sunday Schools. You see then the splendid opportunities a girl has for preparing herself for more effective work.

In old Bible times Christ called his disciples and sent them into different parts of the world to proclaim His word. Just so does Davenport College send out young women to different parts of North and South Carolina, and, into Georgia, to proclaim His word and tell of His divine love and goodness, as is taught in the Sunday School lessons.

In spite of the fact that the pupils have been hampered somewhat by their literary work, this course has been completed within seven months time. Often it is taken in Sunday Schools and other places where a great deal more time can be given to it, and as a rule, not less than a year is taken to finish it. In fact, Dr. Hamil, who is at the head of this work, requests that no class finish it in less time. This class at Davenport, by doubling up, completed it in a little more than half the usual time.

Too much stress can't be laid

Good Roads Object Lesson.

(From The Stanly Enterprise.)
A few days ago, a three-horse team was stuck in the mud a few miles out from town. A \$3 load of wood had to be dumped beside the road in order to make it possible for an empty wagon to make its way home. The man's time, loading, unloading, reloading; 3 strong, splendid mules, out of service during the delay; worry, trouble, and expense—how much? Make your own estimate. On good roads one horse could have moved the entire load in any kind of weather. The saving in labor, horse flesh, and worry would pay the increased tax to be brought about by the loan fund of \$100,000 on nearly \$3,000. This is too plain for discussion. The incident occurred within six miles of Albemarle, and on one of the roads sought to be improved. Still there are some that oppose voting for good roads.

Reception at Davenport College.

A delightfully pleasant affair was the reception given on Monday evening by the Junior Class in honor of the Senior Class. Youth, beauty, good clothes, and handsome decorations made up a scene long to be remembered by those fortunate to be among the number. The receiving line was stationed in the chapel, and was composed of Pres. and Mrs. Craven, members of the Faculty and the Senior class. The decorations in the chapel were green and white, the college colors, while in the luncheon room, the Junior colors purple and gold draped and mingled with a profusion of Jonquils and violets made a beautiful sight. In the room where punch was served, the decoration consisted of American Beauty roses, and a profusion of potted palms and ferns.

We are sorry that lack of space forbids our giving a description of the handsome costumes worn on this occasion.

upon this work. From it many things are derived. It's an inspiration to give one's best to the upbuilding of God's kingdom here on earth.

The new class which has been organized recently has twenty nine members, with Mr. Birmingham, as their teacher also, thereby having an increase of nine over the former class. They take up the work this spring to finish some time next year. The names and addresses are as follows:

Misses Beulah Williamson, Cornelius, N. C., Knoxie Kizer, Reepsville, Pearle Gibbs, Marion, Vera Howell, Cherryville, Dorie Hyatt, Polkton, Pansy Abernathy, Iron Station, Minnie Rudisill, Iron Station, Margaret Tabor, Farmington, Annie Heafner, Crouse, Ethel Whitner, Cornelius, Maud Mast, Mast, Charity Nipper, Lowell, N. C., Etta Armstrong, Belmont, Cleo Wall, Morganton, Pearl Ervin, Troutman, Knox Bess, Caroleen, Ethel Montsinger, High Point, Della Wilson, Whitnel, Julia Milton, Albemarle, Jennie Carpenter, Rutherfordton, Blanche Mann, Statesville, Jecolia Medlin, Monroe, Emmie Ratliff, Wadesboro, Lucy Price, St. Matthews, Essie Loven, Linville, Anna King, Statesville, Janie Tuttle, Pineville, Ethel Cline, Lincolnton, Etenda Bedenbough, Chesterfield, S. C., Annie Glass, Morganton.

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A MISTERIOUS EXPLOSION.

Sounded Like a Blast of Dynamite and Was Heard for Miles Around.

"What was that explosion?" is a question not yet satisfactorily answered.

The explosion, or whatever it was, occurred about 7:20 o'clock Thursday night, just before the beginning of the rain storm which continued through the night, and was heard through out Statesville and vicinity and by some quite a distance away. So terrific was it in force that buildings in Statesville were jarred and the whole atmosphere quivered. While most people believe that the elements are responsible, there are others who contend the noise came from the explosion of dynamite or other powerful explosives. The fact that the direction of the noise was hard to locate is evidence that it came from some unusual source, probably a freak of nature in the way of a lightning bolt or the falling and bursting of a meteor.

Supt. F. T. Meacham, of the State Farm, said he had gone out to shut off the windmill at the Farm, two miles west of Statesville, and was facing the east when the explosion or great noise was heard. Accompanying the noise, he says, was a great flash of light in the northeast and while it did not appear as lightning usually does he decided the flash was lightning and the noise and vibration in the atmosphere the result of an unusual peal of thunder.

Mr. J. D. Troutman says he and Mrs. Troutman were at their home in southwest Statesville looking at the clouds when a ball of fire suddenly appeared in the east, accompanied by the great noise; and a colored man who was going along south Center street at the time also avowed that a great ball of fire shot across the heavens from east to west at the time of the noise.

Policeman Chas. Fulp was near the railway station at the time and he says that accompanying the shock a flash of fire appeared to the northeast of the station. He ran in that direction expecting to find some one setting off dynamite, but his questions to residents of that section were met with similar questions, they having been unable to locate the noise.

Mr. J. A. Wyrick, foreman of the road force camped on the Wilkesboro road in north Iredell says he and others at the camp heard the noise so distinctly that at first some feared the dynamite supply of the camp had exploded, but it was finally decided that the noise came from an explosion to the northeast. A good many people attribute the noise to an explosion of dynamite at one of the road camps or the Statesville Air Line railroad camp, but the dynamite of all these was found in good condition.

Different people naturally have different ideas as to what the noise was and from which direction it came, but the mystery is really still without satisfactory solution. To most of those in the business section at the time the noise appeared to have come from east Statesville, but to those in east Statesville it came from some other direction.

Now they have discovered vice graft in Berlin. Next thing we know some one will discover what is "rotten in Denmark."

SHORTAGE AT ORPHANAGE

Institution Unhurt. The Maintenance Fund all That is Involved.

Winston-Salem, March 18.—The board of trustees of the Methodist Children's Home, after an all day session, late this afternoon issued a statement regarding the shortage of former Supt. H. A. Hayes, who retired from the head of the institution a month ago. An expert accountant employed to audit the accounts of the home reports a shortage of proven items in Mr. Hayes' account of \$2,337.84, and that there appears from an analysis of Mr. Hayes' personal account a probable shortage of \$3,193.74, making a total shortage of \$5,531.58.

This shortage was all found to be in the maintenance fund, and in no way was the building fund involved. The committee of transfer of the home to the new superintendent under direction of an attorney, has been directed by the trustees to continue the process to reimburse the home so far as possible for the whole defalcation from any assets which may hereafter be found.

Criminal proceedings were delayed until the expert accountant had made a final report. In the meantime the family of Mr. Hayes has had him placed in Westbrook Sanitarium, Richmond, Va., for examination as to sanity. The board has directed its attorney to prosecute him, unless he be placed in an institution for the insane by due process of law.

HOME NOT AFFECTED.

The Children's Home was established three years ago with H. A. Hayes in charge. Today it is caring for more than a hundred orphan children. The trustees, in their report, assure the public and the patrons of the institution that the life of the home is in no wise involved, that the shortage can in no way affect either its growth or efficiency. Funds are now in hand for the erection of two modern buildings. No explanation is given in the report issued by the trustees how the former superintendent used the funds improperly taken from the home.

The Horne Memorial.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The Ashley Horne memorial to the Women of the Confederacy will be unveiled in Raleigh some time during October or November. The statue is being made by a New York sculptor who has a fine reputation and the completed monument will be one of the handsomest things in the country. North or South. Mr. Horne, it will be remembered, donated \$10,000 for its erection. The unveiling of this monument will be an event of State-wide interest. It will be a proud day for Mr. Horne, for the State and for the women whose memory it will glorify. The monument is a gift to North Carolina from one of the most loyal hearts of the Confederacy, from a soldier who went through the war and who has an appreciation of the patriotic sacrifices and devotion of the women during the times that tried men's souls.

Lately efforts have been made to kill the oil trust, the sugar trust, the coffee trust, money trust and others, but the "no trust" will continue to do business at the same old stand.

The Search And Seizure Act.

(Concord Times.)

The application of the search and seizure act, passed by the late Legislature, in connection with the federal Webb law, ought to make prohibition thoroughly effective in North Carolina, and it will be made so in all communities where the officers do their duty. The State act, which goes into effect April 1, makes the following facts prima facie evidence of violation of the prohibition laws:

First: The possession of a license from the government of the United States to sell or manufacture intoxicating liquors; or

Second: The possession of more than one gallon of spiritous liquors at any one time, whether in one or more places; or

Third: The possession of more than three gallons of vinous liquors at any one time, whether in one or more places; or

Fourth: The possession of more than five gallons of malt liquors at any one time, whether in one or more places; or

Fifth: The delivery to such person, firm, association or corporation of more than five gallons of spirituous or vinous liquors, or more than twenty gallons of malt liquors within any four successive weeks, whether in one or more places; or

Sixth: The possession of intoxicating liquors as samples to obtain orders thereon: Provided, that this section shall not prohibit any person from keeping in his possession wines and ciders in any quantity where such wines and ciders have been manufactured from grapes or fruit grown on the premises of the person in whose possession said wines and ciders may be.

Vice Presidential Sense.

(Charlotte Observer.)

When the Vice President Marshall announced their intention to put up at a hotel in Washington they further stated that the reason why they did not buy or lease a palace in the usual vice presidential style was lack of finances on their part. "I'm going to keep what I have and live within my income here," said Mr. Marshall more recently. "I can do it, I think, with economy. I think a little economy won't hurt the American people—including me." To this program and this sound philosophy Mrs. Marshall adds another item with the statement that she will not employ a social secretary because the cost is too much. We are particularly glad that Mr. Marshall will be a commencement speaker in North Carolina next June. He is certain to say some of the things that most need to be said.

Youths That Plow Deep

(From The Wall Street Journal.)

A Texas youth who plowed his corn lands 16 inches deep got 167 1/2 bushels an acre, compared with 19 bushels, the 10-year average for that State. His net profit was \$95.35, compared with \$12 an acre as the gross income for Texas as a whole. Better farming methods will do more than anything else to keep the boys on the farm. Nothing cheers up an investor in a fertilizer industry more than intensive farming, and it must even give a pessimistic railroad president like E. P. Ripley of the Atchison a thrill of satisfaction to know that his lines are getting into a territory which produces such youths as these.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

President has called Congress together in extra session on April 7th, the object of the extra session to be consideration of the Tariff.

The Commission form of government, was adopted by a majority of 35 votes in Hickory last Tuesday. While at Salisbury the question was defeated by a small majority.

King George of Greece was shot by an assassin while walking in the street of Salonica last Tuesday and died in a hospital a few hours later. The assassin is said to be a degenerate or demented Grecian.

Dr. S. B. Turrentine has been elected President of Greensboro Female College, in place of Mrs. Lucy M. Robertson who declined a re-election. Dr. Turrentine is Presiding Elder of the Shelby district and will take charge of his new work June 1st.

Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, is an applicant for the position of Collector of Internal Revenue, under the new Democratic administration and thinks he has a good chance to win. He also thinks the collector's office will be moved from Statesville to Winston-Salem.

By a mistake in transcribing and engrossing, the law passed by the recent Legislature, laying a tax of one twenty-fifth of one per cent, on the capital stock of Corporations, reads one fifteenth of one per cent thus making a very material increase in the amount of taxes corporations will have to pay.

The prospects of through cars from Raleigh, by way of the Seaboard Air Line and the Carolina & North-Western and through cars from Charlotte, by way of the Interurban and the Carolina & North-Western Railway, will make travel much easier this summer to this part of the country, from these cities and intermediate places, than ever before. It is to be hoped the arrangements as indicated will be put into effect.

Two Roads For 1913.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The Asheville Gazette-News thinks that during 1913 two roads of much importance will be built. These are the Ridge-Crest-to-Old Fort road and the Hickory Nut Gap road. For the first, Governor Craig has apportioned the \$10,000 made available by the Federal Government, Old Fort to borrow \$20,000 with which to supplement it. For the building of the Hickory Nut Gap road, the people are to furnish the teams and the State the convicts. To our mind, each proposition has a good bargain. The completion of the crest road would fill the gap in what is known as the Central Highway, though some parts of it would not be good going in bad weather. It would be a start, however, in a graded highway across the State. The building of the Hickory Nut Gap road would open a section of the State that has been hitherto practically inaccessible—and one of the most picturesque parts of North Carolina. The completion of these two roads this year would be a great accomplishment.

The man who is in love with himself never has a rival.