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## CHILD WELFARE IN OUR STATE

*Mrs. Bulus Bagby Swift, '09*

That "Every cloud has its silver lining" has certainly proven true in regard to the world war and child welfare. Everywhere in the beginning of the war we were told to conserve all necessities and speed up production.

In many cases where legislatures were in session the laws affecting children in industry were made less stringent, schools were closed, and children were shipped by the train load to help the farmer conserve his crops.

Finally there came a halt. Drafted boys at the rate of twenty-nine out of every hundred were turned down the country over as physically unfit to bear arms. A little larger percent were unable to read and write intelligently. Our boasted public schools had failed to educate. Then word came that to keep the soldiers fit to fight they must have recreation abundant and wholesome. So in the United War Work Campaign we worked shoulder to shoulder, children and all, to give our soldiers a chance to keep fit. Through the War Camp Community Service we gave them clean movies, theaters, libraries, and a chance to meet the women folk of the community in a most charming manner.

The United States awaked over night to see that good, skilled soldiers must be healthy, must be educated, must have recreation furnished. What about the children at home out of camps? Might they not be needed by their country some day?

European countries, having been at war longer than the United States, realized first that they were burning the candle at both ends by killing off their young manhood and failing to conserve their children. So new and more stringent measures than they had ever known for protecting and educating their youth were enacted as war measures.

The United States was not in the war long enough to react to this extent; but she was in long enough to cause her to sit up and take notice.

North Carolina, along with other states of the Union, has certainly felt the magic awakening. During the Bickett administration she has enlarged the influence of our very excellent State Board of Health and given us a Bureau of Child Hygiene.

She has enacted a new compulsory school attendance law, requiring children between the ages of eight and fourteen years to attend school the whole term of school in the district, and provided means for enforcement.

She has remodeled our law with reference to children in industry, fourteen years being the minimum age for laborers in factories, mines, mercantile establishments, restaurants, bootblack stands; 48 hours per week being the maximum hours of employment between fourteen and sixteen years;

sixteen years the minimum age of one who labors at night. Provision for the enforcement of this law has also been made.

She has given us the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, with a paid superintendent in every county, whose duty it is to act as probation officer to every juvenile delinquent in the county, to aid in enforcing the compulsory school attendance law, the child labor law, and promote playgrounds and recreation centres and secure censorship for all commercial places of amusements.

She has established the juvenile court in every county in the state and given us a juvenile court law that makes it illegal to try our children or confine them with hardened criminals.

She has given us the Revaluation Act, requiring the placing on the tax books at actual value all property, both personal and real estate. If this is enforced it will furnish funds to properly equip and maintain our public schools.

With this marked progress surely North Carolina is nearing the top rings of the ladder in child welfare.

Let us turn from this to one of the most potent results of children's year the plans of which had the approval of President Wilson, and about which he said: "I trust the work may so successfully develop as to set up certain irreducible minimum standards for the health, education and work of the America child"—the *International Conference on Child Welfare*.

At this conference, representatives from Great Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, Italy, Serbia, and Japan were present. Experts in child care from all over the United States were likewise called.

Minimum standards of child welfare were set up. A few of these will be mentioned, not to disparage the strides forward so recently made by our own state, but simply to show that this work challenges every alumna of the North Carolina College for Women:

### HEALTH

1. One public health nurse to every 2,000 population.
2. Compulsory courses in child hygiene in the public schools.
3. School nurses and physicians.
4. Physical examinations by a physician once a year; monthly weighing and measuring.
5. Continuous health record for every child. This should be the continuation of the pre-school health record.
6. Education of school children in health essentials.

### EDUCATION

1. All children between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall be required to attend school at least nine months each year.
2. Children between the years of sixteen and eighteen who have finished the eighth grade shall attend continuation schools eight hours per week.

3. Vacation schools, placing especial emphasis on healthful play and leisure time activities, shall be provided for all children.

### LABOR

1. An age minimum of sixteen years, except children between fourteen and sixteen years in agriculture and domestic service, during vacation periods.
  2. An age minimum of twenty-one years for night messenger service.
  3. An age minimum of twenty-one years for girls employed as messengers for telegraph and messenger companies.
  4. Annual physical examinations of all working children up to eighteen years.
- Just now, when parent-teacher associations are being formed all over the state, our college alumnae can be of untold service in seeing that the state's program is enforced to the letter and in creating sentiment in favor of the forward steps set forth in the minimum standards by the international conference on child welfare.

A very pertinent question just now is, "Did my education fit me to care for my own children in my own home?" North Carolina mothers assembled in the State Parent-Teacher Association, in Charlotte, on November 2-5, 1919, said not, and asked all high schools and colleges receiving young women in the state to offer training in child nurture.

Every normal woman either has children of her own or hopes some day to lay aside every other profession for a while and become a mother; then why not raise motherhood to the dignity of a profession?

## SERVICE THROUGH ORGANIZATION

The following is a talk which Miss Minnie L. Jamison made at the Guilford County Alumnae Dinner, at the North Carolina College for Women, on December 12, 1919:

*Madam Hostess, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

I wish I could convey to your minds a vivid picture of service through organization, which I have seen demonstrated in some of the counties of North Carolina! It would fill you with enthusiasm for your college and with pride for its young representatives. The time allotted me tonight is too short to fairly represent these young servants of the state.

On May 14th, 1918, the United States Food Administration drafted me to organize the college girls of the state into working units. There were no precedents established—no plans to follow. A definite object was before us to put every bit of potential energy into active service to help to win the war. In less than one week after the colleges closed we had three hundred and fifty college girls at work in the various activities of the state, and as summer passed into autumn we had practically one thousand college girls at work in banks, grocery stores, dry goods stores, driving mowing machines

and tractors, and doing all kinds of work to help fill the places made vacant by our soldiers.

Realizing the great possibilities for service in the young womanhood of our state and the fine spirit demonstrated in their service, we determined to hold them up to their high standard throughout the hard years of reconstruction and to make this energy more effective through organization. We, therefore, called upon the North Carolina College students for volunteers for service in their home communities. We had a hearty response from four hundred and forty-nine. We appointed a county chairman in each of ten counties. Each county chairman in turn appointed a sub-chairman in every school settlement or village in her county. Each sub-chairman called upon every young woman in her community, whether she had been to college or not, to join her community unit to work for better schools, for community uplift and for the recreation and pleasure of community life.

What were some of the fruits of this service? In one of our counties of large manufacturing interests, the county chairman, a graduate of the North Carolina College for Women, realizing the great need for community interests in mill settlements, spent a week in a mill studying the problems of the mill girls. As a result of her work with these girls an organization was formed to teach the girls of that mill community not only better methods for doing the work of their homes, better taste in making their dresses and hats, but games were played with them, a reading circle was formed for them, and music and other uplifting forms of pleasure were planned for them. They secured a free library for the summer and started a fund for a permanent library for the mill community. The mill owners said there was no way to estimate the good accomplished through this College Girls' Society for Service in that mill community. This unit taught a class of old men to read, also.

Another unit in the same county began by cleaning up the church grounds and the cemetery. At last report this unit had bought a picket fence, costing \$500.00, to enclose the cemetery, and had created considerable community spirit among the older people by their public spirit. The fence was well-nigh paid for before the summer ended. The efforts of that unit were next to be concentrated upon the school and its environment. They were working toward the right end by securing the very best school committeemen and well-trained teachers. They have not forgotten the fact that a teacher cannot give her best to the children of a community unless she has a boarding place—a home—where she can prepare her school work and get sufficient rest for her day's work ahead, and to that end a comfortable boarding place was secured.

The most notable church work was done by appointing a chairman for church work. In counties where the Methodist was the strongest church the chairman endeavored to create Epworth League circles in all of the churches throughout the county. Where the Presbyterians were the prevailing denomination, Christian Endeavor Societies were organized throughout the county, and so on, depending upon the prevailing denomination.

In many of our counties, in addition to the ten organized, we established a children's hour for games and stories. This work was done largely by the Juniors and Seniors of the North Carolina College for Women. The Department of Physical Education has for several years given a splendid course in games for children. In the communities where this work was conducted one afternoon each week, great enthusiasm prevails, not only among the happy children, but with the older people. The mothers have an afternoon off to visit, or go to town, or go to the club meeting, and the Juniors and Seniors who conducted these children's afternoons were hardly less happy themselves.

The Department of History, using the Seniors of the North Carolina College for Women, did a great piece of educational work also in many parts of the state. The Seniors who had the work in history in the study of the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations were instrumental in getting large crowds together in their home communities to hear patriotic men and women of their community discuss the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations. In this way a study of the subject was made above and beyond all political questions. As a result of this work, the National Extension Director says the work in North Carolina was one of the finest pieces of non-partisan work that came before his observation.

In many of the counties there is a great demand for community music. This is wanted not only for its inspirational value, but for the recreational interest in the community life, and we know of no better way to bring about county cooperation than through the old-fashioned singings. What a county hurrah would be made if eight or ten of these community centers could study four or five national hymns, three or four majestic church hymns, two or three concert numbers, a few folk songs, and the best of our world war songs, and come together in a big county singing!

The United States Department of Labor called upon us for volunteer service for the farmers of North Carolina in case of labor shortage, and one hundred North Carolina College girls volunteered to help in case of shortage. As a result of this we have had from four to six units at work on farms during the first summer of reconstruction.

It is our plan to make these units a channel through which any organization or institution may work. In one of our well organized counties the chamber of commerce used the community units to work out some plans for county development.

When we see the fine spirit of these young women and recall the marvelous work and matchless spirit of our young manhood in the past few years, we look forward with hope to a great future even in the face of so much chaos, confusion and anarchy, for these two forces are to be the leaders of thought and action in the next decade or so. Today is our opportunity to lay the foundation for better schools for the children of tomorrow! Today is ours to work for larger community ideals on which this splendid young manhood and womanhood will build a great commonwealth. We have the machinery in these community units to make a large ideal for North Carolina become real.

## A LETTER FROM HOME

Dear Girls All:

It is a rainy evening. After supper, I pulled down the shades, stirred the coals, shook up the pillows on the couch, and settled myself to read. But somehow, I couldn't read for thinking of you—wondering if you, too, were a bit tired and lonely, and as hungry for news of home as the homefolks are for news of you. And so I am writing to tell you about some of the things we have been doing, about the good times we have had, and to say that we wish you could have been with us all the while.

First of all, you must hear a word about Miss Coit's visit to her missionary brother in far-away Korea—a dream of hers come true. She journeyed via Chicago to Vancouver, B. C., and sailed from there on the steamship Montegale for Kobe, Japan. From this point the trip was made by rail to Yesu, Korea, where an automobile carried her over one of the military roads to Soonchun, her destination. Miss Coit expects to return to us by commencement, or before, at which time we will hear from her own lips, no doubt, many interesting things about her stay in the far East. We miss this friend and helper, this "big sister" of ours, from our every day life, and will gladly welcome her home again.

I must tell you next about three good lectures we have heard since last we wrote. On November 28th, Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale, niece of the famous actor, Forbes-Robertson, but noted herself on two continents as a lecturer, particularly in the field of woman's activities, addressed us. During the war, Mrs. Hale was a member of the Federal Food Administration Board. Afterwards she went to England to study reconstruction, and her theme, "Reconstruction in England and America," presented in a nut shell what she had seen first hand. As her major premise she held that the life of a democracy depended chiefly upon three things—health, education and labor. Among other health measures, she discussed as chiefly important the housing bill passed by the British Parliament, whereby many of the century-old estates were broken up to furnish ground for the erection of suitable homes for the poorer classes; she mentioned the free public clinics for the instruction of mothers about the care of their children, and the assistance of public nurses before and after the birth of the child. She told of the enormous appropriation for national education which England has made—that every child is compelled to attend school until he is sixteen years of age, and that his employer is then compelled to furnish him part-time education until he is eighteen years of age. She dwelt at length upon the labor problem, at present so acute, emphasizing the fact that machinery had robbed the laborer of the joy of initiative and creation; that he no longer felt that he had a part in his own product; and that, recognizing this, England has taken the first step toward arriving at some solution of this problem.

During Thanksgiving week, Dr. Mary K. Noble, of New York, a member of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., gave a series of seven lectures to the students and faculty. In three of these lectures she dis-

discussed physiology and hygiene; in two, ethics and social problems, and in two others, with Seniors and Juniors, the importance of sex education in the public schools. Dr. Noble is giving assistance to our State Board of Health in its campaign for sex education, and during her stay in the south will visit a number of colleges, among them Salem, Greensboro College for Women, Converse, and Winthrop.

Really outstanding in its theme, in its combination of delightful humor and touching pathos, was the address in December of Owen R. Lovejoy, of the National Child Labor Committee. He was introduced by Mr. W. H. Swift, of Greensboro, as a man who was spending his life in making the world a better place for little children. Many who heard his message felt that his coming was a real event in our college history. He spoke of the national trait of Americans to wait until something happens before making an attempt to prevent a disaster—the hundreds of towns that could not be induced to provide pure water until some terrible scourge had snatched away many precious lives; of the failure of cities to pass proper house-building regulations and fire protection measures until devastating fires had destroyed valuable property and lives; of our inability to pass traffic laws until some horrible accident had shocked us into activity. Embellishing and elaborating with a wealth of incident and episode, Mr. Lovejoy dwelt upon four simple rules for health—ventilation, cleanliness, nutritious food, and posture. He mentioned particularly certain sections in New York where as many as two or three hundred people were dependent upon one back-yard hydrant for their entire water supply. He spoke also of the excellent legislation which has been accomplished in Alabama—so long a black spot along child labor lines, which places this state alongside Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio in the protection of its child life.

In lighter vein, but none the less appreciated, have been our musical programs. Aurore LaCroix, pianist, and Samuel Gardner, violinist, captured our hearts one evening in December. The concert was arranged around the Grieg Sonata in C minor, and according to a local newspaper reporter, "fairly took the breath of those in the audience best qualified to criticize and utterly charmed the rest." Miss LaCroix played a Scherzo (Op. 31), a Nocturne (Op. 15, No. 1), and the Winter Wind Study of Chopin. She also played from Debussy, MacDowell, and Rubenstein. Mr. Gardner played three movements of the Vivaldi-Nachez Concerto in A minor. Rachmaninoff, Mozart, Sammartini, Boccherini and Hubay furnished the rest of his program, with the exception of a composition of his own, "From the Canebrake," a novel exhibition of negro melodies. It was a beautiful program, exquisitely rendered.

Of an entirely different type, though not less enjoyed, was the appearance of the University Glee Club on Friday evening, November 29th. Although there were no Liszt's Rhapsodies, or Mendelssohn's Songs without Words on the program, yet the tinkle of the mandolin and the beat of the drum and the melody of the voices made real music, and won their due measure of applause; for were not the performers our

own boys? Yet apart from any personal reasons, the performance was good, and the student body, together with members of the faculty and a group from Greensboro College for Women, thoroughly enjoyed it, as was evidenced by the frequent call for encores and the generous responses.

You will have to pardon my expression of real pride in the rendition of the "Messiah" on December 17th, by the college chorus, with assisting soloists and artists, under the direction of Mr. Brown. It was a real success. Miss Jean Wilcox, of the voice department, soprano; Mrs. Wade R. Brown, contralto; Mr. C. Judson House, tenor, and Mr. Fred Patton, bass-baritone, both of New York, contributed notably to the success of the performance. And Mr. Brown's high reputation as a conductor was again entirely sustained. Mr. Scott-Hunter was organist, and Miss Allene Minor, with the assistance of Miss Elsilene Pelton, pianist.

"Just among ourselves," we have enjoyed more than one pleasant occasion. On Wednesday evening, October 29th, the faculty met at the Country Club in the first of a series of informal get-together dinners. Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and ex officio Chairman of our Board of Directors, was the guest and speaker of the evening.

At the conclusion of the meal, Dr. Foust presented Dr. Brooks, whose general theme was an answer to the question, "How Can the North Carolina College for Women Still Further Co-operate with the State Department?" Dr. Brooks held that one defect in most educational institutions was the tendency to become enslaved to the syllogism—to follow one narrow process of reasoning to one restricted conclusion. He felt that a teacher of English, for instance, would be a much more efficient teacher of English if he knew as much as possible about other subjects. He thought that the college could do a great service by seeking out in any school or institution wherever it might be found any piece of work that was being done more efficiently than elsewhere and letting the state know about it. He regretted the truth that there are in the state 2,000 teachers who could not pass a fifth-grade examination, and 3,000 more who have had no teacher training at all. He told of the introduction of teacher training into the high schools and county centers, but declared that a sufficient number of qualified teachers could not be secured at any price to supervise this work. "It is the business of the college," said Dr. Brooks, "to equip workers to meet these needs."

"At the Hut on Hallowe'en,  
As the clock strikes eight,  
Your honored older Sisters  
You as a ghost await,  
Though 'old' we are, we'll help you  
laugh  
Till all ghosts flee at nine and a half!"

Thus was the Class of 1920 lured forth by its honorary members, Misses Viola Bodie, Emma King, Blanche Shaffer, Ferguson, Davenport, and Tempe Boddie. Willingly consenting, the Lavender and Whites, transformed by the magic that is Hallowe'en's, from rosy maidens to "pale and pallid stades," appeared at the appointed hour at the door of the Hut. The long hall, with its friendly fireplaces, had been

made festive with autumn foliage and piles of fruit, and lighted by candles. Into the shadowy light they were welcomed by their hostesses, the witches, and from that moment there was fun and frolic, and real enjoyment. Fortunes hitherto mysterious were unerringly revealed, and fates long in suspense settled, while the cauldron "boiled and bubbled"; and despite the real creeps and shakes experienced as Mrs. Sharpe, a specially invited guest, recited the breathless tales of the "Golden Arm," the Seniors remember this evening with real delight.

We have had several "At Homes" in the Hut this fall. Early in November the faculty entertained between the hours of four and six in the afternoon and eight and ten at night, in honor of their friends in Greensboro, and we were pleased that a large number of guests called.

On different occasions the faculty have met in a social evening with the specials, the freshmen, the sophomores, the juniors, and seniors. Games have been played, refreshments enjoyed; and on one occasion the party assembled in an old-fashioned spelling bee. Dr. Foust, with his blue-back speller, was the schoolmaster. Needless to say, disaster followed in the wake of this ancient book, and soon both instructors and instructed fell, vanquished by this doughty weapon of by-gone days. These get-togethers have added much to the social spirit of the college this year.

I must not forget to tell you about the camp supper given by the Athletic Association at Lindley Park. The day before, six stringent rules of conduct had been imposed upon the "new girls"—among them, "Upon meeting all old A. girls, you must step off the sidewalk and stand on one foot until they have passed." Most of the "new girls," however, were too terrified to remember the injunction. After the bountiful supper, of a true camp fire variety, had been finished, and every one had "played" to her heart's content, the luckless Freshmen were dragged forth and punished for "disobeying the rules"—a favorite "order" being to "get down and scramble like an egg." At 9:30 every one returned to the college, tired but refreshed.

Armistice Day was honored at the college with an address by Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, and by a Community Sing, led by Mr. Brown. During the day, Colonel Olds informally presented to the history museum of the college a copy of an engraving showing LaFayette viewing the Washington statue at Raleigh.

The ninth annual inter-society debate was held on December 13th, instead of on Thanksgiving night, as heretofore. The question, "Resolved, that immigration to the United States should be further restricted by act of Congress," was discussed affirmatively by Misses Ruth Vick and Marjorie Mendenhall, Corelians, and negatively by Misses Elizabeth O. Smith and Charlie Mae Cridlebaugh, Adelprians. The high standard reached by previous debaters was splendidly upheld on this occasion. The judges announced the decision for the negative, and the cup, offered by Mr. R. C. Bernau, of Greensboro, passed into the permanent possession of the Adelprians, since this success marked the third successive decision in its favor. Mr. Bernau now offers

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From Florence, South Carolina, comes an interesting news clipping telling of the formation of an association of college graduates, of which Mrs. Forrest Taylor, who was formerly Mattie Moore, '99, is chairman. The purpose of this organization is stated to be: "To further the educational interests of the community." We are glad that one of our graduates is the leader for such an organization, the far reaching results of which cannot be overestimated, and we rejoice in the fact that the influence of our college is being extended through other states than our own.

Is this not a challenge for the alumnae of North Carolina? When in the history of the world have there been so varied and wonderful opportunities for constructive work in our state—the United States—the whole world? What are the existing educational conditions in our state—health conditions in our communities? What of the laws which govern our state, our city, our very selves?

Are our teachers receiving a living wage? Do they have comfortable homes to live in, so that they can present the maximum of efficiency? Are our children going to school in cold, poorly ventilated, unsanitary school houses, or are they attending a comfortable, well-built, consolidated school, where the best that several small communities has to offer is concentrated into something that will be worth while to a greater number?

Are our children in the schools enjoying beautiful supervised playgrounds at their recreation periods? Are they being furnished with hot lunches at their noon recess? Are their teachers efficient, well-trained, educated persons? What causes the "waste" between the grammar grades and high school in our communities?

What of the health conditions of our counties? Do we have public health officers, public health nurses? Are free clinics held in our communities to aid in the prevention and eradication of contagious diseases? Are our children being instructed and trained in the science of right-living, through social hygiene workers and lecturers?

Do we understand the ins and outs of our

city—our state government? What sort of men are our commissioners, our mayors, our police judges? Do we have juvenile courts in our cities? What are existing conditions in the prisons of our state? What are our traffic laws, and are they enforced? Our laws for fire prevention? for sanitation? For whom are you going to vote for President?

This is a day of questionnaires! Please think upon these things, and when you have finished, answer this final question: If the alumnae and former students of the State College for Women do not band together for leadership in the development of our state, who will?

E. C. B.

## A LETTER FROM HOME

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another cup on the same conditions—to be kept permanently by that society which shall win it three times in succession.

The student body last year pledged the support of two Serbian girls at this college. These young women are here. Both are bright and capable and are proving themselves worthy of the interest which the college is taking in them.

The last vesper service of the Y. W. C. A.—the White Gift Christmas service—was one of unusual beauty and appeal. The auditorium was in darkness, the stage only lighted. As the curtain was drawn a lovely "picture" in white was disclosed—the altar, the chancel, and a group of young women dressed as angels, in striking pantomimic pose, singing the story of the holy birth. Following this an invisible choir sang "Holy Night." Then in the semi-darkness Mrs. Sharpe softly told the story of "Why the Chimes Rang." The curtain was again drawn aside and a representative of the faculty and of the different classes arose in turn and walked upon the stage and made an offering to the Christ—an offering in the form of a written statement, setting forth the determination to honor in a practical way the Savior whose birth is celebrated at Christmas time. The exercises closed with the singing of "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen."

You will be interested to know that in the absence of a high school of our own, the Seniors are having their first days as teachers in the Greensboro High School. They will do some teaching also in the Pomona High School, near the college. The home economics department of the college, of which Miss Shaffer is head, has charge of the home economics department of the high school. The Seniors in this course are assisting the teachers with this work also, and the high school girls are allowed to use the college laboratories as they are needed.

On Saturday evening, November 22nd, in the college dining room, the faculty and students celebrated Dr. Foust's birthday. In the beginning, Lois Wilson, president of the Student Government Association, expressed to Dr. Foust the love of the students for him and their appreciation for his tireless efforts in behalf of the college. In his reply Dr. Foust insisted that although he deeply appreciated their good wishes and gratitude, he attributed it to their college spirit and loyalty rather than to personal good wishes. Songs, written in his honor by the students

especially for this occasion, were sung by each class in turn. At the guest table with Dr. Foust sat Miss King, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Lawrence, Miss Brooks, Miss Graham, Mr. T. R. Foust, Miss Mary Foust and Henry Foust. The college was decorated in the college colors, white and gold, and a good dinner was served by the junior domestic science girls.

Guess what some of us did on Thanksgiving! With Miss Lawrence and Mr. Thornton as a body guard, and a laundry basket of "eats" as a fortification and a defense, thirty-four Seniors left the bill on Thanksgiving morning in response to an invitation from the "real men of the University to the real girls at North Carolina College to come down on Thanksgiving and witness that real game." And a real game it was, too, from beginning to end. People from all parts of the state and elsewhere were present, but no single group felt a greater thrill than our Seniors when the score 6-0 in favor of Carolina was announced.

In the old days the outstanding event in the entire college year was initiation. And still is. Now, however, there are three societies. The last organized, the Dikean, is beginning to rival its two older sisters in enthusiasm and effectiveness of work. For various reasons, however, no banquet was staged this year; but initiatory exercises on October 23rd—all profoundly secret—were of such a character that one of the initiates pronounced them the best time she had ever had.

Harking back to the pre-war program, the Corneliens and Adelpheans followed their initiatory exercises with a banquet on October 24th and 25th, respectively. Ferns, palms, and chrysanthemums, in artistic arrangement, were features of the decorations on both occasions. Both events were marked by frequent toasts and responses and were characterized by spirit and good fellowship. At the Cornelian banquet, six little colonial maidens, dressed in rainbow colored costumes, delighted us with an old-fashioned dance. A Grecian phantasy was featured at the Adelphean banquet. Hazel West was toastmistress for the Corneliens, Annie Bernard Benson for the Adelpheans.

Several of the churches have shown their friendliness to the students by entertaining them—among these Spring Garden Street Methodist, the First Baptist Church, Elm Street Christian Church, and the First Presbyterian Church.

I need not tell you that despite our diversions and hours of recreation, we have been working hard; and looking back upon the past few months, we have that blessed feeling of uplift and satisfaction which results from work conscientiously performed.

And now I am making a request of you—Write to the "folks at home," to the Alumnae News, to Ethel Bollinger, our secretary; tell us what you are doing, what you would like to have the college do that it is not doing, how we can make the Alumnae News nearer what you want it to be—write us of all this and more. But better still, come to see us commencing.

Accept through me the love of every member of your college family, and know that our interest in you is very warm.

CLARA BOOTH BYRD.

## AMONG OUR FACULTY

Mr. A. C. Hall, of the English Department, was elected president of the North Carolina English Teachers' Council at the Teachers' Assembly. Mr. Hall has a little son, Alonzo C. Hall, Jr., who came on December 25th.

Dean Jackson was a delegate to the International Y. M. C. A. Conference, at Detroit. "My chief impression," he tells us, "was the marvelous spirituality of the convention." During the holidays he also attended a meeting of the American Historical Association, in Cleveland, about which he talks most interestingly. About 350 members were in attendance—scholarly people. Two outstanding events of the convention were the addresses by Alex F. Whyte, former member of Parliament, and London representative of the London News to the Peace Conference, who spoke as a master spokesman in a master's fashion on the "Treaty of Versailles". The most skillful and adroit piece of work was the address by a former North Carolinian, William E. Dodd, professor of history at Chicago University, whose theme was, "Reason and Emotion in Recent American History." Edward Channing, professor of American History at Harvard University, was elected president for the ensuing year. One point of interest to history teachers was the report of the committee in charge on a course of American History and Citizenship to be introduced in the early grades and continued through the college years.

Mr. Cook, of the department of education, has recently returned from a visit to Halifax County. He reports that this county is one of the most progressive educationally in the state, and that our students are doing especially fine work along the line of community upbuilding.

Misses Harriet Graham and Graec Riddle accompanied a number of student delegates to the International Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, December 31st to January 4th.

Miss Harriet Elliott, of the history department, made a number of speeches in the recent Y. W. C. A. campaign in Greensboro.

Miss Petty, of the chemistry department, carried her Seniors to Winston recently to observe high school work in chemistry.

Miss Graham, Y. W. C. A. Secretary, and Miss Seymour, of the department of biology, attended the conference on sex education at Raleigh.

Professor Cook and Dr. Kephart, of the department of education, were among those who attended the Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh. Mr. Cook contributed to the program an address to the county superintendents on "The Training of the Rural School Teacher." Misses Ewing, Bivens, Marsh and Blaine, of the Training School, also read papers. Among others who attended were Misses Ferguson, Elliott, Walker, Spier, Bollinger, Mr. A. C. Hall and Mr. Brown.

Miss Winfield, associate in the department of English, delivered a lecture on January 3rd to the Woman's Club and the Reviewers' Club, of Greensboro, in joint meeting. Her subject was "Contemporary Poetry"; and so completely did she delight her audience that she was given a rising vote of thanks.

Through the efforts of Miss Mary Petty a sun was raised among us for Christmas cheer for the soldiers who are in the hospital at Fort McPherson, suffering from lead poisoning.

Professor G. Scott-Hunter recently gave an organ recital in the First Methodist Church in Salisbury, of which church he is organist. The students enjoyed a talk by him in chapel on organ tones.

Mrs. Sharpe furnished a program to the Woman's Club, at Winston-Salem, and also made several addresses at different places in the interest of the nation-wide campaign being conducted by the Episcopal Church.

The entire college community sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Highsmith in the death of their little two-year-old daughter, Jane. She was the mascot of the Sophomore class.

Pine Needles is the name of the college annual. It is dedicated this year to Dr. Eugene W. Gudger, head of the department of biology, now on leave of absence in New York.

## AN ATTACK ON ILLITERACY

The plan for conducting community schools for adults, outlined by Miss Elizabeth Kelly, State Director for that work, is given in a little pamphlet called "How to Organize and Conduct Community Schools for Adults." It is a very suggestive and interesting explanation of the reason for this creditable undertaking and the method of attacking the question of adult illiteracy which has been before the people of this and other sections of the country with increasing emphasis for several years.

The primary purpose of a community school is to provide elementary instruction for those more than fourteen years of age who for various reasons are unable to read, write, and use figures intelligently and safely. Another purpose is to provide instruction for any people in the community above fourteen years of age who have for any reason been unable to complete the subjects usually taught in the primary and elementary grades. The first group mentioned above is defined as illiterate and state funds for teaching adult illiterates are available under certain prescribed rules for teaching any one who comes within this group. The second group mentioned is not considered illiterate and no funds for teaching adult illiterates are available for use in teaching those who come within this class. It has been considered desirable, however, to reach through the community school those who come within the second class both for the purpose of helping them and for the purpose of reaching more easily any adult illiterates in the community.

The plan which Miss Kelly has worked out should enlist the sympathy and cooperation of all good people in the state. If the plan which has been suggested is followed adult illiteracy in North Carolina should within a reasonable time be entirely eliminated.

The state pays one-half of the expense incurred in the employment of a whole-time worker for the county, the county pays the other half of the expense. The worker organizes and directs the community schools in cooperation with the county school authorities and the teachers in the county whose interest in the work is enlisted.

The plan calls for a survey of the community and for the establishment of schools according to community needs.

The rules of the State Board of Education relative to paying for the work are included in the pamphlet, which may be had by addressing Miss Elizabeth Kelly, State Department of Education, Raleigh, N. C.—E. W. K., in the News Letter.

## ALUMNAE NOTES

The following counties are forming alumnae associations not only to help raise funds for the building of the alumnae home, but for permanent and definite service in the state: Alleghany, Anson, Alexander, Bertie, Buncombe, Carteret, Chatham, Cleveland, Craven, Dare, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Halifax, Hertford, Iredell, Montgomery, McDowell, New Hanover, Onslow, Stanley, Tyrrell, Union, Robeson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Vance, Wake.

Reports of the first meetings have been published from Buncombe, Davidson, Stanley, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Wake, Guilford, New Hanover, and Washington City.

Accounts of the Guilford County and Davidson County meetings are given below:

"The dinner extended to the alumnae and former students in Guilford County of the North Carolina College for Women last evening by Dr. J. I. Foust, president of that institution, was one of the most successful occasions of the kind ever held in the college.

"While the gathering of students from all over the county was somewhat hindered by the inclement weather, there were still about 150 who attended, in addition to more than 50 guests.

"Guests at the dinner were Dr. Foust, Miss Emma King and Dean W. C. Jackson and Prof. W. C. Smith and their wives; the charter members of the faculty; Mrs. C. D. McIver, II, R. Bush, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and the college seniors.

"The dining room looked unusually pretty with its suggestion of the approaching holiday season; large cedar trees were in each corner while huge cedar wreaths with red ribbon bows adorned the walls. The tables were arranged in the form of a cross, with additional tables placed triangularly in each corner of this. Graceful yellow baskets filled with ferns and quantities of yellow flowers were placed at intervals on the tables, while trailing clematis added to the tasteful arrangements. The menu was carried out, also, in the college colors, yellow and white.

"Upon taking their places at the tables the guests joined with Professor Smith, who pronounced the blessing. Before being seated everyone sang a stanza of the college song, led by Prof. Wade R. Brown, who had charge of the music.

"Dr. Foust then, in most appropriate words, spoke of the spirit existing between college and alumnae, emphasizing the mutual value of this spirit. In concluding he presented Mrs. W. C. Jones, of High Point, who presided over the dinner with becoming grace.

"A delightful four-course dinner was served by the students of the household economics department. The courses were interspersed with bright and clever songs

composed for the occasion, typewritten copies of which were placed at each guest's place.

"A number of inspiring talks were made during the evening. The first of these was by Miss Minnie Jamison, who spoke most entertainingly on 'What May Be Accomplished by Organization.' Miss Jamison was appointed during the war to direct college girls all over the state. She told of the sort of work done by these girls, stressing the work done by girls of this particular college.

"The second of these talks was by Mrs. Wiley Swift, whose ability to hold her hearers by her earnestness and sincerity has been well proved. Her subject had been 'Child Welfare,' but she spoke, instead, on the necessity of training each child in one's own home first, and thus emphasized 'Mothercraft.' She showed how a city also must be a good place to live before the child's chances were safe. Likewise the county must be reached. She ended with the suggestion that when the alumnae of this institution demanded 'Mothercraft' in their college, and then set to work on the town and county, the results would be stupendous.

"Mrs. F. P. Hobgood suggested 'Public Health' as a fitting work to take up.

"Mr. Bush spoke on the pride felt by Greensboro in this college, and its still greater possibilities.

"Miss Sibyl Barrington, president of the senior class, in behalf of the 'prospective alumnae,' made a brief but excellent talk.

"The 'Alumnae Home' was introduced by Miss Jane Summerell, and the subject was continued by Misses Betty Aiken Land, Genevieve Moore, Etta Spier, and others.

"The report of Miss Ethel Bollinger, stating the work already accomplished by alumnae over the state, produced prolonged applause.

"The occasion then resolved itself into a business meeting, at which the reports of the former meeting of the constitution and the nominating committee were all accepted. Miss Gretchen Taylor, of Greensboro, was made president; Miss Genevieve Moore, of High Point, was made vice-president, while Miss Ethel Wells, of Greensboro, was elected secretary-treasurer. The standing committees were then read, after which the meeting ended with the singing of 'Carolina' and again the college song."

#### Davidson Alumnae of North Carolina College Organize

The former students of the North Carolina College for Women from Davidson County met in Lexington Saturday to organize as a county unit, the purpose of this organization being to keep in touch with the great movements on foot at the college and add whatever impetus may come from the interest and works of the Davidson daughters. The present issue of greatest interest is the raising of an Alumnae Home Fund and arousing a "Back to Commencement, 1920" movement.

As a result of an election of officers, Miss Alma Hendrick was made chairman; Miss Anna Barringer, vice-chairman; Mrs. Paul Hinkle, recording secretary, with Miss Clara Belle Swain, assistant; Mrs. John T. Lowe, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Charles Young, treasurer.

College news and questions of direct concern were discussed and standing committees appointed.

Three more meetings were proposed to come before the commencement of 1920, the next to be with Mrs. John T. Lowe.

#### Why isn't your county on the list?

From the first fifty responses to a recent letter sent out by Dr. Foust to the alumnae requesting a report of war work engaged in by them, it is interesting to note that the amount of money invested in bonds, war stamps, and Red Cross totalled \$25,320. All fifty also engaged in active Red Cross service in different departments, many serving as chairmen and organizers for the clubs and drives in their counties and communities. Four were nurses; one a nurse with an overseas unit; one worker in government ammunition factory, and two were farmerettes. Fifty or more of our girls are now located in Washington, D. C., having gone there to engage in government war work.

Hazel Mizelle, whose mother was Mollie Whitley, '00-'01, and Agnes Henderson, whose mother was Daisy Williams, '92-'93, should be added to the "Grandaughters List".

The following clipping will be of interest to the friends of Louise Goodwin:

"Miss Louise Goodwin, who is attending Columbia University, New York, has been selected as one of the five post-graduate students of the university to attend the International Students' Conference at Des Moines, Iowa, December 31 to January 5. The conference will have in attendance 10,000 students from this and other countries. Miss Miriam Goodwin, a student at the State Normal, Greensboro, is one of the delegates from that school."

Mary Applewhite Killian, '94, together with her husband, visited the college during vacation.

Mrs. W. H. Thompson, who was Janet Worth Tatem, '92-'95, is expecting to bring her only daughter to enter the college in September, 1920.

Cornelia Deaton Hamilton, '96, is teaching in the Davidson School this year.

Eugenia Rowe, '94-'97, North Carolina's representative from the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will address the convention this spring in Charlotte on some of her experiences while with the overseas unit. Miss Rowe is teaching in Asheville.

Cornelia Roberts Hannah, '97-'01, is now living at Apartment 100, 3426 16th St., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. M. Y. Ripley, who was Rosa Loffin, '00, was a recent visitor at the college. Mrs. Ripley stopped over especially to visit the college, and to renew her membership in the Alumnae Association. She spent several very happy hours visiting the dormitories and seeing the many improvements on the campus.

Miss Eleanor Watson, '00, of Salisbury, visited Miss Grace Lawrence recently.

Jessie Biggs, '08-'11, is teaching in Winston-Salem this winter.

Louise Biggs, '11-'12, has a position in the offices of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, in Wilmington, N. C.

Lizzie Dowdy, '13-'15, is an artistic and ultra smart twentieth century modiste. In addition to making pretty dresses, she carries sample displays of beautiful coats, suits,

handkerchiefs, household linen, draperies, curtains, etc., and at present is making preparations for an attractive Christmas sale.

Emma W. Gill, '08, is resting this winter at her home in Laurinburg. She spent several weeks in Henderson, Waynesville and Junaluska last summer.

Mary McKinnon, '95-'96, now Mrs. E. C. Mann, of Orangeburg, S. C., and young son, Ed, Junior, are planning to go to Washington, D. C., after the holidays, to be with Mr. Mann, who is a member of Congress.

Flora McKinnon, '09-'10, is spending the winter at her home in Laurinburg. She enjoyed being in Montreat several months last summer.

Roberta Coble, '02-'04, has a beginners' class of twenty-five or thirty attractive little girls and boys which she teaches at her home in Laurinburg.

The following girls teach in the Laurinburg graded schools: Myra Jordan, '99-'04; Eugenia Cassiede, '04-'05; Louise Gill, '12; Grace Gill, '07, Ola Herron, '92-'93.

Willie C. Roper, '95-'96, Mrs. Jim Cooper, is farming in Bladen County.

Lucile Pugh, '99-'02, is practicing law at 135 Broadway, New York.

Daphne Carraway, '02, spent a few days at the college recently, working in the library. She is doing chauntauqua work in North Carolina this winter.

Mrs. John C. Sanford, who was Agnes Speight, '04-'08, is spending the winter in Roper, N. C.

An interesting account has been received of the wedding of Nena Rhyne, '05-'10, and Mr. V. E. Long, of Gastonia. Mr. Long is vice-president of the Third National Bank of Gastonia, and is prominently connected with the social and business interests of the city.

Ethel Harris Kirby, '05, is stenographer and typist with the Federal Board for Vocational Education in the City of Philadelphia.

Estelle Davis, '06, is now living in Atlanta, Georgia. Her address is 241 Formwalt Street.

Eva Etheridge, '08-'10, is teaching fifth and sixth grades in the Mars Hill High School, Coleraine, N. C.

Mrs. R. C. Mozingo, of Goldsboro, who was Dora Snipes, '08, writes that her little eight-year-old daughter, Margaret, wants to come to the reunion of the Class of 1908 with her this commencement.

Mrs. W. S. Anderson, formerly Miss Florence Stekes, '09-'10, is now living in Charlotte, N. C. She writes: "I note with pleasure the plans to erect an alumnae home on the campus, and hope to do my bit towards it."

Okla Dees Hendley, '09, with her little son, has been a recent visitor in Greensboro.

Louise Ayers, '09-'10, is in the millinery business in Plymouth, N. C.

Invitations were recently received to the wedding of Bessie Lucille Cumble, '09, to Mr. William E. Reardon, at Black Mountain, N. C.

The first contribution to the fund for building the alumnae home has come to us from Marks, Mississippi. This contribution was made by Fern Dorris, in the name of Zula Dickson Ellison, '08-'10, who died in August, 1915.

Janet Weill Bluthenthal, '08-'10, was a recent visitor to the college. She especially enjoyed visiting the Hut.

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Mrs. Luther Clifton Draper, who was Allen Hart, '08-'11, spent several weeks in Greensboro recently, the guest of Mrs. Stainback, on Smith Street. While in the city she was a welcome visitor at the college several times.

News will be received with regret of the death of Annie Louise Willis, '11, of pneumonia.

Viola Joseph, '10-'11, was recently married to Mr. Clarence Britt, cashier of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, of Goldsboro.

Lelia White, '11, who is teaching in Henderson, visited the college this fall. She is chairman of the alumnae organization of her county.

Helen Harps, '11-'12, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., was married on October 6th to Mr. Vermer M. Reynolds, at Manhasset, Long Island.

Lucy Robertson, '12, was married on October 15th to Mr. Ben F. Aycock, of Fremont. Mr. Aycock is connected with the Internal Revenue Department for Eastern North Carolina.

Amy Joseph Tuttle, '12, writes from Seven Springs Hotel, Seven Springs, N. C., that she is very interested in the plans for the new alumnae home.

Dora Coates, '12, is teaching in Reidsville this year.

The Tarboro paper carries the following news item:

Miss Hattie Howell has just returned from New York, where she went to hear Miss Dicie Howell's recital. From New York, she went to Potsdam, to visit her sister, Miss Mary, who is attending college there; from there she visited Montreal, Canada.

Rebecca Herring, '12, is now a stenographer in Richmond, in the South Atlantic Field office of the Y. W. C. A.

Grace Eaton, '12, is with the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont, offices located in Washington, D. C. She is also teaching shorthand and typewriting at the Business High School for two hours each evening.

Lucy Hamilton Little, '12, of Newton, writes that she is planning to bring her little girl up to commencement.

May Green, '12, who is living in Winston, writes of the death, due to an automobile accident, of Dr. Critz, husband of Esther Horne Critz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanders, of McAdenville, N. C., have sent announcements of the arrival of little Florence Mitchell Sanders. Mrs. Sanders was Florence Mitchell, '13.

Mazie McLean, '12-'13, is now Mrs. W. McC. Blue, of Route 1, Vass, N. C.

Lura Brogden, '13, was recently married to Mr. Herbert Graveley, of Washington, N. C.

Elizabeth Moore, '13-'14, has moved from Blanche, N. C., to 115 W. Park Drive, Cameron Park, Raleigh, N. C.

Maude Helen Dunham, '13-'15, is principal of the Jupiter School, at Alexander, N. C.

Alice Phelps, '13, is teaching in Tarboro this year.

Mary Green, '14, is now working in the freight office of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, at Chadbourne, N. C. She writes: "Now that the alumnae can put their work

and interest specifically in an alumnae home on the campus, I know a great many like myself will try to do more for our Alma Mater."

M. Callie Whichard, '14-'15, is now Mrs. D. L. Perry, of Robersonville, N. C.

News has been received of the arrival of a little daughter to Susie Rankin Fountain, '15, at Tarboro, N. C.

An interesting account was recently received of the marriage of Mary Eller, '15-'17, to Mr. W. M. McCulley, of Birmingham, Ala. Mr. McCulley is a prominent druggist of Birmingham.

Below is given a list of the matrons of the Class of 1915:

Gladys Avery, now Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.; Edith Avery, now Mrs. Charles S. Noble, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Julia Bryan, now Mrs. Archie W. Futrell, Nashville, N. C.; Martha Decker, now Mrs. J. Ed. Kanipe, Marion, N. C.; Rozelle Ditmore, now Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, Greensboro, N. C.; Lillian Ellis, now Mrs. Sisk, Belmont, N. C.; Gay Holman, now Mrs. W. E. Spivey, Rich Square, N. C.; Helen Hunt, now Mrs. J. T. Parham, Oxford, N. C.; Susie Rankin, now Mrs. Richard Fountain, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Pauline Shaver, now Mrs. A. J. Moore, Badin, N. C.; Cora Belle Sloan, now Mrs. Dan Caldwell, Wilmington, N. C.; Lynette Swain, now Mrs. Vernon Moss, Wilson, N. C.; Carey Wilson, now Mrs. G. W. Taylor, Mooresville, N. C.; Vonnie McLean, now Mrs. W. H. Hipps, Smithfield, N. C.; Mary Worth, now Mrs. R. B. Rock, East Orange, N. J.; Lena Glenn, now Mrs. Clyde Pratt, Columbia, S. C.

We are glad to welcome Ethel Thomas, '15, to Greensboro, and hope she will be a frequent visitor at the college. She has charge of the Woman's Page of the Greensboro Daily News, and the subscribers have expressed much pleasure in reading that page recently.

Miss Bonnie Hasty, '14-'15, a former Monroe girl, became the bride of Mr. Roland Sheppard December 5th, the marriage taking place in Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Sheppard moved to Sanford after the death of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hasty, and has since made her home with her uncle, Dr. W. A. Monroe. She is an attractive and cultured young woman, receiving her education at Peace Institute and North Carolina College for Women. For more than a year she has been in government service in Norfolk. The groom is a native of Lee County, and holds a responsible position in Akron, Ohio, where they will make their home. Mrs. Sheppard is a sister of Mr. Herndon Hasty, and a niece of Mr. J. A. Stewart.

Anna Doggett, '16, was recently married to Mr. Loman W. Doggett. They will make their home in Washington, D. C.

Marie Norwood, '16, is now Mrs. Eugene H. Reiley, of Charlotte, N. C.

Nancy Pope, '16-'17, of Raleigh, visited us recently.

A very pretty wedding occurred recently when Miss Louise Rankin, '16-'17, of Pleasant Garden, became the bride of Albert R. Wilson, Jr., of Greensboro. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Chapel Hill, and is connected with the Viek Chemical Company.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Harriett Ella McConnell, '16-'17, to Mr. Leslie A. Bradford, of Charlotte, N. C.

Varina Taylor, '16-'17, is studying dentistry this year at Vanderbilt University.

Flossie Kersey, '17, and Alta Dewar, '18, are teaching in the High School at La Grange, N. C.

Thelma Stafford, '17-'18; Edith Hassel, '10; Gussie Jones, '16-'18, and Emily Young, '16-'17, are all teaching in Burlington this year.

Louise Maddrey, '17, stopped over recently to visit the college on her way from Richmond, where she attended the Student Volunteer Conference. She says that she is delighted with her work at Winthrop College.

Grace Rice, '17-'18, is teaching in Black Creek, Wilson County, this winter.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Mercer Wells, of Elm City, N. C., will be pleased to hear of the arrival of a son, Redmond Stanley Wells, on October 28, 1919. Mrs. Wells was Josie McCullers, '17.

Hattie Lee Horton, '17, holds a responsible position in the offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, in Richmond, Va.

Isabel Bouldin, '17, is a correspondent in the Bureau of Communication in Washington, D. C.

Ethel Aderholdt, '17-'18, is a law stenographer at Newport News, Va.

Sadie Thompson, '17-'18; Lake Simpson, '17-'18; Marguerite LeRoy, '15-'19; Lelcelles Griffin, '18-'19, and Pauline Skinner, '18-'19, visited the college this fall.

Katherine Jones, '18-'19, was a visitor at the college recently. She is at home in Elizabeth City this winter.

Annie Moran, '17-'18, who is now working in Salisbury, visited the college recently. Dorothy Phelps, '18, was recently married to Mr. Dea Ward Bultman, of Sumter, S. C.

Lola Phillips, '18, stopped over at the college recently on her way to accept a position in the domestic science department of the Clinton High School.

Lucile Reams, '18, is now Mrs. C. Claudius Dawson, of Maysworth, N. C.

Mary Gordon, '18, is teaching geometry and English in the Leaksville High School. She is, also, doing extension work in the surrounding counties.

Martha Blakeney, '18, is teaching history and geometry in the High School at Leaksville.

Ouida Watson, '18, is now Mrs. Thomas C. Sheppard, of Badin, N. C.

Nell Bishop, '18, is teaching piano in Jacksonville, N. C. She writes that she has a very interesting class and is comfortably situated in a teachership.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Helen Sorsby, '18-'19, and Henry Walter Owen, of Rocky Mount.

Dorothy Scott, '18-'19, is stenographer at the Chamber of Commerce in Elizabeth City.

Laurinda Hooks, '19, of Goldsboro, was a welcome visitor at the college recently. She is teaching music at home this winter.

Alma Hedrick, '19, of Lexington, is chairman of the Davidson County Alumnae Association. She says, in sending in her first report: "I am sure that the Davidson County unit will stand by the alumnae work."

Banks Criddlebaugh, '19, who is teaching in Burlington, came over for the debate Saturday night. Her sister, Charlie Mae, was one of the Adelpian debaters, and incidentally, on the winning side.