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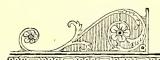




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Greetings and Appreciations

Greetings to all our readers: It is with the greatest of pleasure that we present this, the Bennett College yearbook of 1926. To the faculty, our fellow students, the advertisers, and our friends, whose contributions, both literary and financial, made possible the publication of this book, we wish to express our appreciation and deepest gratitude; with special thanks and appreciation to Dean Isaac H. Miller, our faculty director, for his untiring interest and efforts which insured the success of our project.

We have experienced a peculiar pleasure in compiling this volume, which we trust will keep before us the memories of our high school days and the many pleasant associations that have unconsciously worked themselves into our very nature and filled a sure place in our hearts.







In sending forth this publication, it is not our ambition to give to the world a perfect work of literature and art, but rather to set down in a simple but impressive manner some observations of our classmates and friends and their characteristics, and of our institution whose venerable walls are so dear to us. Therefore, dear reader, while turning these pages, do not criticise any imperfections, but become as one of us and you will doubtless come to love and appreciate the contents of this volume as does the class of '26.





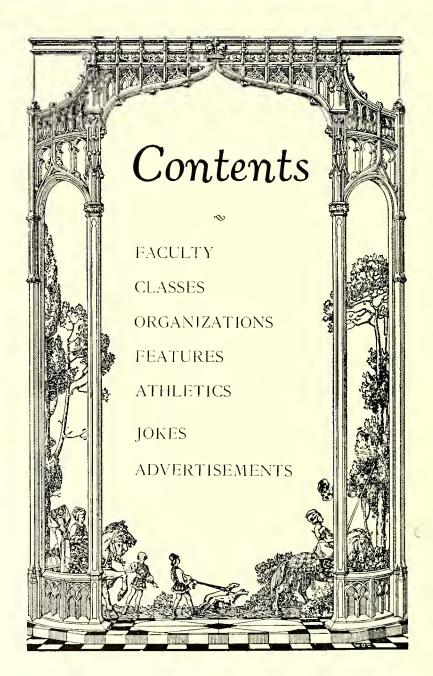


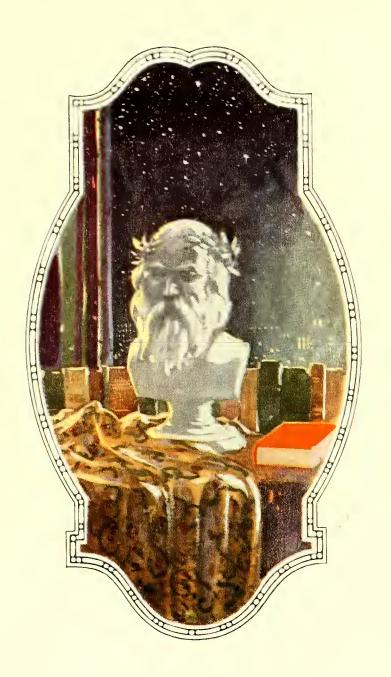
To our parents and our teachers, whose unselfish devotion and deep interest have encouraged and inspired us to nobler heights and greater endeavors, whose sacrifices and instructions have made possible our education thus far, and whose worthy example has bequeathed to us so noble a heritage, we lovingly dedicate, as a symbol of our deep and abiding gratitude, this, the second volume of The Bennettite, written to preserve the memory of our high

school days.









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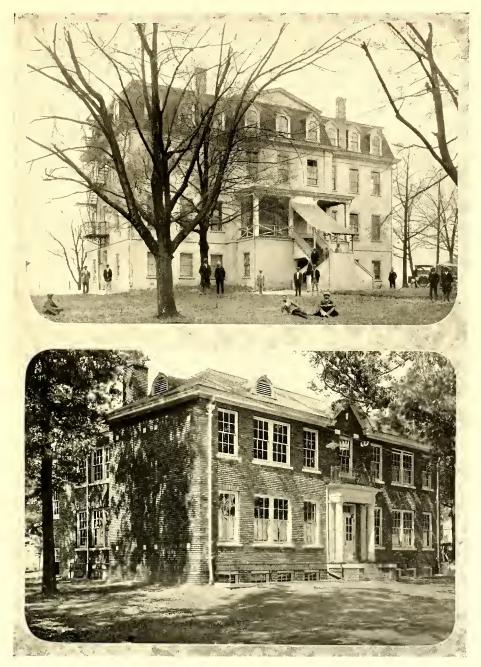


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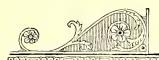




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Sophomore College

ANGUS ARCHIE CURRIE "JOL1 COEUR"

"The greatest need of the world today is men with conviction." President of the Y M. C. A '24'25; Treasurer of Sunday School '24-'25; President of Athletic Association '25-'26; President of Class of '25-'26.

NICHOLAS LONGWORTH DILLARD "Socrates"

"Know thyself." Vice-President of Boys' Literary Society '25-'26; Member of College Quartette and Octette '24-'25-'26.

MARGUERITE F. PENDLETON "Rite"

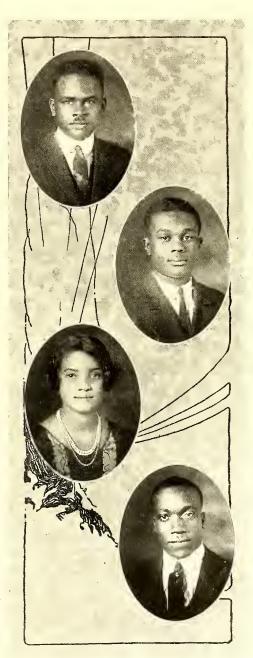
"Whether the prize be a ribbon or a thorne, The victor is he who can go it alone.'

Vice-President of Class '24-'25; Vice-President of Friends of Africa '24-'25; Vice-President of Cornelian Ring Society '25-'26; Manager of Girls' Basketball Team '25-'26; Secretary of Y. W. C. A. '24-'25-'26.

JAMES EWARD GREEN "TUDGE"

"To sit and pine is a loss of time; Be up and find your task."

Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School '24-'25-'26; President of Bennett Literary Society '25-'26; President of Friends of Africa '24-'25; Chairman of the Bible Study of Y. M. C. A. '25-'26.









Freshman College

JAMES N. GILL

President of Freshman Class; Manager and Quarterback of Football Team, Happiest of the happy and a popular member of the College.

ALPHONZO M. BOYD

Secretary of Freshman Class. A popular student and always jolly.

Sophomore College

WILLIAM SAMUEL McLEOD "Mac"

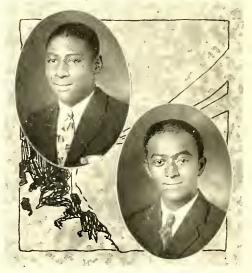
Truth, honesty and justice are all "Mac" asks. Spent Freshman year at Lincoln University; Varsity Baseball '24-'25; Vice-President of Class '24-'25; Varsity Baseball and Football '25-'26; Assistant Manager of Baseball '25-'26; President of Ministerial Club '25-'26.

LILLIAN MATTIE PEACE

"Be natural and be sweet." Secretary of Class '24-'25-'26; Secretary of Athletic Association '24-'25; Pianist of Y. W. C. A. '24-'25; Chairman of Program Committee "Friends of Africa" '25-'26.

MASON FRANKLIN ROBINSON "Bob"

"Honesty is the best policy." Treasurer of Class '24-'25-'26; Chairman of Program Committee of Y. M. C. A. '24-'25; Assistant Manager of Tennis Team '25-'26.



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Class Creed

First: We believe that study, orderliness, punctuality, self-reliance, concentration, honesty and truthfulness form the keynotes of classroom, no less than life's success.

Second: We believe that an education should aim not merely at scholarly attainments but also, and more, for useful service.

Third: We believe in faithfulness to duty, patience under trial, kindliness in all our relations, and due respect for the opinions of others.

Fourth: We believe in individual worth and initiative; that each person has a distinct contribution to make towards the advancement of civilization and the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth, which no one else can perform but himself.

Fifth: We believe in classroom cooperation between student and teacher as the surest guarantee of a sympathetic appreciation and understanding and of successful classroom work.

Sixth: We believe in friendship, peace, happiness, gratitude and truth—personal qualities forever triumphant.

Seventh: We believe in men and women of integrity, justice and convictions who stand for the highest ideals and the development of Christian character.

Eighth: We believe, finally, that the privilege to SERVE is the ONE great purpose of life.

ALMA C. TARPLEY, CLASS '26





SENIORS

ALMA CORINNA TARPLEY Greensboro, N. C.

Editor of the "Bennettite," President of the Crown and Scepter Club, Vice-President of the Class. One of those all round girls that fit in any and every situation. Her prayer is not for fame or worldly pleasure. but for "Service." She has a strong mind

WILLIE LEE HOLT

"BILL"

Greensboro, N. C.

Member of the Crown and Scepter Club. Willie is a frail little creature, possessing a stroke of genius when it comes to musical attainments. She has a promising future and is loved by all who know her.

DÉMENTRIUS IIIAWATIIA KECK

"JIMMY"

Greensboro, N. C.

Business Manager of the "Bennettite." Dementrius is the essence of ambition. His violin, his omnipresent companion, and his tenor voice, promise to win for him recognition in the world of music. "He who aims beneath the clouds aims too low."

ORA MAE LOVELL

Cleveland, N. C.

Member of the Crown and Scepter Club. To Ora Mae the world never wears a frown. She is always happy. If you want to talk, find Ora Mae

HENRIETTA ISABELLA TWITTY Forest City, N. C.

Henrietta is one of those quiet students who never has a moment to waste. The world may yet read poetry written by her. I believe ambition, plus determination, plus preparation, equals success,"









SENIORS

TRENE JANE HICKLEN Lexington, N. C.

Irene is a modest, unassuming girl with a winning smile. She will always be remembered by her classmates.

VIVIAN MADALINE MATTHEWS Kernersville, N. C.

A charming little maid with a sweet disposition. Her motto is:

"Whatever you are -be that,

Whatever you say, be true; Straight forwardly act, be honest in fact; Be nobody else but you."

THELMER SILER Siler City, N. C.

Assistant Manager of "Bennettite," Treasurer of Class, Member of the Crown and Scepter Club. We may characterize him as an ambitious student and a promising business man.

LILLIAN LEACH

Smithfield, N. C.

We admire Lillian because of her smile, her conscientiousness and her meek obedience. "Be on time" is her motto.

WILLARDE BEATRICE BROWN Maxton, N. C.

Member of the Crown and Scepter Club. An earnest student who does not mind studying. "He who labors conquers."





SENIORS

ALVESTER EUGENIA SPINKS "Topsy" Ulah, N. C.

A maiden whom we admire. Live pure, speak true, right; else wherefore be born.

ORA DELIA STRONG

Leaksville, N. C.

Delia is an earnest student. Through all the years she has worked faithfully, never losing sight of her reward.

THOMAS RILAND WORTH Haw River, N. C.

Thomas is a hard working young man. It is only through labor and painful effort by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things.

HATTIE ELIZABETH WILLIAMS Fayetteville, N. C.

Hattie is small in stature, one of those rare little creatures most interested in the welfare of others.

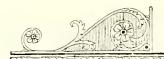
MELVIN NEWTON

"NEWT"

Red Springs, N. C.

Melvin is always jolly and full of fun. He does not question the world, but is willing to live and labor until his goal is won.









SENIORS

ANNA ELATRA CANADA

Atlantic City, N. J.

Assistant Editor of The Bennettite. Treasurer of Y. W. C. A., Member of the Crown and Scepter Club. Anna is wise and ambitious and has a friendly smile and a generous manner. To associate with her is an inspiration.

ATATAN CAROLINE EDWARDS

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Siler City, N. C.

Member of the Crown and Scepter Club. Vivian is earnest, adventurous, energetic and enthusiastic in all her undertakings. Set your goal high and strive to reach it.

BOOKER TALIFERIO SHERRILL Asheville, N. C.

President of Senior Class. One of those students who does not nurse despair. If you study him you will find him to be a young man of wonderful ability. He is especially fond of politics and is very diplomatic.

"It is not what a man stands for That determines his character. But what he falls for.

LEORA EDITH EVERETT "PAPPY"

Graham, N. C.

Leora is a friendly, good natured girl. She loves a good joke. "Smile and the world smiles with you; weep and you weep alone." says "Pappy."

SADIE JEANETTE HAWKINS "Tootsie"

Littleton, N. C.

A popular member of the class. No one on the campus enjoys life as much as Sadie. She likes to indulge in "baby talk."





SENIORS

LILLIE BELLE HEADEN

"Buck"

Mt. Airy, N. C.

Lillie Belle's voice rivals that of the nightingale. If her other accomplishments do not serve to distinguish her, her voice will. "Sing and be merry."

OPHELIA: ELIZABETH SHARPE

"Womba"

Greensboro, N. C.

Custodian of Records of the Crown and Scepter Club. Ophelia is a delicate little make up who has been with the class from the beginning. She is at her best when reading French. "Save your sorrow for tomorrow; smile a while today."

QUINCE HOWARD HOLT

Graham, N. C.

No member of the class is quieter than Quince. We are of the opinion that he will be in the vanguard to serve humanity when finishing his education.

JOSEPHINE ELSIE BROWN

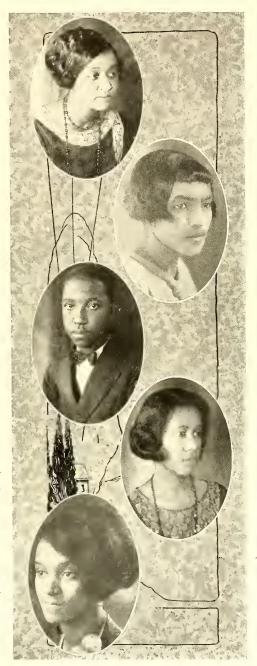
Brown Summit, N. C.

President of Y. W. C. A.; member of Crown and Scepter Club. Josephine is a dignified maiden, possessing a quiet sense of humor. "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

MARGARET MITCHELL FELDER

Greensboro, N. C.

A charming girl with bright eyes and a pleasant voice. She sees beauty in everything and is as happy as a lark.











SENIORS

VERA KATHERINE BULLOCK Greensboro, N. C.

Secretary of the Class; Member of the Crown and Scepter Club. Strange to say the class began with Vera who is the youngest member She has wonderful ability and is able to grasp anything. She brings her lessons to class in her head.

MARGARET GLADYS DEAN

Greensboro, X. C.

Margaret has an interesting personality. She is very entertaining, and is considered a true pal by all of her companions.

ALEXANDER SMITH POAG, JR. Gastonia, N. C.

Few students can boast of being as conscientious as Alexander. He is very musical. All that he asks is a chance.

ROSAMOND EFFIE IONES "Kid"

Greensboro, N. C.

Rosamond never worries. Life to her is a "sweet song."

EULA MAE OAKS

Brown Summit, N. C.

Eula is one of those gay girls with whom you wish to talk in order to forget the cares of the world. Eula lives in the clouds.







SENIORS

EVALEE CORNELIA JOHNSON Hickory, N. C.

A true believer in woman suffrage. Evalee has a strong mind. She aspires to be a physician.

MARY JOSEPHINE KELLEY Greensboro, X. C.

Josephine's modesty is second only to her merit as a true friend and classmate.

JAMES HENRY JONES "Bub"

Lenoir, N. C.

James is always willing to oppose or debate some subject; however, he always avoids inter-collegiate debates. A moving star in the field of athletics. The "dictionary" of the class.

SYLVIA ANNIE BOWMAN Trinity, N. C.

Wherever Sylvia is there is mirth. If you feel sad, seek her company.

ALMA CARRIE GREER

Greensboro, N. C.

Alma is a good natured girl; she is the embodiment of modesty. Modesty is a virtue not to be despised.









SENIORS

CHRISTINE CORNELIA BARR Red Springs, N. C.

Christine is able to give you a solution to any problem. She has "smiles" to sell. "Smile! and the world smiles with you."

HELEN LOUISE DULIN

Braddock, Pa.

The class would be incomplete without Helen. "Perform a good, speak a kind word, bestow a pleasant smile, and you will receive the same in return."

LUCILE ESTHER LEA

Greensboro, N. C.

Lucile is one of the few persons who never speak ill of anyone. "If I cannot help I will not hinder."

HATTIE MARIAH COLEMAN

Covington, Ga.

Hattie is an ambitious girl; will speak her mind on any occasion. "Talk today: tomorrow you may have nothing to say.'

MAGGIE LEE GARY

Abingdon, Va.

Maggie is a mixture of seriousness and of mirth. "He who wins must work," is her motto.





Class History

The history of this class began in 1917, in the old laundry building. We were then the dignified third-graders. Who could then have thought or prophesied the future of this class? At the beginning of the next school year we were advanced to the fourth grade, but were scarcely better off and certainly no more respected by our superiors in the sixth and seventh grades. How fascinating it was to watch them, and how we envied them their airs and their conversations! My colleague during these first eventful years was a most officious fellow, Melvin Newton by name.

In the year of 1919 we entered the new grade building on its present site under the tutorship of Miss Maggie G. Taylor. To the sixth grade came a skinny little girl from the sticks with a bow twice her size on her top plait, Ophelia Sharpe; and one four times her size, Ora Delia Strong. Most of the year was spent in tears over dear Miss Taylor's arithme-

tic problems.

Alma C. Tarpley entered the class in 1920, to astound us with her profound learning. As Alma C. Tarpley entered with new dignity—were we not to graduate? Our motto Alma C. Tarpley entered the class in 1920, to astound us with her profound learning. As 1921 set in we felt ourselves invested with new dignity—were we not to graduate? Our motto was "Being, not seeming." From Red Springs hailed a girl so green that we thought the place was called "Green Springs," by the name of Christine Barr; and trailing quietly behind her came the girl now known as the most dignified young woman in the class. Josephine E. Brown, from the great metropolis, Brown Summit, N. C. From Kernersville came Vivian Matthews, better known as "Snooks." The year was finished in gala style with the addition of the "Queen of Sleepy Hollow," Eula Mae Oaks.

When we entered the Senior High School department in 1922 new blood joined our class. From the city came Dementrius Hiawatha James Keck, who is not now as large as his name is long, and Rosamond E. Jones, the heart-breaker of this town, even at present.

his name is long, and Rosamond E. Jones, the heart-hreaker of this town, even at present. From foreign fields came Sadie J. Hawkins of Littleton, N. C., a town not so small as its name indicates. Josephine Kelley, a quiet little maid from Walkertown and Ora Mae Lovell from Cleveland (not Ohio), N. C., were other additions to the class during this year. We still continued in the grade building and amazed our teachers either by our remarkable

genius or our dumbness.

With 1923 came the arrival of "Viv," "Little" Edwards, of Siler City, and Leora E. Everett, "Pappy," a wonderful product of Graham, N. C. Both were in high shoes, cotton stockings and gingham frocks. Graham furnished another student in the person of Thos. R Worth. There came to us this year also Sylvia Bowman and Irene Hicken. When we translated Caesar he must have turned over in his grave and wondered what Professor Henry was "gabhing" about. Helen Louise Dulin was his favorite to excuse from the Class, sharing honors only with Robert Smith, Hickory "Nut." We spent the year cutting up and annoying

the juniors.

The year 1924-25, our junior year, seemed blessed by the gods themselves; we were like The year 1924-25, our junior year, seemed blessed by the gods themselves; we were like happy larks from beginning to end. Among the new additions to our class were Hattie Williams, who has since developed a keen interest in the class Treasurer, Mr. Thelmer Siler; Willie L. Holt, "Grandma," the most distinguished pianist among the students; leading "shyness." Willarde Brown; the siren. Margaret Dean, who calls the world "love and happiness cosmo;" Anna E. Canada, who came to the school blowing out electric lights; Hattie M. F. Coleman, a hard "nut to crack" from Georgia; Alexander S. Poag. Jr., from Gastonia; Lillie Belle Headen. "Buck." the singing vampire from Mt. Airy; and Alvester E. Spinks, from who knows where, to show us how to spell. Mrs. Henrietta T witty and Mrs. Margaret M. Felder joined us in 1925. They have been an inspiration to the class The distinctive feature of this year was "Junior Day" which we celebrated in an auspicious manner under the direction of our faculty advisors, Miss Mazie O. Tyson and Prof. W. B. Baker. This was our, the "Jolly Juniors" gayest year in Bennett.

Entering upon our senior year with Booker T. Sherrill, the most popular young man of the class, Evalee Johnson, Lillian Leach and Alma C. Greer as new students, we moved on under the burden of Solid Geometry, Physics and French, the bane of our life.

on under the burden of Solid Geometry, Physics and French, the bane of our life. With the inspiring assistance of Mrs. A. E. Peace and Dean Miller, it is our hope that we shall make ourselves forever remembered in this grand old school as its best and most loval class.

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Class Will

We, the Senior Class of the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six of Bennett College, in the City of Greensboro, County of Guilford, and the State of North Carolina. being of full age, average intelligence, and peaceful disposition, due to the completion of four long years of High School work, and now coming forth as the most commendable product of the faculty, do hereby publish and command to be executed this our last Will and Testament:

We direct that a gymnasium be erected with the cooperation of all the students, and that a cornerstone be laid, upon which our names shall be written in such a manner as to

impress upon the future generations of students our everlasting fame.

To our most honored faculty we bequeath our "happiness." To the Juniors we bequeath our seats in the chapel, and we extend them our best wishes for a successful coming year. We bequeath to the students of the Junior High School the care and use of the academic

1, Josephine Brown, do hereby bequeath to Madaline Miller my smiles. 1, Lillie Belle Headen, do hereby bequeath to Indianne Miller my smiles. It Effice Benett College. I. Evalee Johnson, do hereby bequeath to Mrs. A. M. Erwin my sweet and lovely disposition. I. Alvester E. Spinks, do hereby bequeath to Nettie Fuller all of my A and T. College fellows. I. James Jones, do hereby bequeath to David Womack the job of carrying out the waste basket for Mrs. Peace. I. Ophelia Sharpe, do hereby bequeath to Helen Stanfield my good behavior and my front seat in French class. See to it that my seat is never

Vacant and try to improve my behavior.

I. Henrietta I. Twitty, do hereby bequeath to Odala Johnson my extraordinary love for Physics. I. Christine Barr, do hereby bequeath to Lillian Ward my smooth line of bluffing I, Sadie Hawkins, do hereby bequeath to Rosa L. Miller my jealous disposition. I. Alma Tarpley, do hereby bequeath to Rosa L. Miller my jealous disposition. I. Alma Tarpley, do hereby bequeath to loyce Caldwell my knowledge of Physics and Physics text-books. I. Vivian Matthews do hereby bequeath to Louise Pierce my affectionate attitude and my charming way of making friends. I. Hattie M. F. Coleman, do hereby bequeath to Blanche Newton my ability to talk. I. Margaret Felder, do hereby bequeath to Charlena Sandifer my powder and puff for use on her nose. I, Ora Delia Strong, do hereby bequeath

to Ruhy Boyd my love of order in the classroom.

to Ruby Boyd my love of order in the classroom.

I. Sylvia Bowman, do hereby bequeath to Zenobia Bost my melodious voice for leading spirituals and college yells. I. Ora Mae Lovell, do hereby bequeath to Eva Harper that part of my chewing gum that I do not take through college. I. Vivian C. Edwards, do hereby bequeath to Katherleen Harbison my size. I. Irene Hicklen, do hereby bequeath to Mabelia Cook my "journal popularity." I. Hattie Williams, do hereby bequeath to Donnie Alred my bashfulness. I. Willie I. Holt, do hereby bequeath to Madeline Bridges my new collegiate step. I. Booker T. Sherrill, do hereby will and bequeath to Robert Pharr my "shiekish" ways and entire wardrobe. I. Dementrius H. Keck, do hereby will and bequeath to Thomas Poag my last set of violin strings. I. Leora E. Everett, do hereby bequeath to Mabel Leona Gunn my art of getting fellows and keeping them. I. Anna Canada, do hereby bequeath to Pauline Sharpe my excess weight. I. Vera K. Bullock, do hereby bequeath to Evelyn Gittens my sunny disposition. my sunny disposition.

We hereby appoint Mrs. Annie E. Peace executrix of this our last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, we have set our hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of May, A. D.

nineteen hundred and twenty-six

(Signed) THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1926.

WITNESSES:

JOSEPHINE BROWN VIVIAN CAROLINE EDWARDS LILITE BELLE HEADEN

CLASS ATTORNEYS:

Ora Mae Lovell Herex Dulin





Class Prophecy

One evening as I sat in my study trying to peer into the future I found myself being carried away by some unknown spirit. I was placed upon a very high mountain peak. While

carried away by some unknown spirit. I was placed upon a very high mountain peak. While standing there, gazing into a deep chasm below, all my thoughts wandered back to Bennett College, with especial interest in the class of '26.

A voice spoke to me which said, "If you are interested, look unto the four corners of the earth and your interest in and admiration for the class of '26 will be increased." Looking through my field glasses, there appeared in the distance the city of Washington, D. C. As president of Howard University I saw none other than Mr. Thelmer Siler. On his faculty were Misses Delia Strong and Alma Greer. Looking further about in the capital I saw Mr. James H. Jones judge of the Supreme Court of the United States. Suddenly turning from Washington to Boston, there, in the largest hospital of the city, I saw as head nurse Miss Leora E. Everett. On her stall were Misses Alvester Spinks, Ilattie Williams and Irene Ilicklen. Wishing to know about more of my classmates I next looked to Atlantic City, N. I.

Wishing to know about more of my classmates I next looked to Atlantic City, N. J. There I beheld on Artie Avenue one of the most beautiful homes in the city. As mistress of There I beheld on Artie Avenue one of the most beautiful homes in the city. As mistress of this home I saw my former classmate, Miss Eula Mae Oaks, now a Mrs. Elder. As principal of a kindergarten school in New Jersey I saw Miss Ophelia Sharpe. Assisting her was Miss Willarde B Brown. My interest continuing, I turned my eyes toward New York City. I saw there Mrs. Margaret Felder operating a fashion shop on Fifth Avenue. She had on display all of the latest styles from Paris. Looking at an undertaking establishment I saw that it was owned and operated by Misses Hattie Coleman and Christine Barr.

Guiding my eyes across the Atlantic Ocean I saw Miss Willie L. Holt as directress of the Music Department of the University of London. I learned that another classmate, Mr. Booker T. Sherrill, had risen to the Premiership of England, and another classmate, Miss Rosamond Jones was maid-in-waiting to the Queen.

From London my eyes were turned towards Paris. I saw there Mr. Alexander Poag

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director of a large orchestra.

From Europe I turned in my vision to Africa. In a mission home for the African people I saw Rev. Joshua Mickle and his wife, formerly Miss Lillian Leach. As dean of the woman's college in Liberia I saw Miss Iosephine Brown. As instructors in the same institution were Misses Anna Canada and Vivian Edwards.

Leaving the continent of Africa my mystic vision turned again to my homeland, America. There appeared before me out in Sacramento, California, Mr. Quince H. Holt, now a medical doctor. His stenographer and office girl proved to be Miss Sadie J. Ilawkins. In the same city there appeared a troupe of young people known as the "Singing Wonders of the World." They proved to be Misses Lucile Lea, Margaret Dean, Lillie Belle Headen. Vera K. Bullock and Sylvia Bowman.

Vera K. Bullock and Sylvia Bowman.

I next saw as one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church my old friend and classmate, Mr. Melvin Newton and, as his wife, formerly Miss Josephine Kelly, class '26. Turning suddenly to San Francisco I saw a beautiful car rolling down one of the main thoroughfares and recognized in it our class president, Mr. Dementrius H. Keck, now Dr. Keck, and his wife, formerly Miss Vivian Matthews, and little Junnie Junior.

As if by magic I continued to look. There appeared Misses Ora Mae Lovell and Helen Dulin as operators of the world's largest candy and chewing gum factory. I now began to look about me in bewilderment. I saw Mr. Robert Smith as senator from his home state. As the modern world's "Poet Laureate" appeared Mrs. Henrietta I. Twitty. Then I saw Miss Alma C. Tarpley as the modern world's most famous "Literary Dictator."

My eyes were now weary and heavy and yet I wished to know something of my own future, and so I forced them open. There appeared in the city of Chicago an honored and distinguished physician who proved to be none other than myself.

My eyes suddenly opened and I found myself still sitting in my study. I was supremely

My eyes suddenly opened and I found myself still sitting in my study. I was supremely happy to know that to me had been given the honor to see and to know the "future" class of '20. Hear ye the words of the prophet!





Class Song

The class of '26, all bail!
With colors of purple and gold,
Waving in the evening gale
With honors and glory untold.
Oh colors, so true and royal!
With pride you're floating so high;
We'll ever to you be loyal.
In beauty you ever shall fly.

(CHORUS)

Class of '26, all hail!
Too valiant and loyal to fail.
All brave and daring we'll be;
Fearless we'll serve on land or sea.
"True to colors and school," we sing;
Dishonor and shame we ne'er shall bring.

Gold is for the jewel precious,
Costly, charming and so bright;
Purple is a mixture gracious,
Red and true-blue blended right.
Thus may our lives be ever sweet
In all the days and years to come,
Like the colors we now greet
As now we leave for "home, sweet home."

MRS. HENRIETTA I. TWITTY, CLASS '26.





To Our Alma Mater

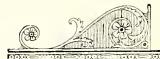
Swiftly the years have passed
Since first thy walls we entered;
The time has come for us to part
But 'round thee our love is centered.

Standeth thou a great refiner; We the metal unpolished, crude, Cometh forth thy stamp upon us Ever shining, never rude.

As we see thee in thy glory, Crowds a-thronging through thy balls, Bravely we'll uphold thy banner And will never let it fall.

Dear Alma Mater, Dear Alma Mater! To you we'll not say farewell; But, upon the field of service, Thy mem'ry bold, thy message tell.

ALMA C. TARPLEY, CLASS '26.







SENIOR CLASS





Name	Disposition	Fad	Ambition	Favorite Pastime
SHERRILL, BOOKER T	Pleasant	. Writing notes	Lawyer	Reading
ONES, KOSAMOND E.	Cheerful	. Inquiring.	Stenographer	Talking
Sмітн, Robert	Pleasant	. Being Jolly	Dentist	Dancing
KELLEY, JOSEPHINE	Lovable	. Listening	Teacher	- Studying
3 ARR, CHRISTINE	Pleasing	Flirting	. Undertaker	Socializing
BOWMAN, SYLVIA	. Friendly	. Reading	. Stenographer	Making tun
SULLOCK, VERA K	Sweet	Visiting	Authoress	Reading
SROWN JOSEPHINE	Lovable	Looking on	Teacher	Sewing
VERELT LEORA	Cheerful	Teasing	Teacher	Telling jokes
	Pleasant	. Studying	Teacher	Smiling .
AWKINS SADIE	Lovable	Singing	Stenographer	Socializing
FIDER MARGARET	Winning	Talking	Teacher	- Flirting
LATTIEWS VIVIAN	Vind 5	Sleeping	Teacher	Writing notes
TOKEN PENE C	Haughtv	Powdering	Trained nurse	Preparing notebook
FAREN LITTE B.	Cheerful	Flirting	Soloist	Singing
DWARDS VIVIAN C	Sweet	Powdering	Stenographer	. Planning
T AZZA ACAZA	Kind	Thinking of the future	Teacher	Trying to please others
DEAN MARGARIT	Pleasant	Talking	Stenographer	Chewing
Total With the Land	Winsome	Teasing	Musician	Playing
WITTY HEVRIETTA	Good	Looking on	Teacher	Studving
ARPLEY, ALMA C	Kind	. Instructing	Teacher	Studyine
RTER, AMES A	Kind	lestructing	Minister	. I rying to please others
SHARPE, OPHELIA	. Sweet	Teasing.	Teaching	Keading
JULIN, HELEN	Good natured	Making fun	Housekeeping	Smiling
STRONG. DELIA	Indifferent	Studving	. Teacher	Studving
DAKS, EULA M.	Changeable	Flirting	Soloist	Lalking
JOAG, ALEXANDER S	Ilaughty	Feasing the piano	Musician	Sle-ping
ONES. JAMES El	Tolly:	\rguing	. President	Advising
_	Indifferent	Playing violin	. Doctor	Singing
HER THELMER	Ouiet	Leoking on.	. Business instructor	Studymø
	Pleasant	loking.	Business instructor	Playing Whist
PINKS VINESHER 1	Pleasing	Meditating	Instructor of music	Planning
TELEVEL NOSVITO	Good	Listening	. Doctor	Reading
World Thomas R.	Obstinate	Wondering	Leader	Studving
TELEST NEW YEAR	Cheerful	Talking.	. Business	Working
F. 1011E	Slow	. Looking deep	. Trained nurse	Sleeping
OVELL ORA MAI	Winsome	Chewing gum	. Teacher	l alking
EACH, LILLIAN,	Selfish	Studving		Working
Zoleman, Hattir M. F.,	Changeable	\rgung		Studying Studying
Villiams. Hattie E	Sweet	Being quiet	. Leacher.	Zudving
ЛСКІЕ, JOSHUA	Disagreeable	Sad	, reacher.	Neading
GREEK, VLMA C.	Pleasant	Sleeping		Cisteming

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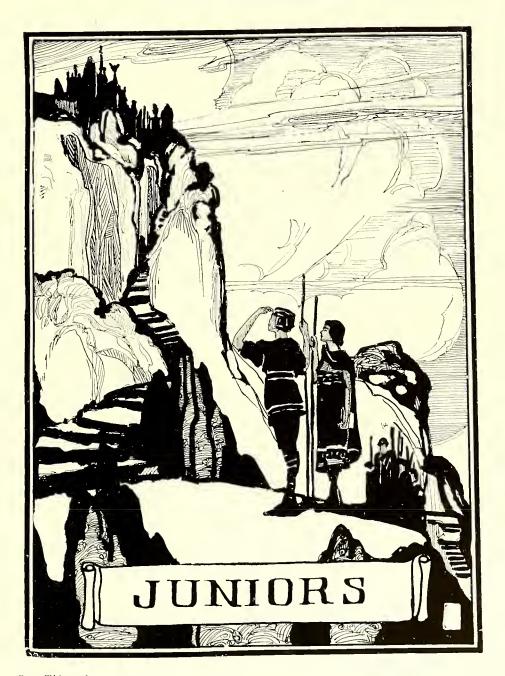


Class Superlatives

Prettiest Girl	Ora Mae Lovell
Handsomest Boy	
Most Popular Girl	
Most Dignified Girl	
Most Dignified Boy	
Most Talented Girl	
Most Talented Boy	
Most Athletic Girl	
Best Sport	
Biggest Baby	
Most Nervous Girl	2
Most Stylish Girl	
Biggest Arguer	
Most Humorous Girl	
Most Airish Girl	
Biggest Fake	Helen L. Dulin
Neatest Girl	Margaret Felder
Most Lovable Girl	
Quietest Girl	ALVESTER E. SPINKS
Quietest Boy	Quince H. Holt
Most Mischievous Girl	OPHELIA E. SHARPE
Most Mischievous Boy	
Tallest Boy	Thos. R. Worth
Largest Girl	ORA DELIA STRONG
Jolliest Girl	Leora E. Everett
Jolliest Boy	ALEXANDER SMITH POAG
Biggest Flirt	Rosamond E. Jones
Vampire	LILIE BELLE HEADEN
Class Orator	Evalee Johnson
Most Modest Girl	HENRIETTA I. TWITTY
Grumbler:	HATTIE M. F. COLEMAN
Most Punctual Girl	LILLIAN LEACH
Smallest Girl	HATTIE E. WILLIAMS
Most Cultured Girl	
Best All-round Senior	ALMA C. TARPLEY
Most Cultured Boy	Melvin Newton
Most Eloquent	James A. Arter







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THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS





History of Junior Class

Class Colors: Crimson and Grav Class Flower: Sweet Pea

OFFICERS

Mr. Oscar Chase Chavis President MISS EVELYN GITTENS Vice-President Miss Louise Pierce Secretary

PROFESSOR W. B. BAKER AND MISS MAZIE O. TYSON, Faculty Advisors

The history of our class began in the year 1919 when a little ship set sail from the narrow straits of the Junior High for the Senior Class of '27. There was a very small crew, hut despite this fact and other discouragements we were determined not to stop until success

In the fall of 1920 our number increased to twenty. Our class president was Miss Evelyn Gittens, whose loyalty to her class would justify her to be classed with Deborah of old.

During the year 1921 our band steadily increased. We continued to toil faithfully. Miss Gittens was again elected class president. We set sail in the fall of 1922, our band still increasing. We continued to sail on, though the way at times seemed rather long and dreary

In the year 1923 our class, to the number of ahout forty-five, graduated from that dear old department of the institution known as the "Junior High." This was throughout a very joyous year and, when graduating time came, we very much regretted to leave our dear teachers. Just before graduation we had a very elaborate banquet.

In the fall of 1924 we entered the Senior High School. Our first year was very profitable. The majority of the class was successful in making good grades. With the return to school in the fall of 1925 we were joined by a few new additions to our class who quickly caught

This year of 1926 finds us plodding onward. During the month of January this year we celebrated "Junior Day," a specifically authorized day, set apart annually for the Junior classes, at which time we handed over to the President of the institution \$100 in cash as an expression of our interest in and loyalty to our school.

We are proud to say that our class has the honor of being represented on the Debating Team, and also in the mid-year musical play, "College Days." Miss Charlena Sandifer, of our class, was the pianist. Ten of our number were fortunate enough to be elected members of the Crown and Scepter Club of the college, an organization which has for its motto: "Excellency in scholarship, excellency in service and excellency in character." resolved as a class to continue our progress onward to a still greater success.

MADALINE MILLER, CLASS '27



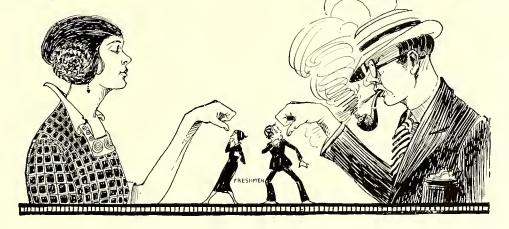




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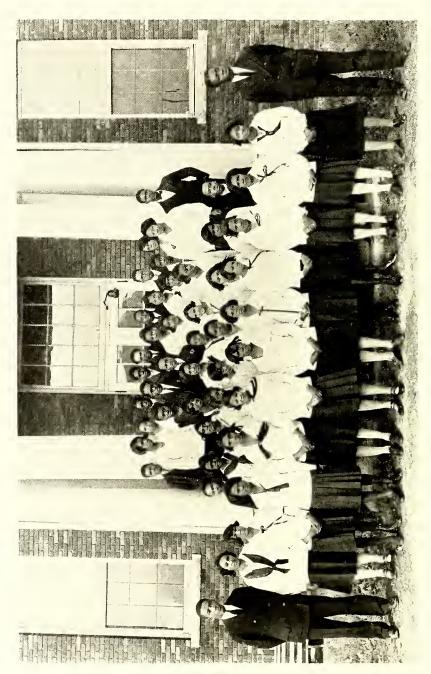


SOPHOMORES









THE SOPHOMORI THEH SCHOOL CLASS

History of the Sophomore Class

Class Colors: Gold and Green Class Flower: Carnation

Motto: "He who does not advance falls behind."

OFFICERS

MR. HENRY WATLINGTON President

MR. FRED HOPKINS Vice-President

MISS LILLIAN WELLS Secretary

MISS CHRISTINE HAIRSTON Assistant Secretary

MR. JOHN Q. DULA Treasurer

MISS LUVENIA MILLER Chaplain

MISS C. GWENDOLYN REDDING Faculty Advisor

We, the Sophomores, being the largest class in the school at the present time, feel it our duty to excel in classroom work, deportment and clean social activities.

In our previous work and duties around the school we have run across numerous problems to be solved. Heretofore we had not used our time to the best advantage. This year we found that our teachers meant to implant within us high ideals, and that we should leave fun and foolishness outside of the classroom.

Our class has a number of musicians, among whom are five pianists, five vocal soloists and one violinist.

As a class we consider the year a success. It has brought us delights mingled with serious work and has created among us a spirit of unity that shall never be broken. We will ever keep in mind our motto: "He who does not advance falls behind."

CLASS YELL:

"We are Sophomores, it is true! But we're big, let us through! We are coming, clear the way! Sophomores! Sophomores! Hip! Hip! Hoo Ray!"

Arlie Jackson, Class '28







SNAP SHOTS





FRESHMEN









THE FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS





The Freshman Class

Colors: Blue and Gold Motto: "Deeds, not words"

OFFICERS

Mr. Osbey Smith Presiden

Miss Evna Johnson Vice-President

Miss Bernice Edwards Secretary

Miss Willie M. Martin Assistant Secretary

Miss Mellie A. Forrest Treasurer

Our class may be compared to an express train. A school term is our station; the tenth grade, our first stop; the fourth year high school, our half-way station; and the senior college, our final destination. When this point has been reached, some cars will probably switch off on "special tracks."

Of the forty-two cars which make up this train only four started at the eighth grade station. The remaining number were transferred from other points at the

beginning of the school year.

It is at times necessary for trains to change locomotives at certain stops. When the schedule changes, the cars that are in good shape and can stand the test will be transferred to another road with a new locomotive. Those needing repair will remain until they are put in good running order.

remain until they are put in good running order.

"Toot! Toot!" You Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, clear the track; for the Junior High Express is on its way! We run on scheduled time—we stop for no

obstacles.

Pray that we may make a safe arrival.

Class '29.

The Class Roll

Barker, Edna
Bailey, Rozelle
Barrett, John
Coleman, Mary
Collins, Annie
Cooper, Henry T.
Crump, Christa
Donnell, Mary
Edwards, Bernice
Edwards, Marion
Evans, Sarah
Forrest, Mellie A.
Goins, Mary
Greene, Donza E.

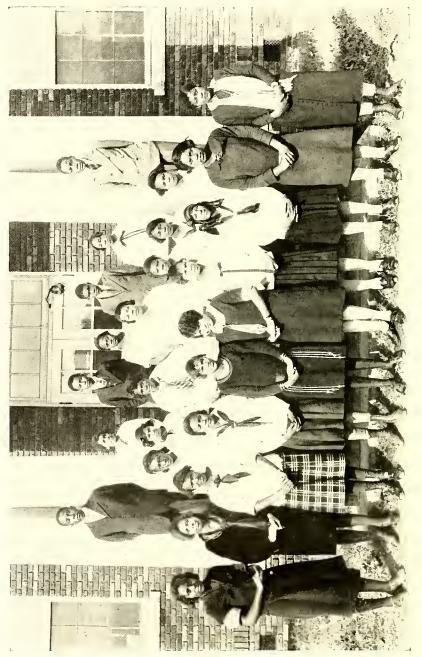
Harris, Wade J.
Headen, Clyde
Headen, Juanita
Johnson, Evna
Kennedy, Louise
Ledbetter, Moena
Mainor, Nesby
Martin, Willie
Mebane, Frances
McClinton, K. Juanita
McMurray, G. Henry
McRae, Sallie
Rankins, Guy
Rankins, Hattie

Rock, Paul J., Jr.
Shipp, Mary
Small, Christine
Smith, Osbey
Spencer, Merian
Stewart, Annie B.
Stewart, Ludie
Wallace, Louise J.
Watlington, Helen
Williams, Marion
Wilson, Leroy
Withers, Rose Mae

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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE CLASSES



Seventh and Eighth Grades

We are climbing the educational ladder round by round with the hope of one day reaching the goal, our senior college year. During the remaining years of our school work we are going to forge ahead.

Our faculty advisors are Mrs. Clara D. Feaman and Professor H. J. Forrest; Miss Maggie G. Taylor, English instructor. We feel that as a result of their interest and efforts we shall be well prepared to enter the Senior High School when the time arrives.

When we return next year to resume our unfinished work in the Junior High it will be with cheerfulness, for we will feel less like strangers and more like comrades, each working for the good of our classes which will long be remembered in the halls of Bennett College.

BY VIRGINIA SIMMONS.







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The Science Department

This being an age of scientific investigation and research Bennett College is proud of the fact that her Science Department is being properly equipped.

In the ninth grade of the Junior High School a course in General Science is given. This course gives a knowledge of the simpler scientific problems and awakens within the students the ardent desire to study further in this field.

In the intermediate year Chemistry is taught. The textbook used is that of McPerson and Henderson. This text treats compounds, elements and theories. This course appeals to students because they are able to find out by the use of our well-equipped laboratory much that is to be known about elements and compounds. Regular experimental work is done and well-kept notebooks are required.

An advance course in Chemistry is given in the Freshman College year, the textbook used being the "Outlines of Chemistry," by Louis Kahlenberg. Much emphasis is placed upon the application of Chemistry, together with a thorough study of the history of elements and compounds.

The department of Chemistry is under the direction of Professor Webster B. Baker.

In order that the students might know something of the general biology of plant and animal life, a course in Biology is given in the Junior year or tenth grade of the Senior High School.

An elementary course in Physics is given in the fourth year of the High School Department. This course acquaints the students with the fundamental principles of Physics. The physics laboratory gives the opportunity for experimental work of a very thorough and satisfactory character. Along with the experimental work carefully kept notebooks are required.

The courses in Biology and Physics are under the direction of Professor J. A. Tarpley.

The Science Department is one of the most efficient and outstanding divisions of the work of the institution, a fact most gratifying to the students; for they are thus able to find out for themselves many of the truths of science.

BY ALMA C. TARPLEY, CLASS '26.







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The Music Department

The Music Department of Bennett College continues to excel, and is undoubtedly one of the livest and most popular branches of the institution.

Under the leadership of Professor O. Z. Parris the various departments have enjoyed a great year of success mingled with pleasure. The male quartette has been called upon several times during the year by some of the leading social clubs and organizations among the white people of the city. It has had occasion to travel within the state also, thus making the influence of the institution felt wherever it has gone.

The mixed quartette has also been in frequent demand by the churches and other organizations of the city. It, with the male quartette, carried off great honors at the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church held in Raleigh last November.

The octette, too, has been rendering music of a kind beyond the average school choruses, and it has been very favorably received.

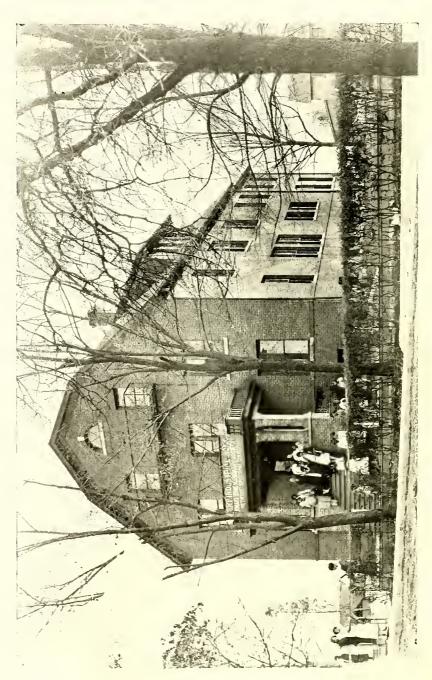
All the students that had any talent for singing or playing of any instrument were given a very excellent opportunity when, in February, the department staged what proved a triumphant success, a musical comedy entitled "College Days." Miss C. Gwendolyn Redding ably assisted Professor Parris in making this classic event one never to be forgotten in the annals of the institution and the affairs of the community.

Special mention should be made of Miss Willie L. Holt, who is graduating from our piano school with a diploma this year. We predict for her a brilliant future. She is the first to receive a diploma from the Music Department of the institution.

PROF. O. Z. PARRIS, Instructor.







INDUSTRIAL HOME





Kent Industrial Home for Girls

"Home, a thing of beauty, a place of rest, a perfect kingdom." Kent Industrial Home is a "Rock of Ages" in connection with Bennett College. It has stood as a monument for home industry for many years. Many a girl has come to this home poor in many respects, but has left with the blessings of the rich.

Many years of prayer and fasting and labors have been necessary to make possible the enjoyment of the blessings of a Home of this type. We are striving to inculcate and perpetuate the ideal of model homes. This can be done only through our future home-makers, the girls of today.

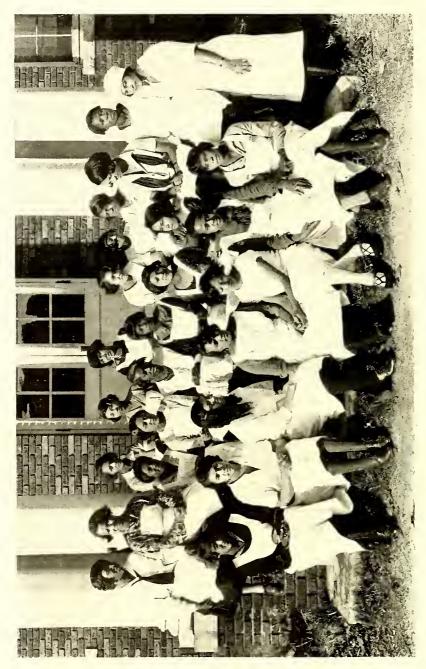
It is then very urgent that we put forth every effort to have our girls grasp the opportunities offered in order to become good home-makers. Right thinkers always stress the value of wholesome environment. Here, too, we strive to stamp indelibly that great virtue—of making the environment elevating and wholesome.

The young women are not only taught cooking and sewing, but the management of the home in general, also. From the dusting of a mat at the front door to the how and where of the garbage can all enters into the instruction given in Kent

any changes have taken place since the dawn of existence of this Home. cau secretaries, superintendents and teachers have come and gone; but the ideals for which the Home has stood have remained essentially the same during all these years. We look ever to the young women for the establishment of the ideal home, to complete the endeavors of those who have labored with them during the years of their training in the Home.

We are proud of the fact that the girls who have lived in the Home long enough to catch the meaning and significance of the true home spirit have by no means been failures upon entering the great school of life. We look forward to a greater future for those who put the best they have into getting the training offered at Kent Home.

> Въ THER SIMPSON, Instructor. KENT HOME



A COOKING CLASS





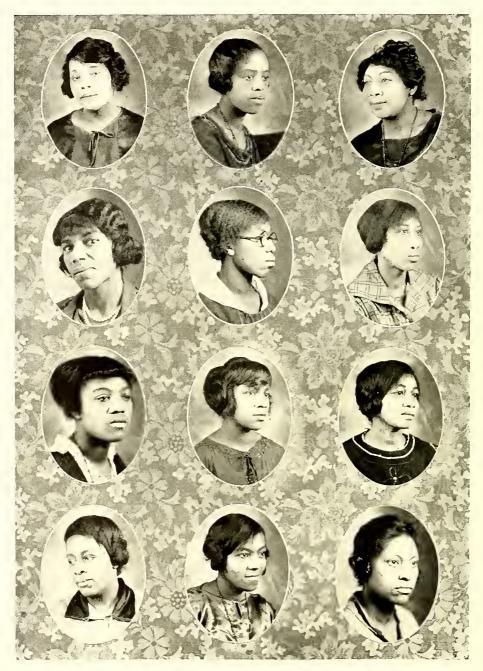


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A SEWING CLASS







TEACHER-TRAINING CLASS





Teacher-Training Department

The Teacher-Training Department of Bennett College was organized in nineteen hundred and twenty-one. The department is under the direct support and supervision of the State Department of Public Instruction, Division of Negro Education. The purpose of the State Department of Education in offering such a course is to acquaint the young graduate and prospective teacher with proper methods of instructions and classroom procedure before entering actively upon her work as teacher.

Beginning with the fall of nineteen hundred and twenty-five the course took on a new aspect. Instead of being taken in connection with the High School work, it is now entirely a separate department in which the following courses are offered: General Pedagogy, Observation and Practice Teaching; English, History, Arithmetic, Geography and School Arts.

This course is open to those meeting the following requirements:

- 1. Holders of Elementary B Certificates.
- 2. Graduates of four-year standard high schools.
- Graduates of a non-standard high school upon presentation of twelve or more units of high school work.
- 4. Those, who, at the close of the third year of standard high school work, have completed satisfactorily twelve units of high school work.

Upon the completion of this course those in class 1 and 2 will be given an Elementary A Certificate, while those in group 3 and 4 above will be awarded an Elementary B Certificate. These certificates may be raised in the same way as any other State certificates.

During the last four years the Teacher-Training Department has had granted, through it by the State, certificates to teach to over sixty graduates, young women who are scattered throughout various counties of North Carolina and doing very creditable work.

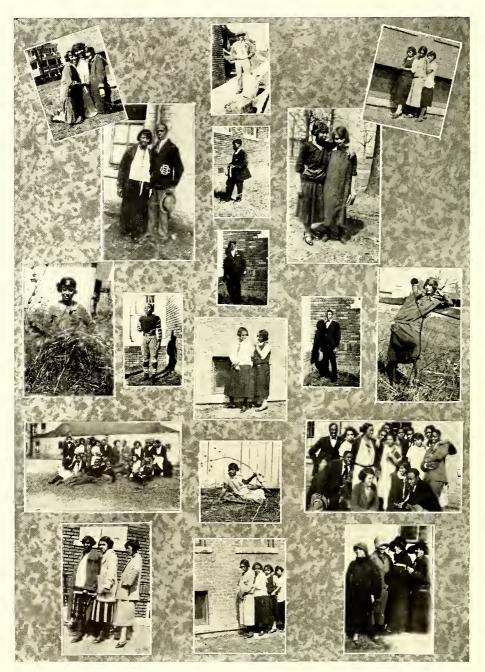
As instructor in and director of this department, the institution has been fortunate in securing a young woman of excellent training, wide experience and superior instructional ability in the person of Miss S. E. Hughes. She has had charge of this department since its organization in nineteen twenty-one.

During the entire history of Bennett College no course or department in connection with the institution has proven itself to be of more real value than the present Teacher-Training course.

ALMA C. TARPLEY, CLASS '26.







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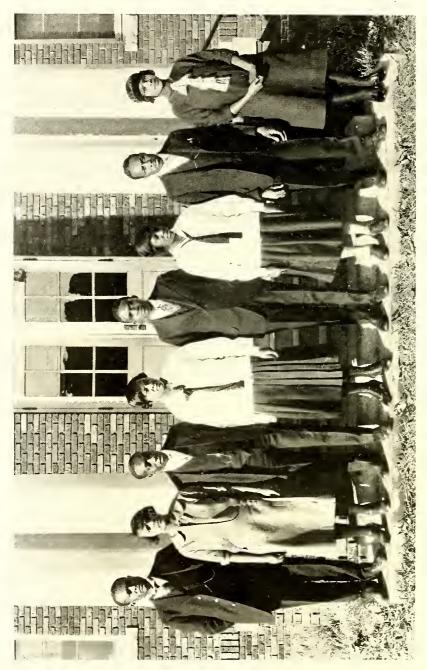




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SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS





Religious Organizations of the College

I. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFICERS

DEAN ISAAC H. MILLER	Superintendent
Mr. James E. Green	
Miss Anna E. Canada	Secretary
Miss Evelyn Gittens	Assistant Secretary
Mr. Thelmer Siler	Treasurer
Miss Maggie Gary	Pianist
MISS MABEL LEONA GUNN	Assistant Pianist
Mr. John Dula	Librarian

The Sunday School is one of the oldest and best developed religious organizations of the institution. It is hardly conceivable that a school of the Bennett

College type could exist without a Sunday school.

All the students and instructors on the campus are members of the Sunday school. About one hour on Sunday morning is devoted to this work. It is the endeavor of those directing the work of the Sunday school to make it, from many points of view, a model school of its kind, a pattern, as it were, for the young men and women who will go back to their homes and enter sooner or later some form of Sunday school work.

Complete records are kept, both of attendance and contributions. A high grade standard of Sunday school classroom work is set up and maintained. The graded system of Sunday school literature introduced during the school-year 1924-25 is greatly enjoyed by all the students and teachers and proving its superiority in many ways. In it there is maintained not only a high level of Bible work, but

emphasis is placed upon practical everyday character building principles.

In the matter of its finances the Sunday school is a striking success. Not only is it self-supporting, but it also annually participates in the support of several missionary enterprises and undertakings of the school, among which is joining with the "Friends of Africa" to send a scholarship to support an African boy in a mission school. It contributed to the Japan Earthquake Relief Fund. It contributes to the World Service program of our church and to other worthy causes. It usually concludes its annual program by providing financially for a social evening for all the people on the campus in the late spring. And withal there is always something left in the treasury for the coming year.







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Miss Iosephine E. Brown

THE BENNETTITE



II. YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

MISS MABEL LEONA GUNN	Vice-President
Miss Marguerite F. Pendleton	Secretary
Miss Anna E. Canada	Treasurer
Miss Theophyle J. Chambers	Faculty Advisor
The Y. W. C. A. is an old and cherished organization	

of wide-awake, studious, earnest, though fun-loving, girls who have as their purpose "To live unreservedly Jesus' law of love.'

The regular meetings are held the second and fourth Sundays of each month. There is a fine cooperative spirit existing between the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. of the college. The programs for the year have been both interesting, enjoyable and inspiring. Very able speakers on several occasions have addressed the Association on great and inspiring themes, the effects of which will go with the young women through life irrespective of what their life work may be. Much emphasis has been placed upon Bible study during this year and much good has been derived therefrom. In addition to what has already been mentioned, it should be said that music, readings and discussion groups have been included in the programs. The question of World Peace and the entrance of the United States into the World Court tribunal formed the basis of many an interesting discussion. Both sides of the question the good and the possible evil—of these great issues were given careful consideration.

This organization also does some practical community work. During the Thanksgiving season the members of the Y. W. C. A. hiked three miles out to the County Home for the aged, carrying gifts to many of the unfortunate inmates of the Home. The Association looks forward to this annually. Devotional exercises were held last Thanksgiving and the old people of the Home were inexpressably happy and thankful because of the sunshine and good cheer which this interest and effort on the part of our organization had brought into their lonesome and dreary lives. We were happy, too, because we had made some one else happy. We of the organization are always ready to render service in whatever way we can and find joy and pleasure in the doing.

Our organization sent a delegate to the World Court Conference held in Durham, N. C., at Duke University last fall. Students of both races participated in this Conference. Our own delegate, Miss Alma C. Tarpley, brought back a very interesting report of the sessions and discussions. The Association plans to send a representative to the Summer Y W C. A Conference to be held this year at Talladega, Ala.







A. M. C. A. GROUP





III. THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The Young Men's Christian Association is one of the older organizations of the college. It has a distinct place in the life of the young men of the college and renders them a very helpful and positive service.

We are proud of the fact that we have a place in the campus life of Bennett College where we can do Christian service. Our Y. M. C. A. is composed of wideawake, zealous, Christian young men who have for their purpose the development of Christian leadership, social development, the exemplification of the spirit of Christ and of unselfish service.

The Y. M. C. A. is an organization where you get inspiration for the Christian life. Every Sunday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock the young men of the college assemble in the "Y" room for services. The program varies, but one of the most interesting and helpful features of it is the Bible study work.

The organization sends representatives each year to the State Conference held at some one of the schools of the State, and also to the Regional Conference held annually during the summer at King's Mountain, N. C. It further helps to support both foreign and home missionary enterprises and any other worthy cause, brought to its attention, in proportion to its financial resources.

Membership cards from Bennett College Y. M. C. A. are recognized by the Y. M. C. A. organizations throughout the United States and Canada. The Bennett College "Y. M." extends a cordial welcome to all young men entering and planning to enter the college and who are interested in Christian service.

DAVID WOMACK, CLASS '27, President.







"Friends of Africa" Officers

IV. THE FRIENDS OF AFRICA

The society known as the "Friends of Africa" is an old and stable organization of Bennett College. It is composed of all the students of the college.

From the name of the organization it may be seen that we wish to be called *friends* of that great continent which is the original home of our race. But to be called "Friends of Africa" is not enough. This society has for many years put forth, and is still putting forth, every effort to merit the name, "Friends of Africa."

The meetings are held regularly on the first and third Sunday of each month. In the meetings various discussions about Africa are conducted. The aim of the society is to promote interest in and increase the students' knowledge of Africa and the missionary efforts being

interest in and increase the students' knowledge of Africa and the missionary efforts being carried on there, so that they may know something of Africa's needs and be inspired and moved to lend a helping hand.

Each year this society has, as a part of its program, the sending of \$50,00 to Miss Rosa Lee, a native missionary, for the support of an African boy in her mission school. This boy has been named Bennett College by Miss Lee.

It is keenly the desire of the society to discover new ways and means of rendering assistance to the missionary cause in Africa.

MRS. ERA V. HOPEWELL, Faculty Advisor.







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CORNELIAN RING SOCIETY GROUP



Cornelian Ring Society

OFFICERS

MISS MARY E. MARTIN	President
Miss Marguerite F. Pendleton	Vice-President
Miss Josephine Brown	Secretary
Miss Vivian C. Edwards	Assistant Secretary
Miss Madaline Miller	Treasurer
Miss C. Gwendolyn Redding	Faculty Director
Motto: "Cross as say go	

Motto: "Grow as we go

The Cornelian Ring Society is one of the oldest organizations for girls in Bennett College. It was organized by a group of ambitious and enthusiastic girls who now stand before the public with their literary ideals so impelling that they are compared to a "city that sits on a hill and cannot be hid."

One of the many purposes of this society is to so train its members that when they shall have gone out into life they may be able to make proper use of their literary and social opportunities. The C. R. S. is doing much to promote the literary ideals among the young women of the college. The girls of the society are jolly, wide-awake and zealous. They delight in cooperating with the B. L. S., the young men's literary society, in the rendition of literary programs.

The C. R. S. is ever ready to cooperate with any effort put forth for the advancement of the institution. As we of the class of '26, who are members of this organization, go out to our life's work, we shall strive to live and do worthy of having been members of the Cornelian Ring Society.







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The Bennett Literary Society

OFFICERS

Possibly one of the first organizations to be set up at the college was the Bennett Literary Society. It was organized for the purpose of discovering and developing

the literary and forensic ability of the young men.

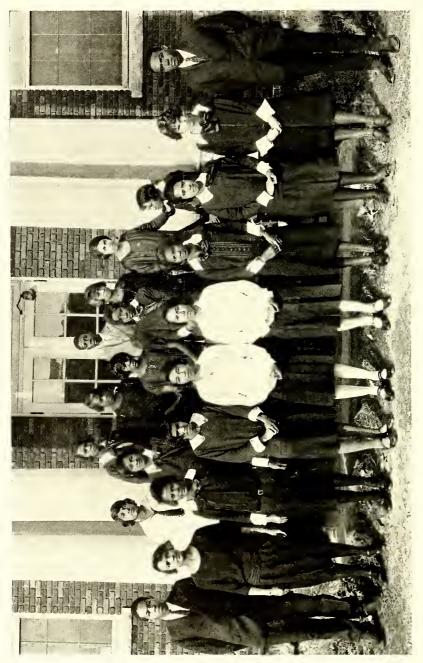
This organization among the young men gladly, and with mutual profit, cooperates with its sister society, the Cornelian Ring, among the young women. The two organizations meet jointly once a month at which time some form of program of a literary character is rendered. Our programs often vary. In addition to programs of recitations, orations, papers or musical numbers, many of them take the direction of a discussion of present day problems which so vitally concern the citizenry of the world.

The B. L. S. has a vital place in the campus life of the college and in the intellectual life and thinking of the young men. With the ardent cooperation of every young man on the campus this society, in the future as in the past, is destined to move forward as a "Literary Light."

TAMES E. GREEN, College Department, CLASS '28.







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The Crown and Scepter Club is an organization that has existed for three or four years in many of the standard High Schools of the State of North Carolina. The Bennett College unit of the Club is, therefore, but one of the several chapters of the club that are organized

in several of the colored High Schools of the state.

The state organization owes its origin largely, if not entirely, to the efforts of Mr. W. A Robinson, of the Division of Negro Education, State Department of Public Instruction. In introducing the Crown and Scepter Club into the high schools of the state the aim was to so emphasize and place a premium on "Excellence in scholarship, excellence in character and excellence in service" that the principles of these three virtues would be thoroughly inculcated into the lives of the young men and young women in training in the high schools of the state.

Our club, known as the Bennett College Chapter, was among the first to be organized. Under the directorship of Prof. J. A. Tarpley, who has been the faculty advisor of the chapter from its organization, the club was set up with twenty enthusiastic charter members,

the following comprising the list:

Miss Alma C. Tarpley, Class '20, President; Miss Clara Withers, '25, Vice-President; Miss Pattie Rogers, '25, Secretary; Mr. Thelmer Siler, '20, Treasurer: Miss Gladys Whitfield, '25, Custodian of Records; Miss Nina Bolden, '25; Miss Vera K. Bullock, '26; Miss Anna Canada, '26; Miss Lillian Douglass, '25; Miss Willie L. Holt, '26; Miss Sabra L. Johnson, '25; Miss Ora Mae Lovell, '26; Miss Hazel May, '25; Miss Maggie Gary, '26; Mr. Martin McCallum, '25; Miss Maggie Simpson, '25; Miss Lois Simpson, '25; Miss Josephine Brown, '26; Miss Ophelia Sharpe, '26; Miss Mary Tonkins, '25.

Already the club has experienced two years of active and successful existence on the campus. Nine of the charter members have graduated and their yearant place, have been

campus. Nine of the charter members have graduated and their vacant places have been filled by other eligible and worthy students.

The Crown and Scepter Club members try to set an example of wholesome leadership on the campus. Many of the important positions in other student organizations are held by Crown and Scepter members; namely, the presidency of the Cornelian Ring Society, the Y. W. C. A., the Friends of Africa, respectively. In these and all other positions the Crown and Scepter members are rendering their best service to the school and their fellow students. In other directions the members of the Club have not been unmindful of their opportunities for service. At the time of the library drive the Crown and Scepter Club gave to the school library, a set of books consisting of their populations.

to the school library a set of books consisting of twenty volumes. In order to stimulate "excellence in scholarship" the club offers annually two scholarship prizes—one for \$2.50, to the member of the first year high school class making the highest general average in his class work for the year; the other prize of \$5.00 to the second year high school student making the highest general average in his first two years of high school work. These prizes are

awarded at the close of each school year. We of the class of '26, are proud of the hours we have spent together in the meetings of the Crown and Scepter Club; and we pledge ourselves to ardently support all her future undertakings, and shall strive to live up to our motto, "Deeds, not Words."

BY ORA MAE LOVELL, CLASS '26.







THE DEBATING TEAM





The Debating Team

DEBATERS FOR 1926

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MISS ALMA C. TARPLEY, '26 Mr. Robert Pharr, '27

NEGATIVES

MISS TOYCE H. D. CALDWELL, '27 MISS VERA K. BULLOCK, '26

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Subject: Resolved, "That the United States Should Repeal the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution."

The first High School debating teams in the school were organized in 1924. These teams affiliated with the North Carolina High School Debating League. Professor E. G. Loder, at the time directing the Business Department of the institution, took the initiative in organizing the first teams. He was assisted by Miss Mazie O. Tyson, who, during the present year, has had the entire supervision and direction of this work.

Miss Alma C. Tarpley has been a member of the Debating Team each year since its organization. Miss Joyce Caldwell has been a member of the team for two years. The other members made the team for the first time this year.

The debates in which the teams have participated have furnished valuable information to our student body. Each year the subjects have been of vital importance. For example, in 1924 the subject was, Resolved: "That the Inter-Allied War Debts Should be Cancelled;" in 1925, Resolved: "That the United States Should Join the World Court;" this year the subject as given above— Resolved: "That the United States Should Repeal the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution."







THE FOOTBALL SQUAD

Athletics

Athletics have always been the center of enthusiasm in American school and college life. Some athletic enthusiasts sometimes say, "A college is no stronger than its athletic teams." While we disagree with that extreme statement, it is nevertheless true that, where athletics are not fostered, the spirit of the institution is low. Realizing the place of athletics in American school life, Bennett College joined some years ago the North Carolina Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, which organization came into existence in 1913.

From 1915 until 1919 Bennett College ranked in athletics second among the schools of the state in the North Carolina Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association. Not being satisfied with this ranking, our athletic forces mustered all possible force in brain and brawn in 1920 and forged ahead, closing the athletic season of that year well in advance of every other school in the association in the two major college athletic sports—football and baseball.

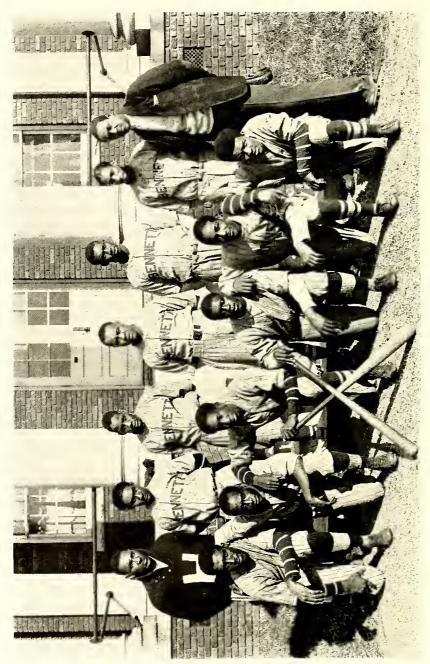
Bennett has had her stars as has many of the other great institutions of the country—Michigan, Alabama, Leland Stanford, Washington and Lee, Lincoln, Howard and Morehouse. While we did not have a Bird, a West or a Hubbard, we did have our Jim Young, Gannaway and Abernethy. These young men, with scores of others, have done for Bennett what Bird, Gourdin and others have done for Lincoln, Washington and Lee, Michigan and Harvard.

From 1920 to 1925 the athletic honors of Bennett College suffered a decline as generally happens to all schools. Nevertheless the "old B. C. spirit" kept very much alive and is still at fever heat. With this never-dying spirit we are destined to regain our 1920 standing in the North Carolina Athletic League. In addition to that spirit and giving greater force to it, is the fact that we have this year, for the first time, a coach, Mr. Jesse H. Lawrence, who will be remembered as the captain of the Howard University '20 football team which crushed Lincoln University's team to the music of 42 to 0. Under his leadership the tide is already turning rapidly in favor of our baseball team.

Once more the eagle of victory is perching upon our athletic banner. At this date we are ahead of any other college team in the state in the race for pennant honors. Present indications point to Bennett's closing up the present baseball season at the top of the championship ladder of the state.







THE BASEBALL TEAM





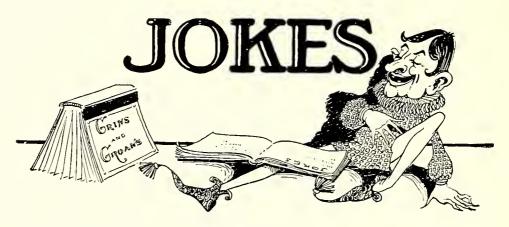


THE "PILE UP"

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"He who laughs last is always the dumbest."

Whatever troubles Adam had, No man in the days of yore Could say, when he had told a joke, "I've heard that one before."

Katherleen Harbison (after having flunked in chemistry)—Professor Baker I am going to get ahead this quarter."

Prof. Baker—"Miss Harbison, Miss Harbison, I wish you had gotten one sooner."

Anna—"Lillian Leach swears that she has never been kissed by a young man." Leora—"Isn't that enough to make any girl swear?"

Mr. Jones (appreciatively)—"Dean, I am indebted to you for all I know." Dean—"Pray, Mr. Jones, do not mention such a trifle."

Madaline—"What shall we do tonight, Zenobia?"

Zenobia—"I'll toss a coin. If it's heads, we'll go to the social; if it's tails, we'll call on Myrtle and Lessie; and if it stands on edge, we'll study."

Dean to Newton—"Mr. Newton, where was the Declaration of Independence signed?"

Newton—"At the bottom, of course."

Thos. Worth—" Well, I passed in history at last."

Keck—"Honestly?"

Thos. Worth—"What difference does that make?"

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Miss Spinks (calling at dormitory to see the sick)—"I came to see how my friend, Joe Brown, is getting on."

Della—"Why she is doing fine; she is convalescing now."

Miss Spinks—"Well, I'll just sit down and wait till she's through."

Delia Strong (to clerk at Grant's)—"I want some bloomers I can wear around my gymnasium, sir."

Clerk—"Certainly, madam, what size is your gymnasium?"

Alma—"Really, Willarde, examinations are brain testers."

Willarde—"Yes, child, those who have brains won't take them."

Eula o Josephine (while passing a bakery)—"That cake makes my mouth water."

Josephine—"Spit then."

Dean Miller—"Willie, my child, your answer is like mud."

Willie—"Well, that covers the ground, doesn't it?"

Mr. Sherrill (in cafeteria)—"Please give me pie a la mode with ice cream."

Prof. Tarpley—"Class, I am going to give you all a full grown twenty-one year old examination; so sit up and take notice."

Henrietta (after the exam.)—"Twenty-one years old nothing; that thing had whiskers as long and gray as those Rip Van Winkle had when he awoke from his twenty years sleep."

Ophelia—"Professor Tarpley, I saw in the paper where it's so cold in New York the cows give ice cream instead of milk."

Prof. Tarpley—"Why, that's nothing; some of these days I'm going to make it so cold in this very room that you can freeze boiling water so quick the ice will still be red hot."



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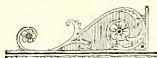
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