

## Graduates Number 50

LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY OF  
THE WEST VIRGINIA COL-  
ORED INSTITUTE.

### Trade Certificates

ARE GRANTED MANY WHO FIN-  
ISHED COURSES IN CONNE-  
CTION WITH NORMAL OR ACADEMIC TRAINING.

### Sen. Chilton Absent

Was Detained in Washington by Official Business, and Address to Graduates was Delivered by Representative of Department of Education.

Institute, June 10.—With the presentation of diplomas and certificates, by Prof. J. Frank Marsh to the fifty members of the class of 1911, the closing curtain was rung down upon the 16th annual commencement of the W. V. C. I.

It was fitting that the class of fifty—the largest in the school's history—should represent the noblest effort of the most successful year of the school.

Of the above number twenty two were Normal graduates, twenty-five Academic, and three graduates of the Commercial Course. Many of the members of the Normal and Academic courses received certificates in the trades taught in the institution.

The annual events preceding the culmination of commencement week, increased in interest from the first to the last.

Beginning with the afternoon of June 7, when the annual musicale of Mrs. C. E. Mitchell was held, the presentation of each successive program was received with increased interest.

The selection of each number of the musicale program from the simple study to the most difficult compositions, showed a proper adaptation of assignment to the individual, and its rendition evoked praise.

The vocal numbers were woven with luring tunes, with which the trained voices pleased their audiences.

The program:

- (a) Study in Chords . . . . . Porter Myrtle Woody
- (b) Waltz—Etude . . . . . Porter Marcia Canty
- (c) First Melody . . . . . Lillian Guss
- (d) A Serenade . . . . . Gaynor Edna Prillerman
- (e) A Melody . . . . . Thome Eva Bruce

Piano Duet—Marseilles Hymn—Rouget de Lisle; Laurence Prillerman, Eunice Jones.

Intermezzo—Augustus Holmoe Eliza Woods

A May Day Dance, Ethelbert Nevin The School Chorus

(a) March to Parnassus, Op. 68—Schytte

(b) Study . . . . . Heller Luetta Lipscomb

Carmena (Semi Chorus) . . . . . H. Layne Wilson

Mary Page, Lelia Powell, Ophelia Washington, Alma Peters, Amelia Lowry, Emma Leach, Carrie Jones

Dance of the Stars . . . . . Goddard Minnie Martin

Slumber so Gently—From the . . . . . Princess Bonnie

The School Chorus

Piano Duet—March Militare C. Bohn Lelia Powell, Ophelia Washington

My Lady Chlo' (Double Quartet) . . . . . H. Cl. Leichter

Leon Kincaid, C. V. Harris, Edgar Beach, Huling Lewis, Emmet Saunders, Boyer Lee, O. A. Pierce, Thomas Taylor.

(a) Sylphide . . . . . Loeschhorn

(b) Murruring Spring . . . . . Bohm Eunice Jones

Merry Merry Maids of Spain . . . . . From the 'Princess Bonnie'

Piano Duet—Ruy Blas Mendelssohn Miss Ethel Springs, Mrs. Mitchell

lish respectively in the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute.

The orations covered a wide range of thought, and, were commendable compilations.

The oration of Don W. Jones elicited vociferous and prolonged applause. Popular judgment, however, was at variance with that of the officials who named Miss Sedona Rotan as deserving of first mention, and Mr. Don Jones a close second.

Appended is the program: Music—Invocation—Music. Oration . . . . . "Frederick Douglass" Hughston Brown. Oration . . . . . "Virginia's Progress" Marina Jordan. Oration . . . . . "Justin Smith Morrill" R. R. C. Wade.

Music Oration . . . . . "Service" Sedonia Rotan. Oration—"Though Tide and Tempers Be Against Me, I will Bend to the Oar with all My Might," Eulah S. Watkins

Oration—"Shall the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments be Repealed." Don W. Jones.

Music. Alumni Reunion.

Friday evening was featured by the annual reunion of the Alumni Association, followed by the President's reception to the Class of 1911 and the visiting Alumni.

At eight p. m., the Alumni President, H. H. Railey, principal of Simmons' School, called the meeting to order and the audience united in singing America. Mr. Isham Cabell offered a feeling prayer and after the Institute orchestra had rendered echoes from the Opera; President Railey introduced the speaker of the evening the Rev. J. Sylvester Carroll, of Simpson M. E. Church, Charleston.

Rev. Carroll spoke from Ruth 2:19, on the subject of "Where hast Thou Gleaned today?" The address was pregnant with good and wholesome advice concerning right living and the development of life towards higher ideals.

After the Alumni reunion, the visitors, Alumni, and class of 1911, were guests of President and Mrs. Prillerman, at their annual reception to the classes. During the evening Prof. Russell of K. N. I. I. at the request of the president, presented books to each member of the graduating class.

The following officers for 1911-12 were announced: Pres. H. H. Railey; Vice, W. H. Lowry; Secretary, Mary I. F. Noel; Treasurer, Eva Roten; Corresponding Secretary, A. G. Brown. Executive Committee I. C. Cabell, Mrs. Belle Winston, Blanche Christian, Rosa Bridgeford, Jessie Lindsey; Historian, Hattie Peters.

U. S. Senator W. E. Chilton was the scheduled speaker for the commencement occasion and preceding the beginning of the program, President Prillerman read a letter from the Senator explaining that his absence was due to official obligations in Washington.

Prof. Marsh prefaced his address by eulogizing the president and faculty of the school for the high quality of work the institution is doing, and he alleged that his judgment was based upon a study of this and all other state schools throughout the year.

He spoke at some length on "What the Days Offer Now." His address was one of the best ever delivered on an occasion of this kind.

After the presentation of diplomas, the president introduced Prof. William Davis, of Charleston, who presented fifteen dollars in gold, the James A. Booker prize, to Jesse Fields for the highest marks in agriculture.

S. H. Guss presented on behalf of the Academic Class of 1911, a thirty-five dollar Seth-Thomas clock and a marble tablet to the school.

At the close of the commencement exercises, the large audience and visitors on the ground led by the band, went to the grave of the late President, J. McHenry Jones. There a handsome granite monument was unveiled by President Prillerman, who spoke of the life work of the late president.

There were ten states and one foreign country—Africa—other than West Virginia, represented in the school this past year.

Of the present class, one has been placed as assistant principal in one of the largest Colored schools of the state, another has accepted a position as a trade teacher in a large Industrial School in Alabama.

Don W. Jones, '12, takes charge of the printing office of the East Tennessee News.

Following is the program: Institute Orchestra. Oration—"Pilgrim's Chorus" (from Tanhauser) . . . . . Richard Wagner . . . . . Prayer.

Chorus—"The Legend of the Chimes" . . . . . R. Dickson . . . . . Jessie Fields, Bethel, N. C. Oration . . . . . "Great Heroes" Quillian Jones, Winona, W. Va. Oration, "Influence of the W. Va. Colored Institute."

Harry Davis, Institute, W. Va. Oration—"Estudiantina" P. Lacombe Oration—"Business a Factor in Solving the Negro Problem." Alonzo Ellis, Fire Creek, W. Va. Oration . . . . . "Utility of Painting" Boyer Leg, Jane Lew, W. Va.

Oration—"Gen. Armstrong's Influence on Industrial Education." James Jones, Institute, W. Va. Oration—"The Hill Song" (Commencement Song) T. W. Surette . . . . . Valeictory.

Roscoe Clarkston, Carbondale, W. Va. Address to Graduates, U. S. Senator, William E. Chilton. Remarks—Hon. J. B. Finley, Hon. M. C. Lough, Members of State Board of Regents.

Presentation of Diplomas—Hon. M. P. Shawkey, State Superintendent of Schools.

School Song. Benediction. Normal Graduates.

Rosa B. Bridgeford, George G. Brown, Bessie Campbell, Blanche Christian, Mary E. Gordon, Bessie E. Hunter, Inez Johnson, Carrie B. Jones, Jessie L. Lindsey, Sumner N. Mills, Mary F. Page Lelia Powell, Eva R. Rotan, Pearl R. Rotan, Emmett B. Saunders, Linda M. Scott, Thomas W. Taylor, Willa A. Wells, Oliver T. Wilkerson, Julia M. Smith, M. Amelia Johnson.

Academic Graduates. Roscoe C. Clarkston, Lottie Clayton, Harry Davis, Elizabeth Evans, Jessie Fields, Clinton Friend, Belva Harris, Charles V. Harris, Myrtle Irving, Anita Johnson, McCutty Johnson, James H. Jones, Quillian Jones, Boyer Lee, Amelia Lowry, Eva Parker, Tally Parrish, Mabel Peters, Orestia Pierce, Robert Siusa, Robert G. Thurston, Eva Williams, Clay H. Meadows.

Commercial. Alonzo Ellis, Alma Peters, Helen Moore.

Agriculture. Jessie Fields, Orestia Pierce, Orestia Morgan, James Jones, Amelia Lowry.

Carpentry. Quillian Jones.

Dressmaking. Mabel Peters, H. Clay Meadows.

Brick Laying. Tally Parrish.

Cooking. Amelia Lowry.

Painting. Boyer Lee.

### State Normal School For Colored Opened

New Buildings of Maryland N. & I. School dedicated with imposing ceremonies, the Governor being Among the Speakers.

Bowie, Md., June 15.—The new buildings of the Colored State Normal and Industrial School will be dedicated here tomorrow with imposing ceremonies. The school was founded by Quakers in Baltimore years ago and educated the first colored teachers in Maryland. For the past five years it has been in the hands of the State Board of Education. A large spot was purchased here and modern buildings erected. Besides a regular course for the training of teachers, industrial and agricultural courses will be given.

The principal of the new school will be D. S. Goodlow, who has been principal of the Danville (Ky.) Industrial school, for several years. He received the degree of bachelor of arts from the Allegheny (Pa.) College in 1906. He will have five assistants.

Among the speakers at tomorrow's exercises will be Governor Austin I. Crothers, Col. W. S. Powell, of the State Board of Education, and City Councilman Harry S. Cummings, of Baltimore.

### Howard University Gets Prof. Thomas

Baltimore High School Instructor in German Elected to Fill Similar Position in Washington Institution Baptist in Annual Convention.

Baltimore, Md., June 14.—James S. Thomas, who has been instructor in German in the Colored High School for the past three years, has been elected instructor of German in Howard University, Washington. He is a graduate of the Washington Colored High School and the Wesleyan University, in Connecticut. He is a son of Rev. I. L. Thomas, of this city, field agent of the Board of Home Missions and Church extension of the M. E. Church.

Monumental Lodge of Elks has elected Lewis E. Williams and Attorney George W. F. McCormick as delegates to the Grand Lodge of Elks, which meets in Boston, Mass., early in August.

The annual meeting of the Colored Baptist Convention of Maryland was held at Towson, Md., last week. Besides transacting a large amount of business, the following officers were elected: John H. Taylor, president; R. Parker Kyle, vice-president; James A. Fry, Secretary. Samuel Briggs, treasurer; Harvey Johnson, D. D., A. H. Mayo, R. W. Eubanks, Uriah Johnson, Thomas Wyatt, H. D. Johnson and E. H. Fisher, board of managers.

The annual meeting of the Co-operative Baptist Convention of Maryland opened this morning at Sharon Baptist Church, with Rev. Dr. A. Brown presiding. The session will end Friday night.

## Nation's Capital

PLEASED WITH NAMING OF VERNON AS INSPECTOR OF INDIAN SCHOOLS.

### Honor Well-Bestowed

AND A CREDITABLE INNOVATION FOR THE TAFT ADMINISTRATION WAS RECOGNITION OF THE GREAT WEST.

### Amity Among Leaders

Harmony Once More in the "Black Cabinet" and Dove of Peace Has Resumed its Perch Over the Side Board at "Gray's"—Shall a Woman Hang in Washington.

Thompson's National News Bureau. Washington, D. C., June 14.—Former Register of the Treasury William T. Vernon has been named for the important post of inspector of Indian Schools, including those of the Five Civilized Tribes and certain others that come under the act regulating schools for tribes coming under the special jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The appointment was made upon the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Fisher, and was arranged through the praiseworthy efforts of Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, who is doing splendid work for the colored people along numerous lines of helpfulness.

The country is surprised and gratified over the assignment, and aside from the fact that the honor is so well bestowed, there is a distinct pleasure in the realization that President Taft has added another new name to the already long list of superior-grade appointments that he has opened up to the Negro people.

Dr. Vernon will have his headquarters in Washington, instead of Oklahoma, as erroneously given out, but will make trips to the field wherever the business of the office demands a personal inspection of the schools included in the register.

Dr. Vernon has rendered political service of the most valuable character, and is entitled to any reward within the gift of the party. It is understood that this assignment will not prevent his voice from being heard on the "stump" in next year's campaign. He is an orator of the first rank and the republican party has not an abler or more eloquent champion of its policies in the country, regardless of race. He will be a valuable factor in the work of setting the attitude of the Taft administration properly before the colored people. As an educator he has had ample experience. The wonderful development of the Western University at Quindaro, Kansas, over which he presided for a number of years, will afford indisputable evidence of his energy and efficiency in handling difficult problems. His intimate contact with conditions in the West and knowledge of the educational requirements of the Indians and Negroes render his appointment to this position peculiarly fitting at this time. That he will bring dignity and credit upon himself and the race goes without the saying.

Dr. Vernon takes occasion to deny the rumor that he is in favor of the annexation of Haiti to the United States, and calls attention to the fact that he has frequently in public addresses lauded the valor of the Haitian hero, Toussaint L'Ouverture, and commended the patriotic fervor of the Haitians that led to the establishment and the perpetuity of the Republic that has made such a glorious place in the history of the world. This week Dr. and Mrs. Vernon are attending the commencement exercises at Wilberforce University.

### "Harmony" Once More in the "Black Cabinet"

Once again is the "Black Cabinet" united. Harmony is the watchword of the hour. There has never been any real discord, but here and there, there has been a temporary clash of interests, it seems, and there has always been too much foolish talk indulged in by super serviceable persons who find that strife is more profitable to them than peace. The selfishness of these individuals has been unmasked, mutual explanations have been offered, the fatted calf is being killed daily at "Gray's," and the white winged messenger of a mity and good will hovers over the political camp hereabouts. The mischief-maker has been put to rout. Like "Othello," his "occupation's gone."

There is a recognition upon all sides that the issues now pressing for solution are too important to be side-tracked by personal bickering or individual jealousies and ambi-

tions. All hands are being piped to the deck for active duty, and the campaign of 1912 may be considered open. Particulars will be given from time to time, and the race will be taken fully into the confidence of its Washington readers as the situation develops. The white leaders are growing more and more sympathetic with the plans tentatively offered by the experienced colored men, and it will be found from now on that the working Negro republicans will find something to do to assist in saving the country.

It does look like old times—and then some—to behold under the same mahogany and in earnest counsel such stalwarts as Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, Register J. C. Napier, Assistant Register Cyrus Field Adams, Recorder Henry Lincoln Johnson, Collector Whitfield McKinley, Assistant Attorney-General W. H. Lewis, Judge Robert H. Terrell, District Attorney J. A. Cobb, together with the heads of the schools, the editors of the newspapers, and the churchmen who believe that civics and piety go hand in hand.

If there have been unnecessary troubles between the men of affairs here and unpleasant newspaper comments reflecting upon certain individuals, or imaginary grievances to avenge, these things have all been declared off, and all old scores are considered wiped out. Let us hope that this happy condition will continue. Harmony and sympathetic co-operation are essential to racial success in the crises that are confronting us in every department of our lives. The rejuvenation of the erstwhile "Black Cabinet," with help full additions, will be hailed with joy everywhere.

Henry Lincoln Johnson for National Committeeman.

The logic of the situation, as Georgians see it, points to the selection of Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson as the next representative of that state on the Republican National Committee. He is astute, energetic, capable and experienced. He is in touch with every element of the party, and enjoys the fullest confidence of the chairman of the national committee, as well as standing close to the forces at the White House. Why not Henry Lincoln Johnson as the Georgia member of the national committee? He will show the country some new wrinkles in scientific campaigning if placed in a position to do so. Try him.

Auditor Tyler's Proud Record of Racial Helpfulness.

The best evidence of the value of a leader to his people is his ability to bring to pass the things that make for their permanent progress in the march toward civic virtue and material prosperity. For racial helpfulness Hon. Ralph W. Tyler, of Ohio, Auditor for the Navy Department at Washington, has made a record of which every Negro in the land should be proud. He is a man of brilliant intellectual attainments, masterly writer on the problems of the day, a skilled journalist, a broad-gauged philanthropist and an active worker in all of the causes that tend to elevate and improve the people of the community in which he lives. As an official he has been a model of efficiency, diligence, punctuality and thoroughness. Not content with following beaten paths in the performance of his daily tasks he has studied carefully the metes and bounds of his functions as the accounting officer of the Navy Department and has been able from time to time to suggest changes in the methods and in the systems employed that have won the warmest approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and incorporated into the regulations of the Department, resulting in the more rapid handling of the accounts of the office and saving thousands of dollars of the people's money.

In looking after the material welfare of the colored employees of the government, Mr. Tyler from the day of his induction into office, has taken the liveliest interest. Noting that the race had no representative in either branch of Congress, he saw that somebody had to go forward and help the scores of Negroes in the Departments, who deserved advancement or recognition, but were unable to get their cases brought to the attention of the proper authorities in any effective fashion. He perceived that a colored federal official of the first-grade had to be something more than a competent bureau chieftain—he had to be a genuine race leader, and assume a protectorate over his less fortunate brethren and sisters.

Some of the Beneficiaries of Mr. Tyler's Activities.

Your correspondent, going over the record, has been able to make the following compilation of the benefits Mr. Tyler has been active in conferring upon members of the race:

Took up the matter of the promotion of Chaplain W. T. Anderson, of the 9th Cavalry, from Captain to the rank of Major at salary of \$3,600 per annum. Mr. Taft ordered the promotion made.

Took up the matter of retaining Major John R. Lynch as paymaster in the Army until time of retirement because of age limit. His retirement had been recommended. Mr.

Taft acted and Major Lynch is still in the service.

He has had four colored employees. E. A. Patten, F. J. Christopher, Frank DeMand and E. R. Gaither promoted from messengers at \$660 to clerkships, two at \$1,000 and two at \$900.

In his own office, he has had W. B. Dulaney promoted from messenger at \$1,200 to clerk at \$1,600; B. R. Pinchback promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,400; Dr. J. C. Norwood, promoted from \$1,600 to \$1,800; R. B. Thompson promoted from \$900 to \$1,200; Lewis D. Best promoted from \$660 to \$840; D. C. Brandon made assistant chief of division; Oliver Randolph reinstated in the service at \$900.

When Miss Louise Blanche Wright, of Chicago was to be dropped as clerk in the Supervising Architect's Office, Mr. Tyler had her transferred to his office at \$900, and thus saved her from decapitation. He has more colored clerks at \$1,300 than any office in the government. Out of the total of seven colored clerks at \$1,800 in the entire federal service in Washington, he has four in his office. When he took charge in June, 1907, there were seven colored employees in his office now there are fifteen.

In addition to this, Mr. Tyler interceded in having Ocea Taylor transferred and promoted to a clerkship from \$720 to \$900. He is now drawing \$1,000 at the Census Office. He interceded in having Major C. W. Fillmore, clerk, promoted from \$1,400 to \$1,600; interceded in having John H. Paynter, clerk, promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,200; interceded in preventing Mr. Marshall, colored immigrant inspector at Winnipeg, Canada, from being dropped.

He recommended the proper recognition and promotion of R. W. Thompson, now assigned to the office of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury R. O. Bailey.

Recommended and urged the appointment of Whitfield McKinley as Collector of Census at Washington; recommended and urged the appointment of Charles A. Cottrell as Collector of Internal Revenue at Honolulu. Also secured the appointment of Miss Mae Irwin, of Chicago, as Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at Freedman's Hospital, a place previously held by a white woman.

Mr. Tyler is active in civic and educational affairs, as shown by his offer of prizes for excellence in various lines of useful endeavor and consistent effort in behalf of such institutions as the Y. M. C. A., the Social Settlement House and the Children's Playground movement.

He offered a prize to children for the best-kept yards in colored neighborhoods; offered a prize of \$50 for the best essay by a colored student, open to all colored students in American colleges. The first resulted in improving the neighborhoods to an incalculable extent. The essay prize was competed for by many students, and the essays are now in the hands of the judges, Prof. R. R. Wright, Jr., Prof. Roscoe Conkling Bruce and Judge Robert H. Terrell, for decision.

These are in brief, a few of the helpful things Ralph W. Tyler has achieved for his people, without noise, bluster or boast. He is absolutely unselfish, and at no time has he asked or sought credit for lending aid to others. The record stands unequalled.

Commencement at National Training School.

The first annual commencement of the National Training School for Women and Girls, covering a commodious tract of land at Lincoln Heights, northeast of the city, was a gratifying success. The attendance was large and representative and praise of the productive labors of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, the president and founder of the institution, was heard upon all sides. There were seven graduates—two in the normal branch and five in hair-dressing and manuring—and their addresses, instead of being of the old-fashioned academic sort, were practical demonstrations in the art which they had mastered and a scientific explanation of the principles involved. The normal graduates discussed advanced methods in education and how to apply them to community needs.

The commencement period began Sunday with a sermon by Rev. E. W. Moore, of Philadelphia. During the week the classes in music, missionary training, commercial branches, domestic science, etc., held special exercises, culminating on Friday evening with the graduating ceremonies. A stand was erected on the fine slope in front of the main building and throughout the evening the Lyric orchestra discoursed choice music. Owing to the illness of Miss Burroughs, Dr. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the 19th Street Baptist Church presided, assisted capably by Mrs. Julia Mason Layton, both delivered heartening addresses, as did also Hon. James C. Napier, Register of the Treasury. The singing of the children, massed upon the platform, was an enjoyable feature. The occasion was made memorable by the rendition of song entitled: "The Negro Has Won Every Battle But His Own," sung

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## Storer's Closing

MOST BRILLIANT SINCE FOUNDING OF INSTITUTION 41 YEARS AGO.

### 43 Get Diplomas

A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF WHOM EXPECT TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN HIGHER INSTITUTIONS.

### Many Improvements

In Facilities and Courses Promised for Next Year, Among which is Water System and Enlarged Course in Vocal and Instrumental Music by a New England Conservatory Graduate.

Harpers' Ferry, June 10.—The forty-fourth commencement exercises of Storer College will long be remembered by those who attended them. They really began one week before commencement Sunday when fourteen students were baptized in the beautiful Shenandoah River.

Perfect weather, large and appreciative audiences and programs of a high order all conspired to make an enjoyable occasion which recurs with ever interesting satisfaction to the friends of the school who note with pleasure its growth in things material; to the teachers who see the good results of their labors; to the increasing body of alumni who are so closely bound to their alma mater and who are showing by their deeds their love for her.

Commencement Sunday was cool and clear, enough rain fell to lay the dust and clear the mountain air. The address to the class of 1911 was given by ex-Gov. George H. Utter now member of Congress from Rhode Island. It was a straightforward, clear cut appeal to the audience—especially to the class—to cultivate the ideals of personal service of the times and people of today. Governor Utter is a man of warm human sympathies and strong notions as to the justice or injustice of things as they exist in matters social, educational and political. It did all, who heard him, good to hear his defense of manhood rights and to inspire to a better understanding of manhood opportunities in this land.

The Seniors appeared for the first time on this occasion in their caps and gowns and the class numbering thirty-four made a very impressive appearance. This class, the largest graduated in the history of this school, is cosmopolitan in its personnel. In it are presented New York Penn., Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, District of Columbia, and Dutch Guiana. A large percentage of the class expect to continue their work in this and other institutions. Some will teach.

On Monday night occurred the Declamatory Prize Contest of the Fourth Year Class. The judges decided that honorable mention be made of the declamations, "Execution of Lady DeWinter" delivered by Dee A. Douglass, Coraopolis, Pa. and of the declamation "Irish Allens and English Victories" given by Lloyd P. Fisher, Winchester Va. Second prize was awarded to Lloyd L. Fisher, Homestead, Pa., who gave "Massachusetts and South Carolina" while first prize was awarded Adelaide Fawcett, Philadelphia, Pa., who gave the declamation, "Jane Conquest."

On Tuesday night occurred the Declamatory Prize Contest of the Third Year Class. Their motto: "Order and progress," stretched across the back of the rostrum and massed about by a profusion of green and flowers rendered the scene one beautiful to look upon.

The judges decided that honorable mention be given Miss Maude Hunt, Petersburg, Md.; that second prize be awarded Miss Estelle M. Shepherd, Martinsburg, W. Va.; and that first prize be awarded Miss Gertrude D. Campbell, Charleston, W. Va.

Wednesday night the members of the Junior class chosen to compete in the oratorical contest did so with great credit to themselves and class. The program as rendered was as follows:

Invocation  
Vocal Solo—Good Night Dear—Ida May Thompson, Pittsburg, Pa.  
Oration—Our Friends, The Trees—Christina V. Dean, Waterford Va.  
Oration—Agricultural Advancement in West Virginia—Clementie Douglass, Coraopolis, Pa.  
Oration—The Outlook for Africa—Freddie D. Keese, Washington, D. C.  
Oration—Why Educate the Girl?—Lulu Allen, London, W. Va.  
Oration—"The Power of the Negro Woman in the Home"—Ida May Thompson, Pittsburg, Pa.  
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