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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Commencement Exercises. Union Service Sunday. Emily Geiger Chapter Held Last Meeting.

Commencement of the High School began on Friday evening with the musical recital of the class under Miss Veda Barre. The class is a large one, and most excellent work has been done by the pupils, as was testified by the execution of the several numbers of the arranged program. The stage of the school auditorium was artistically decorated in flowers and ferns and made a pretty setting for the little performers as well as the larger ones. The work of the little folks is to be greatly praised, and it was this class that won the medal offered by the Apollo Music club for the greatest advancement in music. Miss Emmie Dozier Tompkins was the winner, having made marked improvement. The evening's program was made up of solos, duets and quartettes, and choruses and was heard with pleasure and appreciation. Every performer is to be congratulated upon the splendid rendition of the part assigned them.

On Sunday morning there was a union service, all denominations meeting together to hear the Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. C. Roper of Chester, S. C. Mr. Roper is State secretary of the Educational movement of the Methodist denomination, and is a forceful and eloquent speaker. He based his remarks on the first nine verses of the fifth chapter of Daniel, his subject being "The subconscious and its part in destiny," stating that for want of a better term this could be defined as "personality." His closing remarks were addressed to the graduating class, nine in number, that sat before him. It had been expected that he would preach in the evening, but other duties made it necessary for him to return on the afternoon train to Chester. The exercises of Monday evening will be graduation evening, and will end school and commencement week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Simons and family have gone to Savannah to spend a while.

Rev. J. D. Kinard went to Little Mountain, S. C. on Saturday and on Sunday preached the commencement sermon of the school there.

Mrs. W. S. Brooke received a message on last Tuesday telling of the illness of her sister, Miss Fulton, who is in charge of one of the homes at Connie Maxwell orphanage, Greenwood. Mrs. Brooke has been with her sister who is still ill. Miss Fulton spent the past winter here and her many friends hope she will soon be restored to health.

Mr. Leon Latimer of North Carolina was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Susie J. Latimer a part of last week. He had been in Florida attending the Southern Baptist convention, and his visit, though a short one, was a pleasure to all who met with him.

Mr. Leroy Wertz of Greenville has been for a visit to the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Ballentine are at home from a two week's visit to Jacksonville, Fla., and other places.

Judge J. G. Mobley has been quite sick for the past week. It was his intention to attend the annual reunion of veterans in Darlington, and while he was at the station, just a few minutes before the train came, he was suddenly taken ill, and for a few days was in a very serious state.

The friends of Midshipman Albert L. Toney are interested in his graduation which takes place soon at Annapolis. His record there has brought him several honors and he graduates with distinction. Mr. Toney now makes his home in Columbia, but Johnston always claims him as her son, as up to the years at Annapolis this place had always been his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hazel of Saluda, will soon be residents of Johnston. Mr. Hazel is connected with the Job Printing company here and for several months he has been here, and now finds that his business makes it necessary for a change of residence. A most cordial welcome is extended to Mr. Hazel and his family.

Some of the masculine persuasion who long ago have been willing to acknowledge that woman was the equal of man in more ways than one, are

suggesting a municipal ticket with a woman mayor and councilwomen. Some of the "antis" have already avowed their intention of letting their better halves go to night meetings without them as escorts. But that's all right. "Where there's a woman there's a way." It was the great world war, so destructive of our manhood, that brought about the recognition of the right of equal suffrage. Out of much suffering has come this one good, at least: That when the test came, the women proved equal to the enormous responsibility placed upon their shoulders, and by sharing the burden, proved their power. The right of suffrage was a natural sequence to the demands made upon them and which they met so nobly. Citizenship means duties and obligations as well as rights and privileges, to our women. And as they take up these duties and obligations, there is no sounder guide on earth than the mother's heart.

The Emily Geiger chapter, D. A. R., held the last meeting for the summer on Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. S. Mobley. The chapter has had a good year and reports of officers and committees showed the interest of the members in carrying out D. A. R. objectives. The last payment on the Contingent fund for Tamasee Industrial school was made, and chapter voted a contribution to the memorial tablet in Old Exchange at Charleston. The study topic was discussed and it was decided that each leader of the program select a subject of interest and arrange a program of this. Officers were elected for the coming year, the Regent, Miss Zena Payne, and auditor, Mrs. B. T. Boatwright, having served the allotment. Those elected were: Regent, Mrs. J. L. Walker; first vice-regent, Mrs. J. Neil Lott; recording secretary, Mrs. M. R. Wright; corresponding secretary, Miss Zena Payne; treasurer, Miss Mallie Waters; registrar, Mrs. F. S. Williams; historian, Mrs. J. H. White; auditor, Miss Frances Turner. Miss Payne thanked the chapter in most appreciative terms for their hearty co-operation, and commended the chapter to the new regent, Mrs. P. N. Lott, on behalf of the chapter, thanked the retiring regent, for her efforts and said that they offered her, not flowers that faded, but their love and thanks which were lasting. Following the program, which was of articles in the D. A. R. magazine, the hostess served delicious block cream and pound cake. There were several visitors present.

Tuesday afternoon was the regular meeting of the New Century club, but owing to the very hard rain, there was not present a quorum to transact business. The meeting was with Mrs. C. P. Corn, and although there was no business, the program was carried out, the subject being Schools, standards in efficiency and required standards of High Schools. Illiteracy was also discussed. The social while was very pleasant, several arriving after the rain, and all enjoyed a salad course with tea.

Mrs. J. W. Browne entertained on Tuesday afternoon with a beautiful party in honor of Mrs. Stanton Lott, a recent bride. The hall and living room were bright with flowers and tables were arranged for progressive rook, dainty score cards being given. After a lively game the honoree was presented with a handsome mahogany waiter. The hostess served an elaborate salad course with iced tea and all enjoy chatting, each move, making a change of partners.

### Death of Mr. Pearce Lowry.

Mr. Pearce Lowry, a son of Mrs. America Lowrey and a nephew of Mr. J. T. McManus, died in the hospital in Columbia Tuesday of cancer of the liver and his body was taken to Good Hope church, Saluda county, the church of Mrs. Lowrey, for interment Wednesday. Mr. Lowry was born and reared in the Meeting Street community but for a number of years had been making his home in Eastover, Richland county, being postmaster at Eastover at the time of his death. He had many friends in Edgefield and in the county who were saddened by the announcement of his death.

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### Trenton High School Graduating Exercises.

Some of the Advertiser's family enjoyed the privilege of attending the graduating program of the Trenton High School on Tuesday morning. Our attention on this occasion was one of interest in those of the graduates whom we knew and who had invited us by card and personally to attend. The auditorium evidences some changes since our last visit, the most striking one being the addition of a new stage curtain, a very refreshing landscape which made us think of meadows and flowers and streams among the mountains.

The prelude was a piano solo by Miss Arah Gatlin who has given such eminent satisfaction in her department of music and still accompanying the student body marched in the auditorium in a body singing "Old Glory, We Love Thee."

The invocation was made by Rev. W. S. Grooke, pastor of the Baptist church and the others seated on the platform were the superintendent, Mr. Rentz, the faculty of the school, the trustees and the graduating class.

The salutatory was given by Miss Kathleen Smith, the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, who spoke in a most delightfully clear and gracious way the welcome which had been assigned her as second honor graduate of her class.

W. A. Pardue, Jr., read the class prophecy, which the audience enjoyed greatly as his prophecies were humorous and therefore evoking the merry spirit.

Miss Lois Black, another pretty Trenton girl read the class history and made the unusual announcement that when the present 10th grade began that many years ago, there were only two children in the grade, Kathleen Smith and Margaret Courtney, and later Mr. Courtney who delivered the diplomas as chairman of the board of trustees, that most classes grew smaller as they advanced, but this class had grown until from two they had increased to seven.

A vocal duet was given here by Miss Arah Gatlin and Miss Neally.

The class will was given by Miss Ela Huiet and was a very valuable legacy left to the junior class.

The class poem was beautifully read and full of good thoughts, by Miss Susan Mathis whose gift as a poetess and reader well high equal her musical ability. Susan had been presented with a music medal on one evening of the commencement.

The valedictory was most happily given by Miss Margaret Courtney who had led her class and was therefore to deliver this farewell address to these comrades of the years. This was followed by a class song.

The baccalaureate address was delivered by Hon. B. B. Hare of Saluda. The closing number was a duet from *Il Trovatore* by Misses Gatlin and Susan Mathis.

The diplomas were awarded by Mr. J. H. Courtney to seven graduates, as follows: Misses Margaret Courtney, Susan Mathis, who also received a certificate in music, Lois Black, Ela Huiet, Willie Pritchard and W. A. Pardue, Jr.

At the close of the program the delivery of medals was awarded, three of these to Miss Margaret Courtney, one for best work in mathematics, one for highest average for last three years and another for best average for this year.

Medals for attendance, spelling and reading were awarded by William Wise to Vera Posey, Mary Morris Ricker, Pierce Day, Katherine Watson, Elbert Ryan.

Many lovely flowers and gifts were carried up to the front and distributed to the sweet girl graduates.

### Piano Recital.

Friday evening in the auditorium of the High School the annual recital of the music pupils of Miss Fanny Sheppard took place, and was one of the best of the many good entertainments which Miss Sheppard has arranged.

The people of Edgefield manifested their appreciation by attending in large numbers. The program will be found elsewhere in this issue.

### Miss Florence Mims Visits Capitols of Three States.

A peculiar interest is always added to anything or anybody on seeing them for the last time. A singular appreciation for their worth and charm makes you want to linger near them, paints them with a glory that is born of the wistfulness of grief at parting. But should one change one's mind and remain, the sudden charm would depart from the object and fade from the person as surely and as quickly as it had come, and they would be just things, and just people again and the memory and reminiscence are made of this rapturous thing, the sudden recognition that one could not get during all the sorridness of ordinary days. So on looking back one sees not blue distance but a rosy glow that seems real because we cannot go back and examine it. And so you know "the best is yet to be." The past is a known thing that cannot now change to better or worse, but the future is a scroll on which we may write anything, anything that we have the back bone, the moral stamina and the initiative to fulfill.

So as I rode through the country to catch the last train in that old western country that seemed quite wonderful that May morning, I looked back at the campus of the school and its towers might have been those of the holy city, so full was my heart. But had my journey been given up, should I have gone back to walk the golden streets, the walls would have been brick, ordinary brick, and the ground dry with the same hot sun of Oklahoma. So we fool ourselves, but that is as it ever is and should be. For perhaps life is better than we think and it is only in these exalted moments that we can fully comprehend the goodness of it.

But as I rode over the old familiar road, I saw for the first time, a mirage. In the dry, dusty road lay a lake-gleaming and sparkling in the sunlight. So real did it seem that I watched breathlessly till the swift moving car brought us to the spot where the lake had been and there was dry ground, dry as only Oklahoma is dry. And other people with me had seen the lake, so I knew that it could not all be a thing of my imagination. And that was how I felt about all the things I had left behind. I had peopled the town and endowed the buildings with a scintillating glory that the mirage possessed, but as I drew near them I could have beheld reality that most provoking of all things even as the lake disappeared in the road ahead.

And then as I reached the Santa Fe station I saw some Indians, gaily bedecked. I felt that I wanted to shake their hands and say good bye, but they cared not at all whether I left or whether I came. So I boarded the train and as it rolled away I watched the long rows of oil derricks till distance wiped recognition from their pointed spires.

Capitols are my hobby, one of my many hobbies. They are about the only places in this country where one sees anything approaching grandeur even on a small scale. They are nearly all alike, but some are new and some are old. The new ones have magnificent buildings and the old ones splendid grounds. For the western capitols are the newest and the west has more money. The Eastern capitols have better grounds because it took a long time to grow the trees and the shrubs.

The Oklahoma capitol is situated two and a half miles from the city with the wheat fields lying near it. This is the newest capitol being only about five years old. No dome has been put on the capitol as yet, but I walked up the winding stairs that led to the top of the building and climbed a rickety ladder leaned against the parapet to view the city from afar. Last year the Oklahoma senate was Democratic and the legislature was Republican. I spent most of my time in the museum of Indian relics, probably the best collection anywhere in the west. An old stage coach, a relic of the grandeur of bygone days was kept for the inspection of tourists. There is a grandeur about a stage coach that savors of powdered wigs and stately bows and liveried coachman that I have always liked. The only thing they lacked is speed, and I suppose we would be better off

if we were less slaves to haste.

The following day at Little Rock, I went through the Arkansas State capitol. Here I had a Choctaw Indian as a guide. This capitol was a little less magnificent than the Oklahoma capitol and on Monday when I revisited the Georgia capitol, it seemed small and colorless in contrast to the other two. So "westward the star of empire takes its course," yet the sun of the East is not set.

FLORENCE MIMS.  
Edgefield, S. C.,  
May 29, 1922.

### McKendree News.

On the third Sunday in May Children's Day was observed at McKendree church, a large crowd being present. The program, previously arranged, was perfectly carried out. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns. In the afternoon the congregation listened to two good speakers, Mr. W. L. Nicholson and Rev. Mr. Murray of Greenwood.

The farmers will be very busy this week harvesting grain as the oat crop is very good.

It seems as though the farmers of this section are beginning to realize the cotton and boll weevil situation and are turning their minds to raising food stuff, a good quantity of sweet potatoes being already planted.

We are glad to report that Mr. J. M. Shaffer who has been sick for some time is able to be out again.

Two weeks ago the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zonnie Dorn and took to its heavenly home the soul of their infant son. We extend to the bereaved parents and loved ones our heart felt sympathy.

### Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Morning.

The Baptist church was the scene of an interesting occasion Sunday morning when all the congregations of the town met together to hear the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. A. T. Allen before the eleventh grade of the Edgefield High School.

A large congregation was in attendance, and the subject of the sermon was the four square life and was very practical and inspiring, many saying as they left the church that they had been uplifted and helped.

The choir gave several very lovely choruses and the orchestra, which is such an addition to the wholesome musical atmosphere of the church service played a special selection during the offering, and throughout the service in addition to the other music.

The subject, the four square life was very appropriate, as the class motto for 1922 was "Be Square."

### Tragic Death of Mr. David Johnson.

The Trenton community was greatly shocked on Wednesday morning when the news came from Augusta that David Johnson was dead. Mr. Johnson was serving his apprenticeship in line for section foreman. On Monday he was at work near Edgefield and was accidentally injured. At first it was not considered serious, but later it developed that surgical treatment was necessary. He was taken to the University hospital of Tuesday. He survived the operation but died Tuesday night.

The funeral services and interment took place on Thursday at Stallville, Ga., his former home. Several from Trenton attended the services.

Mr. Johnson was only 22 years of age but was universally popular on account of the high and noble ideals that characterized his life. He was loved and respected for the true Christian life he lived. He was the teacher of the adult class in the Baptist Sunday school, and the leader in the young people's meeting. He not only was faithful to his church, but always joined in Christian work with other churches. His was one of the most beautiful Christian lives ever lived in this community.

He was reared at Stallville where a host of friends gathered to pay their last tribute of respect.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, also from his old home, and two small boys.

J. H. COURTNEY.

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### Graduating Exercises Edgefield High School.

Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock, a very important occasion was celebrated in the Edgefield High School, when four young ladies and three young men received their state and local High School diplomas from the 11th grade.

Mr. W. O. Tatum, Jr., presided over the programme and called on Rev. A. T. Allen for the invocation.

The music interspersed in the program were piano solos by Misses Elizabeth Lott, Isabelle Byrd, May Rives and Eleanor Mims.

On the platform were seated Prof. W. O. Tatum, Supt. W. W. Fuller, Superintendent of Education, the trustees, W. C. Lynch, George F. Mims, J. W. Kemp, Mr. J. O. Van Meter of the faculty of the University of South Carolina, and the seven graduates as follows: Bessie Dunovant, Eleanor Mims, Elyse Hudgens, Corrie Cheatham, Robert Ouzts, William Strom and Dixon Timmerman. Robert Ouzts gave the salutatory in good style, and made the audience feel a real old time welcome.

The valedictory was delivered in a clear voice and distinct tones by Miss Corrie Cheatham, who had the honor of leading her class in scholarship.

The address of the evening was made by Mr. J. O. Van Meter and was a very forceful one, taking as the three needs of every young life in his theme, Truthfulness, Honesty and the Fear of God.

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A medal for the best all around student in scholarship and school spirit in the High School was awarded Miss Elizabeth Lott by Superintendent of Education W. W. Fuller.

Te Scholarship medal in the Graded School was awarded Charlton Talbert and presented by Mr. Fuller.

Dixon Timmerman was awarded a medal for most improvement in oratory.

The diplomas were presented at the request of the class by Mr. Tatum.

A report of the year's work was made by the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. W. C. Lynch and the faculty announced for next year as follows:

First grade, Miss Daisy Harvin.  
Second grade, Miss Emmie Latham.

Third Grade, Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman.

Fourth grade, Miss Mamie Dunovant.

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh grades to be supplied.

High School, Professor W. O. Tatum, Miss Sallie Mae Nicholson, Miss Nelle Beckham.

In the 11th grade four of the students were the same age, born in the same month, June 1906: Misses Corrie Cheatham, Eleanor Mims, Elyse Hudgens and Robert Ouzts, three of these having gone from the first grade through the 11th together without interruption. Their teachers have been, first grade, Mrs. W. C. Tompkins; second and third grades, Mrs. Grace Ennett; fourth, Miss Estelle Turner, Spartanburg; fifth and sixth grades, Miss Hortense Padgett, seventh grade, Mrs. Hallie Greneker, High School, eighth grade, Rev. A. L. Gunter, superintendent, Miss Nan Hough, now Mrs. Forrester of Sumter and Miss Marie Hall of Landrum; ninth grade, Prof. C. L. Brooks, of Laurens, Miss Nan Hough and Miss Snow Jeffries, now Mrs. Julian Bland. Tenth grade, Prof. Brooks, Miss Snow Jeffries and Miss Pearl Wardlaw first term, Miss Plunkett, Miss Elizabeth Rainsford, second term, and Miss June Rainsford.

Eleventh grade, W. O. Tatum, Jr., superintendent, Miss Caro Deschamps, of Pinewood, Miss T. Marie Leech of Hickory Grove and W. M. Mahoney of Manning.

F. A. M.

### Notice to Executive Committee.

All members of the County Executive Committee are hereby notified and requested to meet in the Court House at Edgefield, S. C., on first Monday in June for the purpose of appointing enrollment committee for the various clubs of our county. Hour of the meeting, 12 o'clock, M.

J. H. CANTELOU,  
County Chairman.

May 29th, 1922.