

Once More Unto the Breach, Dear Friends! Once More!

Another cycle of swift fleeting days has passed, and the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute has again found its happy home in Edgefield. Its necessitous existence grows upon us, for the people of the town and county have had unfolded to their vision, physical and mental, the wonder-working out-growth of such an institution, unexcelled for thoroughness of work and high ideals in attainment.

The standard of intellectual life in our town has been perceptibly elevated and the inspiration to more ardent and zealous search for knowledge greatly increased by this presence abiding in our midst. The influence of the high moral tone and Christian uprightness of character which marks the personality of the faculty, and a number of the students have been of incalculable benefit to us in the work of our churches in all their departments.

The strict military discipline of

than Edgefield for its health imparting atmosphere, nor a more hospitable home in which to enjoy it, nor can they discover in any school, students more companionable or courteous; nor a faculty combining in a greater degree the intellectual mind, and that Christian sympathy for a student which is his or her inspiration and comfort through the bitter-sweet passage of school life.

The faces of the students, both young men and young women, who board at the Institute, show in a marked degree refinement, dignity, and culture, proving their parentage and training to have been among the best in this State and other States. They are among the brightest jewels of many an educated, cultivated family. Another unusual fact regarding the Institute is that as one brother or sister passes out of the school, another comes, making a succession of students from the same family, and as Alexander the great wept that he had no more worlds to conquer, parents are sad that there are at the last no more to be students at the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute.

The commencement of last season was a manifestation of the thorough training, and also the high grade of intelligence of the

youth has been transmitted to her veins. Her eyes are no longer dimmed that she may not perceive what is the basis of her best interests. Her mind which was once warped with age and isolation is beginning to expand, as the flowers to the refreshing dew. All wrinkles of narrow prejudice are being smoothed from her face by the energetic and developing influences of youth and hope. She will not go down in sorrow to her grave.

The faculty is composed of the following teachers: F. N. K. Bailey, President; Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, Vice President; Capt. R. B. Cain, Secretary; Rev. R. W. Anderson, Rev. R. C. McKay, Mrs. Franklin Bailey, Director of music department, Miss Marcie Gwaltney first assistant teacher of piano, and teacher of mandolin; Miss Lilla Quattlebaum, 2nd assistant teacher of piano; Miss Sophie Gwaltney teacher of violin; Miss S. S. Bailey, teacher of vocal music; Rev. P. P. Blalock, director of band and teacher of wind instruments; Miss Eliza Mims, teacher of art, Miss Angel Cheatbam, teacher stenography and typewriting; Miss Daisy Saring teacher of elocution and physical culture; Mr. M. A. Taylor, teacher of telegraphy; Prof. Entzminger, principal of the preparatory school; Miss Sudie Davis, 1st, assistant; Miss Em Williams, 2nd assistant teacher; Mrs. King, teacher of the kindergarten department, Mrs. Staggers, matron.

Among the faculty of the S. C. C. I. there are those who would adorn any college in any land or clime, those who possess such strength of intellect, grace of character, tact of speech that their influence will leave a marked impress upon the youth coming under their supervision, which during a life time,

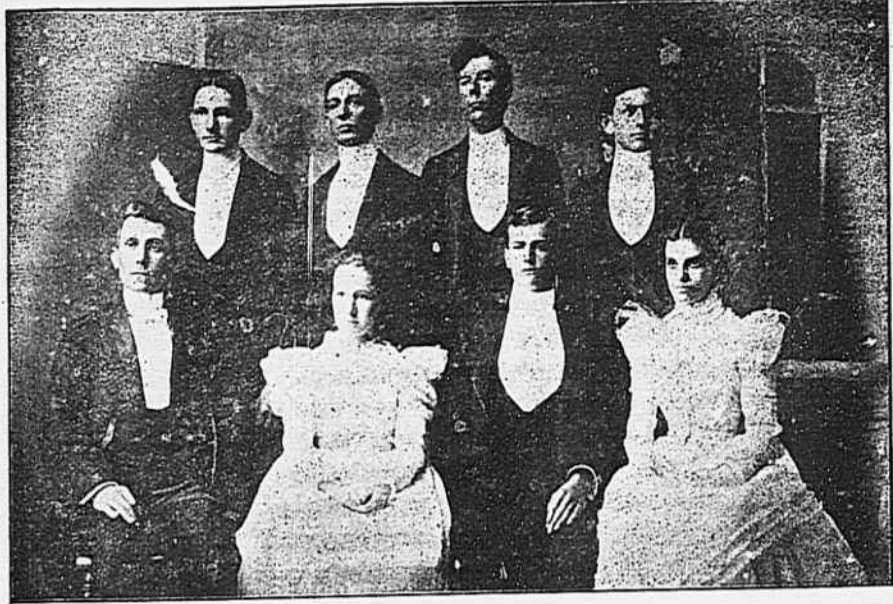
some of the best musicians in the time assistant at the Greenville College. Miss Marcie Gwaltney is first assistant teacher of piano, and teacher of mandolin; Miss Lilla Quattlebaum of 2nd assistant in department, in-

Mims, 'is the only artist of marked genius; which Edgefield has ever produced. On this account she is the more peculiarly esteemed by all among us who are admirers of the beautiful in art. Though Miss Mims has been eminently successful in all phases of the work, she has been specially noted for her excellence in portrait painting, and her productions, which adorn the walls of many homes of Edgefield county and elsewhere, are the most striking evidences of her gifts. Her paintings have been exhibited with distinction at several exhibitions. At the Augusta Exposition several years since she

secured and great improvements have been made in the military department. Capt. Cain is the efficient Commandant. J. A. Brailford is the College Adjutant and B. F. Mays, Military Adjutant. The three literary societies are the Pierian, for the young men, the Fidelity, for the young ladies, and the Robert E. Lee for the larger boys of the preparatory school over which Prof. Entzminger presides. At the last meeting of the Pierian society, the following officers were elected: President, Capt. Cain; Vice-President, Robert Black; Secretary, A. G. Quattle-

now principal of the Ridgewood Graded School in the town of Ridgewood, S. C. He has three assistant teachers. The people of the town have put up a handsome \$3,000 building, and he is receiving a good salary. Mr. S. E. Smith, is principal of the graded school in the town of Packville, in Sumter County. He has two assistant teachers, and has a large and flourishing school. Mr. L. E. Cogburn is in charge of the graded school in the town of Hendersonville, S. C. He has one assistant teacher, and the people are delighted with the work that he is doing. Mr. A. S. Appleby has the Mountain Creek graded school in Greenwood county. His school opened a few weeks ago, with a large number of students. Mr. T. E. Dorn is principal of the Red Hill High school, Edgefield County. Mr. Dorn has one assistant teacher, and from what the people say, he is doing wonders for that part of Edgefield County. Miss Lillian Anderson has charge of a school in the Curryton neighborhood, and one of the trustees who recently paid us a visit, said that she was giving them the best school that they had ever had. Miss Blanche Lazzelle has charge of a school in Ramsey, Sumter County, and from all accounts is giving thorough satisfaction.

President Bailey guarantees to procure positions for all those who complete the course, and every year he has more calls for teachers than he has graduates; it is no difficult matter to get a place for the graduates of the S. C. C. I., for besides giving them actual practice in teaching, a complete course in pedagogy is taught; and those who thus bid their alma mater farewell have a thorough knowledge of how to manage a school. Three former students, one of last year and two



GRADUATING CLASS 1899.

cluding students of piano, voice, mandolin, and violin there are 80 students, and with those receiving instruction on wind instruments there are over one hundred pursuing a musical course.

The brass band has as its director Rev. P. P. Blalock, who is the instructor of wind instruments. The students and some of the faculty attended the State Fair in Columbia, and the S. C. C. I. band was selected with three others to furnish music on the Fair grounds. Though this band has as yet had only about one year's instruction, it has achieved a wonderful success and was mentioned in the Columbia State in a complimentary manner in connection with the first artillery band, the band of Clemson college, and others of like distinction. Indeed the band has been said to be the salt of the S. C. C. I. giving a peculiar zest to all entertainments and social functions.

The following calets compose the band: Director, Rev. P. P. Blalock; Entzminger, 1st E flat cornet; Duulap, 2nd E flat; Ben Mays, solo B flat; J. A. Brailford, 1st B flat, Ralph Jones, 2nd B flat; Alonzo McMillan, 1st alto; Moorer, solo alto; Rice, 2nd alto; Gordon Quattlebaum, 1st tenor;

received prizes for the pastel and the best portrait painted from life. She also had exhibitions at Macon and Atlanta, Ga. At the last named place her work occupied a place in the South Carolina exhibit, and was a marvellously striking and beautiful likeness of Mrs. Douschka Dugas, daughter of Gov. Pickens. This portrait was very much admired as an exceedingly manifest production of genius. Miss Mims attended the Art Students League in New York, which by some is considered the finest school of art in America. Recently, from January to June, there were registered there one thousand pupils. Under the direction of Miss Mims there are more students in the Art Department of the Institute this year than last.

Elocution is taught in the Institute by Miss Daisy Saring. Her renditions of selections are full of enthusiastic vigor and fire, or given with a degree of pathos, moving the hearts of her hearers, which exhibit unusual knowledge of her subjects.

Quite a large class is this year pursuing a course in stenography and typewriting. During the past ten years the Institute has sent out quite a number of stenographers, and at one time on one line of road

baum; Treasurer, Lackey; Counselor, Dunlap; Junior Critic, L. W. Entzminger; Senior Critic, Col. Bailey; Chaplain, B. D. Thams. The following are the officers of the Fidelity Literary Society: President, Mrs. Jowers; Vice-President, Julia Tompkins; Secretary, Susie Toole. These societies are great schools



MAIN BUILDING, FRONT VIEW.

for debate and training for argument and analytical and synthetic reasoning. In speaking of it with one of the teachers specially interested in this work, she said that marked improvement had been displayed

of year before last, have stood the best county examinations for entrance into the Citadel Academy, and are now matriculated in the walls of that historic institution; another, a student of last year, Tillman Bunch, grandson of Hon Geo D. Tillman won the scholarship for West Point over twenty three contestants, and of the four standing highest in the competition three were S. C. C. I. students. A scholarship to Union College, New York, is also to be presented to the one of highest standing in the graduating class, offered by Capt. N. G. Evans, of Edgefield.

Kindergarten.

This department is in charge of Mrs. King, a daughter of Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, and a lady of education and culture such as to make her pre-eminently a suitable associate for little children. Parents of Edgefield should be gratified that their children are afforded such unusual opportunities for such companionship. The kindergarten is conducted in the home of Dr. Gwaltney, and the room used for this purpose is fitted up with all appliances necessary to the amusement and instruction of the little children. This department has been mentioned last, but is by no means to be last or least considered. It is said that children learn more in the first four years of their lives than they ever learn after



FACULTY 1898-99.

the college is one of its most important and distinctive excellencies. The students are allowed enough latitude to give them the benefit of all that the town of Edgefield can afford in a moral, intellectual, and spiritual way, and no more. They are a world of their own and within the spacious walls of the college building find all that they should desire in the way of recreation and healthful amusement.

The S. C. C. I. is the oldest and largest co-educational boarding school in the State, having begun its work before co-education was adopted in our numerous colleges. The Orangeburg college, which is perhaps the next largest co-educational school has as its President, a former student and graduate of the S. C. C. I.

So much do the citizens of Edgefield prize the Institute that during the past summer when a meeting was called for the purpose of considering a tax looking to the purchasing of buildings for the erection of other buildings for the col-

student body. There was no difficulty in selecting those who could honor themselves and the institution. On each succeeding evening the Opera House was not only filled but crowded, and numbers, even of ladies, were obliged to stand. Each part of the program was full of absorbing interest and fascinating attraction. This showed to all the audience at once the high order of instruction which the Institute afforded, and its exceeding desirableness as an educational institution.

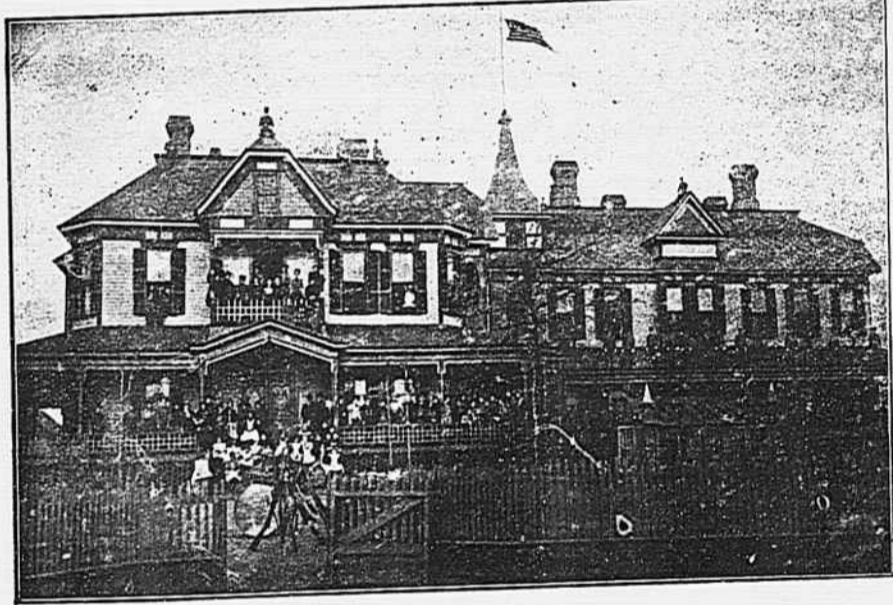
While the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute is not the outgrowth of Edgefield's wisdom, as for seven years she abode in Williston, S. C., she is now ours and is not a prophet without honor in her own country. The people of Edgefield would have been proud of the S. C. C. I. had she been the child of her own fancy; as it is she gratefully accepts the honor thrust upon her, not deserved, perhaps, but thankfully appreciated, an honor to the like of which she

will be a perpetual benediction. While the buildings in which the faculty and teaching students reside are large and commodious, still the popularity of the Institute is so great that the buildings are entirely inadequate and the academy building in Buncombe connected by telephone with the Institute is used for the pupils of the primary and intermediate departments and the Kindergarten is taught at the home of Rev. L. R. Gwaltney. In these three departments there are about one hundred and forty pupils. The dining room which was enlarged during the summer is found to be too small, and lumber is now being placed on the grounds for a new dining room 50x30 feet. This room is expected to be completed in two weeks time. There are two hundred and ninety students enrolled this year, one hundred and seventeen of whom are boarders. Every room in the dormitory is full, and nine young men and young women are waiting to come

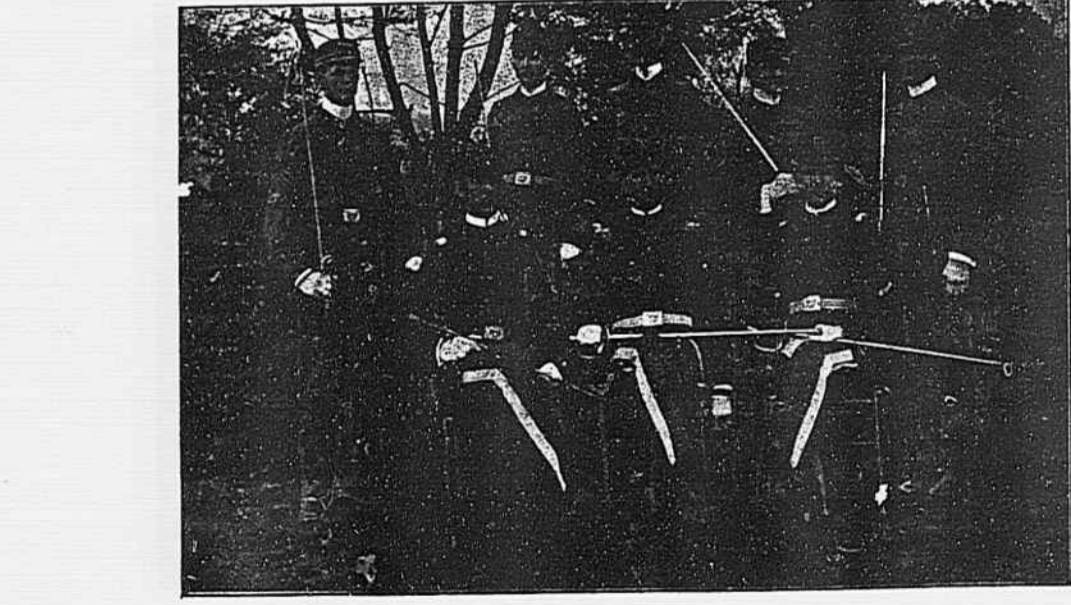
Capt. Cain, baritone; Joe Holland, 1st base; Edgar Cato, 2nd base; Geo. Mims, 1st E flat Clarinet; Harold Bradley, base drummer; Tom Carson, kettle drummer. The students of the vocal department are pre-eminently fortunate in having Miss S. S. Bailey as their honored and efficient instructress. Besides having spent a number of years in the cultivation of her own voice, Miss Bailey has had a number of years experience in the training of voices, and during the commencement season, the vocal solos and choruses were among the most thrilling and soul-stirring additions

in South Carolina there were five telegraph operators who received their instruction in telegraphy at the S. C. C. I. A great many book-keepers also have been here trained and are now holding responsible positions in mercantile establishments.

There are two military companies, but the officers having only been appointed for one company, and are as follows: Cadet Captain, W. A. Byrd; First Lieut., F. A. Moorer; Second Lieut., W. B. Posey; 1st Sergt., A. G. Quattlebaum; 2nd Sergt., J. C. Hare; 3rd Sergt., A. B. McMillan; 4th Sergt., J. L. Carwile; 5th Sergt., J. G.



MAIN BUILDING, SIDE VIEW.



COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

lege, it was found that every liberal and broad-minded citizen of our town who was anxious for the well being of his town and community, was zealously anxious for any measure which would make the South Carolina Co-Educational College a permanency in our midst.

The banner which now waves over the walls of the Institute, or a more beautiful banner still, will yet display to Edgefield her own proud possession, and when she shall thus come to hold President Bailey, her faithful friend and benefactor, in the hollow of her hand, she may exclaim in thrilling accents, "Edgefield is blessed indeed, and her citizens are worthy of their inheritance."

Parents who have daughters or sons to train for life in its fullest sense, can find no better locality

has never before fallen heir, and for which her sons and daughters must ever yield ardent labor of mind and loyal affection of heart. May Edgefield never sully her name by disloyalty to so noble a cause!

Edgefield has increased in numbers of late. Quite a number of families have taken up their abode in our midst, so that at present there is not a vacant house of any kind in Edgefield. Some of these new inhabitants are a great addition to the social life of old Edgefield. We say old, but Edgefield is no longer old. The S. C. C. I. has become to her the elixir of life, and contrary to the law of nature, she has put on new vitality, and is younger, much younger, to-day than she was twenty years ago. The life-giving, invigorating blood of

in as soon as room can be made for them. A great many improvements have been made in the building, such as putting in electric bells, painting and overhauling the rooms, etc. On account of the large class in music President Bailey has found it necessary to purchase several new pianos, and also to provide a good deal of new furniture for the comfort and convenience of students. President Bailey is not satisfied unless everything is arranged conveniently, and in a manner to promote the most thorough and progressive work.

Music Department.

Mrs. F. N. K. Bailey is Director of the music department, and is a musician of high attainments, having received her instruction from

even to an otherwise delightful program.

Art Department.

Miss Eliza Mims is this year in charge of this department. Miss Mims is a native of our own town and besides her father, Mr. R.



GROUP OF COLLEGE GIRLS, 1898-99.

Holland; 1st Corp., Victor Maree; 2nd Corp., B. D. Thams; 3rd Corp., G. H. Lackey; 4th Corp., R. T. Hill; 5th Corp., Calhoun Mays; Base drummer, with rank of corporal, H. V. Bradley; Kettle and drummer, with rank of corporal,



S. C. C. I. BAND.

Another beneficent influence which is brought to bear on the students of the Institute is the Sunday-school which meets every Sunday morning in the college-chapel at 10 o'clock. The officers are: Superintendent, Capt. Cain; Secretary, Miss Sudie Davis. The teachers are: F. N. K. Bailey, Mrs. Bailey, Prof. Entzminger, Miss Davis, Miss Williams, Miss Quattlebaum, and Miss S. S. Bailey.

Several of the graduating class of last year are now teaching in this state. Prof. A. J. Ashill is

wards in the same length of time. If this be true, and it is true, why not let them learn the "pure, the bright, the beautiful," for, as Chas. Dickens has said in one of his inimitable poems expressive of his ardent love for little children, "these things shall never die." The great philosopher Locke has also said "children generally hate to be idle. All the care then should be, that their busy humor should be constantly employed in something that is of use to them."

F. A. M.