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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Old Baptist Church Torn Down to Make Room For New Building. High School Closes.

Mrs. B. T. Boatwright has returned from a visit to Rock Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Welling, of Darlington, who have been on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. D. J. LaGrone, have returned home.

Mrs. Margaret Stevens and Mr. Joe Payne of Meeting Street, were visitors at the home of Mr. J. W. Payne last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marsh and children are at home from a month's visit to Mrs. Marsh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pedrick, at Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. A. J. Mobley has returned from a few days visit to Columbia.

Mr. John Kenney is able to be out after a three weeks' attack of fever. He was appointed census enumerator here but was able to do only half of the work. Mr. Millford, who had the Elmwood township, completed the work for him.

Mr. M. T. Turner is at home from a business trip to North, S. C.

Mrs. W. B. Cogburn, Mrs. J. E. Hart, Miss Christine Tompkins, and Messrs. Wigfall Cheatham and Wad Allen were among the visitors here last week.

Orange blossoms will bloom in profusion here during the month of June. Some time during this month there will be four marriages.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Russell, of Augusta, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. P. C. Stevens, near town.

On last Tuesday morning May 17th, the Baptist church building was sold, and the pews and other fixtures disposed of also. The work of tearing it down was begun the following Monday, and in all probability, it will be converted into a dwelling on a lot nearby. The pastor of the M. E. church has very kindly offered his church to the Baptists, to have a joint Sunday school or afternoon service, until the completion of the new church.

Mrs. T. P. Millford, of Graniteville, was here last week, as the guest of her son, Mr. Tom Millford.

Mr. J. L. Oxner has purchased a large farm near Hephzibah, Ga., and during the coming winter, will move his family there. Mr. and Mrs. Oxner are most estimable people, and all of Johnston will regret to see them leave.

The first division of the Ridge association will meet with the Wards Baptist church on May 28th and 29th.

The announcement of the marriage of Mr. Richard V. Payne, now of Jacksonville, Fla., to Miss Estelle Meers, of that place, has been received here by relatives. Mr. Payne is a nephew of Mr. John Payne of this place.

Dr. C. F. Strother visited relatives in Georgia last week, and while there purchased four farms in Richmond county.

Preparations are being made this week by the pupils and teachers of the High school for the commencement which begins on Sunday. Dr. H. M. Snyder, of Wofford college will preach the sermon, and on Tuesday evening, the annual address will be made by Hon. Mendel L. Smith, of Camden.

The monthly historical meeting of the Mary Ann Buie chapter, was held on Thursday evening with Mrs. Geo. B. Landrum. A very interesting program was had, after which an hour was spent socially, during which time the hostess served refreshments.

In tearing away the steeple of the Baptist church, about three hives of honey were found, which had been secreted there by a swarm of bees. Two or three years ago, Mr. Wertz had some hives near the church lot, and a swarm of his bees settled in the steeple.

Last week's issue of The Advertiser was an unusually interesting one, and was read by all with enjoyment. This is acknowledged to

## GOOD ROADS.

### A Strong Appeal to the Citizens of Shaw and Adjoining Townships For Better Roads.

It is not with a sense of pleasure that I am appealing to the citizens of Shaw and Wise Townships, but a sense of duty I owe, and every one of us owe to our country and to ourselves to at once come together and remedy this awful situation that now confronts us—namely: "Bad Roads."

We have beautiful, level, and fertile lands that reach for miles out, and all the bad roads that traverse these lands of ours are not only a reflection upon these lands, but upon our citizens who own them. We have heavy sand beds all summer to contend with, none of the roads scarcely wide enough for two vehicles. When we haven't heavy sand to contend with, there are holes, bumps and disgraceful bridges etc., etc.

As the old saying goes "we have followed the same old rut for years" and for the sake of our community and the young generation lets make a change. The law says that the computation tax shall be used from whence it comes. Every dollar that Shaw Township paid into the county last year and this has certainly gone elsewhere, for to my certain knowledge not a particle of work has been done since January 1909 on any of our roads around Trenton. There are plantations owned by some of our citizens through which not more than four or five hundred yards of public road passes, and possibly the computation tax paid by these land owners and their tenants amount to twenty or twenty-five dollars for each plantation, and at times not a cent of this amount is put back on these certain roads. Good roads are the slogan of the south now-a-days.

Lets come together and formulate a better plan by which we may improve them. We want our roads graded, clayed, widened and smoothed. Petition to our Legislature to aid us in this awful situation. If our Legislators can't, or will not help us let our County issue a certain amount of bonds for the road work of our grand old county.

We want better roads, we are willing to pay for them, and we must have them.

J. D. Mathis.  
Trenton, S. C., May 23, '10.

### Indignant Woman—This dog I bought from you came near biting my little girl the other day!

Dealer—Well, you said you wanted a dog that was fond of children, didn't you?

### When Jack Expands.

"Jack? Why, he's one of the best boys under the sun."

"Yes, but you ought to see him when the stars are out."

### Boy Brighter Than Professor.

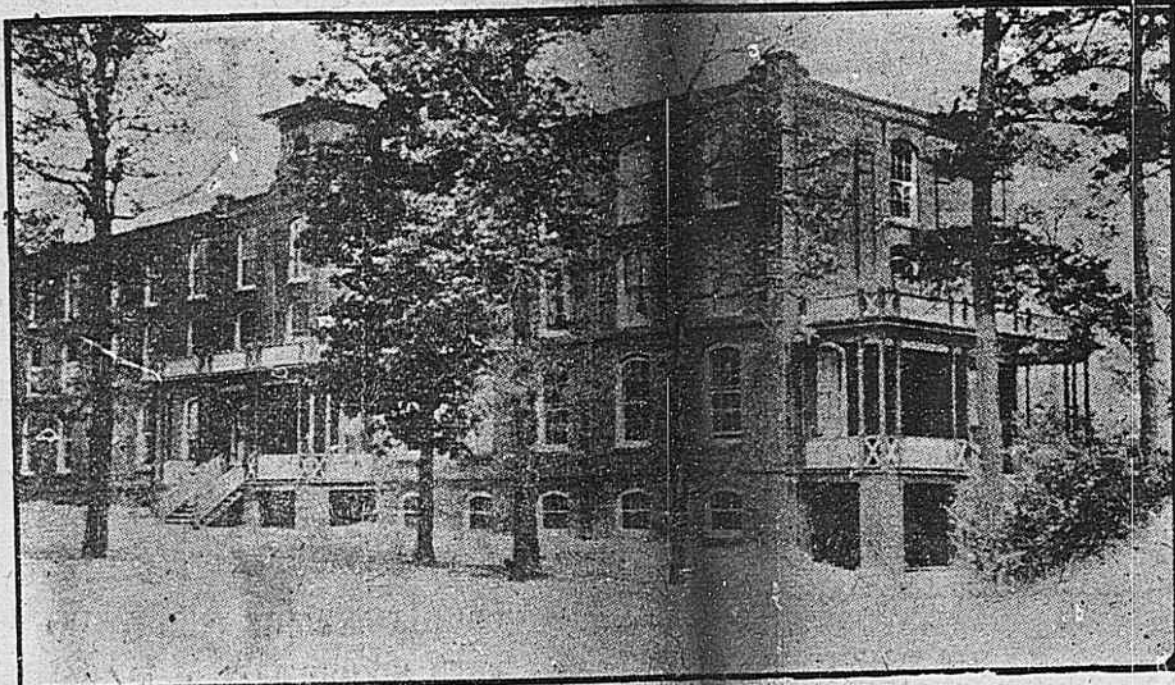
Dr. Wood, the popular headmaster of Harrow school, once told a capital story of a boy who missed a battalion drill, which is considered a somewhat serious offence at the famous school, says Tit-Bits. The doctor summoned the lad, an American, to his study and thus addressed him:

"Do you know, as the honorary colonel of the cadet corps, I can have you shot and as the headmaster I can have you birched? Now, which sentence do you prefer?"

The humor of the situation overcame the culprit's nervousness and with a smile he replied:

"I prefer to be shot, sir, because then you'll be hanged."

be the best paper in the county, and those who haven't it in their homes, and want a good newsy paper, should have it.



## S. C. C. I. COMMENCEMENT 1910

### Nineteenth Session Closes With Very Creditable Exercises. Nineteen Graduates.

Doubtless there was a time in South Carolina when the wisdom of co-educational institutions was questioned but the success that Col. F. N. K. Bailey has achieved in conducting the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute has dissipated all doubt, especially in the minds of those who know of the character and quality of the work done at this institution. Having established the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute at Williston on a small scale eighteen years ago, possibly as an experiment, Col. Bailey has by dint of persistent efforts and through the exercise of splendid business acumen, steadily enlarged the institution, and along with its almost phenomenal growth has come increased influence, power and prestige. To-day this splendid institution occupies a high place among the institutions of learning in South Carolina.

Eleven years ago Col. Bailey cast his lot among us and moved the S. C. C. I. to Edgefield, which was henceforth to be its abiding place. Not only has our entire citizenship noted with pardonable pride and



Col. F. N. K. Bailey.

satisfaction the steady growth of the institution but they have been forced as well to take cognizance of the wholesome influence that the school has had upon the life of the town, and entire county.

Unlike many other colleges, so closely associated are the students, officers and faculty that the S. C. C. I. is more like a large Christian family than a boarding school, and for this reason there has constantly emanated from the institution a moral influence that has made its impress upon the life of the community. The wholesome character of the inner life of the institution is also reflected by the splendid deportment of the young ladies and young gentlemen, both on and off the campus. In some towns and cities in which colleges are located the students make their presence felt by their questionable conduct. Such is not the case with the S. C. C. I. student body. On the contrary, words of commendation of Col. Bailey for having the students under such excellent control, as well as the praise for the students themselves, are frequently heard.

The institution has made its impress upon Edgefield not alone as a moral force, important as that may be, but through it the intellectual life of the community has been quickened and the musical tastes of our people broadened and elevated. The benefits derived from the S. C. C. I. are not confined to the town of Edgefield. While it has enabled numbers of young people in this immediate community to obtain an education who otherwise would have been unable to go away to other

colleges, scores upon scores of young people from all parts of the county have likewise been blessed.

The S. C. C. I. has just completed its eleventh year in Edgefield, which has been probably the most successful in its history. The commencement exercises this year have also been of a very high order. The first public exercise was the graduating recital of Miss Madge Turner which was referred to at length in our last issue. Having completed the prescribed course in the vocal department, which is very ably taught by Mrs. John R. Tompkins, Miss Turner received her diploma at the conclusion of the program Friday evening, the 13th.

### Art Levee.

Thursday afternoon an interesting number of visitors were present on the art levee. There were many beautiful drawings and paintings on the walls, and a handsome array of hand painted china done by Miss Eliza Mims. To this gifted instructor in the art department is due great credit for the development of the artistic taste in many young people of Edgefield and other places throughout our state. The following students in this department exhibited beautiful specimens of their work: Miss Mattie Carmichael, Natalie Padgett, Nell Jones, Lila Fuller, Harold Norris, June Rainsford, Ruth Mays, Emily Adams, Janie Minick and Mattie Mims.

### Annual Concert.

Each returning year has had better things in store for those who attend the annual concert of the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute. This year the selections were unusually fine, and the performance on the four pianos brilliant. The participants in the concert were students of Miss Louise Couch, and each one gave additional testimony to her distinguished ability as an instructor both on the piano and violin.

The only piano solo given was Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccio by Miss Frances Burgess. This was a difficult selection, and played without notes.

Irvin Padgett has already become a cornetist of distinction. His cornet solo, with accompaniment by Prof. P. P. Blalock received more applause than any other number. His extreme youth made his gifts more conspicuous, and the enthusiasm of the audience showed their appreciation.

The trio of violinists, Misses Lillie May and Thelma Bailey and Rosalie Parker, made pleasant variety in the program. The concert was a great success.

### The Military Contests.

From the time the students reach the campus early in October until they depart for their homes the latter part of May they are under the most rigid military discipline. Some institutions allow their boys to go and come at will, meet their classes or remain away, but no such laxness exists at the S. C. C. I. The strict regulations not only keep the boys from being corrupted by outside influences but the perfect system and order that prevail have much to do with the formation of the habits and character of a boy. The regular military duties, company drills, guard duty, etc., aside from their training value are of inestimable value as a factor in the physical development of a young man. Frequently boys enter the institution who are stooped and awkward but within a few months they are erect and graceful.

While Col. Bailey rules his stu-

dents with a firm hand, he gives them all of the diversion and pleasure consistent with sound, satisfactory work. In order to prevent the daily round of military duties from becoming monotonous, at intervals contests are held, which cause the cadets to renew their zeal and interest. The companies, as well as the individuals, vie with each other as to who shall bear off the honors. During commencement each year two contests are held, one between company A and company B and the other between the individual cadets, and for several months prior to the commencement the boys give special attention to drilling and work in the manual of arms, each one expecting to be awarded the medal when the contest is held.

Friday morning the annual contest between the two companies was held on the public square, Company A being commanded by Capt. Taylor, Company B by Capt. Hankinson. Both companies drilled in a most creditable manner. Commands involving the most intricate field movements were obeyed and executed with such promptness and precision as to call forth the admira-



Dr. L. R. Gwaltney.

tion and applause of the throng of spectators. The very excellent manner in which both companies drilled caused the honors to be almost evenly divided but victory was awarded to Company A by the judges.

The individual contest for the gold medal given annually by Mr. Orlando Sheppard was held on the public square Friday afternoon. The battalion was formed in front of the court house, and so heartily did the cadets enter into the spirit of the occasion that the contest was exceedingly interesting from the outset. Soon the ranks grew thinner and thinner, the judges ordering those who had made an error to drop out. As the number of contestants decreased the interest and excitement became more and more intense. The great throng of spectators drew nearer and nearer and with bated breath awaited the outcome. The ranks gradually diminished until all were ordered to the rear except the three best drilled cadets, and they executed the commands that came quick and fast with a precision that would have done credit to West Pointers. It seemed that none of them would make an error. Finally, two were ruled out by the judges, leaving Cadet Morris White, of Company B, standing alone—the victor.

The handsome medal was presented to Cadet White in the college auditorium Friday evening in a most graceful and fitting manner by Hon. B. E. Nicholson, just before the opening of the exercises by the elocution class. Mr. White is from the White Town section of

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## GRAIN CONTESTS.

### The Names of Contestants Published and Committees of Judges Appointed to Award Prizes.

In order to encourage and stimulate the farmers of the county to grow more wheat and oats, The Advertiser offered prizes in gold coin early last fall to be awarded those producing the largest yield upon one acre. While only a few farmers have actually enrolled their names as contestants, it is believed that the agitation of this very important matter through the columns of The Advertiser from time to time had much to do with the very large increase in the acreage of wheat and oats that was sown throughout the county. The following are the contestants for the wheat prizes:

E. Y. Bryan,  
J. H. Courtney,  
C. M. Williams,  
S. Cheatham,  
John R. Bryant,  
P. N. Lott,  
Ralph Winn.

The contestants for oats prizes are,

B. R. Smith,  
L. Y. Bryan,  
J. N. Fair,  
J. H. Courtney,  
J. R. Bryant,  
S. Cheatham,  
Ralph Winn,  
C. M. Williams,  
P. N. Lott,  
B. D. Kitchings.

It is possible that some names have been omitted. If so, we shall be glad to add them.

The following gentlemen are requested to act as judges, the first name on each committee to act as chairman:

Wheat: S. B. Mays, J. M. Mays, and A. A. Wells.  
Oats: E. L. Ryan, M. W. Herlong and J. M. Swearingen.  
Elmwood: M. B. Hamilton, S. N. Timmerman and A. C. Ozuz.  
Gloria: W. T. Reel, M. H. Deal, and H. Hill.

Elmwood: R. A. Wash, C. C. Buckhalter and Charles Strom.

Wofford: W. A. Reynolds, A. A. Gilchrist and G. S. Coleman.

Harmony: O. O. Wright, Walter S. Marsh and E. M. Padgett.

White Town: O. D. White, J. D. White, and W. R. Holliday.

Johnston: W. T. Walton, J. W. Swearingen and W. A. Jordan.

Blanks will be mailed to each of the chairman in due time to be filled out.

### Inspite of It.

"Honesty, my son," said the millionaire, "is the best policy."  
"Well, perhaps it is dad," rejoined the youthful philosopher; "but it strikes me you have done pretty well, nevertheless."—Answers.

### Not Worried.

"Doesn't it ever make you unhappy to see the way the papers refer to your husband as a grafter?"  
"It used to, but I don't let it bother me any more. He says he has things fixed so that he could stand any kind of an investigation."

## COLLIERS NEWS.

### Comet's Departure Brings Peace of Mind. Many Visitors Come and Go, Meriwether Barbecue.

Well, as we have passed Halley's comet safely, we will feel a little more at ease about this phenomenon and not be so superstitious hereafter.

We are indeed grieved to hear of Mrs. Bettie McKie's illness and wish her a speedy recovery and will soon return to friends at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Talbert of Antioch visited at Mr. Joe Miller's last week.

Dr. T. L. Timmerman was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mathis.

Miss Sallie Hammond spent the week's end with her cousin Miss Alma Hammond.

Mr. Harris and Miss Nona Mathis made a very pleasant visit to friends near North Augusta last week.

Mrs. G. A. Adams has been the guest of Mrs. D. T. Mathis.

Mrs. John Mays, of Edgefield was the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. T. Mathis last week.

Mrs. J. W. Adams' son, Mr. Ernest, and charming little daughters, are visiting relatives in Augusta.

Quite a number of the Colliers people attended the quarterly meeting and barbecue at Meriwether Hall last Saturday. All reported having a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Sallie Jones of Antioch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thurmond, of Modoc, were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Mathis on Saturday and Sunday.

We were glad to see Mr. Prescott Lyon at Sunday school and hope he will give us his presence often.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Adams visited at the home of Mr. G. A. Adams. We were glad to have them at Sunday school as Mr. Adams being an active member for so many years previous, his visits lend much inspiration to our school.

### One on the Doctor.

A man died and went to heaven. When he arrived at the pearly gates, says the American Druggist, he said to St. Peter:

"Well, I'm here."  
St. Peter asked his name: "John Evans," was the reply.

St. Peter looked through the book and shook his head.

"You don't belong here," he said.

"But I am sure I belong here," said the man.

"Wait a minute," said St. Peter. He looked again, and in the back part of the book he found the name.

"Sure," said the guardian of the gate, "you belong here, but you weren't expected for twenty years. Who's your doctor?"

Full supply of Glenn Springs and Harris Lithia water.  
Penn & Holstein.

## PROGRAMME

### Annual Concert School of Music, S. C. C. I. Auditorium, May 20th, 1910.

Chorus The Dance	Wiegand
Spring Song	Tolhurst
Rondo Brillante	Mohr
1 piano	2 pianos
Miss Clara Frier	Miss Annie Laurie Attaway
Caramen	Wilson
Rondo Capricciosa	Mendelssohn
Spanish Dance	Moskonoski
Miss Lillie May Bailey	
Be lisario (4 pianos)	Goria
Misses M. Turner, L. Mims, W. Strom, R. Forrest	
Cornet solo	Irvin Padgett
Irving's Potpourri	Neidlinger
Chorus Peggy	Rubenstein
Solo in Unison Trot De Cavallerie	
Misses A. L. Attaway, C. Frier, M. Shaffer, K. Glover	
Turkish March	Mozart
Misses Lillie May Bailey, Rosela Parker, Thelma Bailey	
Overture—Poet and Peasant (4 pianos)	Von Suppe
Misses A. L. Attaway, M. Shaffer, F. Burgess, N. Jones, E. Tompkins, E. Mays, S. Mims, K. Glover	
Didst Thou but know	Wright
Miss Weinona Strom	
Second Rhapsodie	Liszt
Misses M. Turner, H. Peak, L. Mims, B. Parker, R. Forrest, M. Blalock, W. Strom, A. Cantelou	
Chorus Summer Fancies	Metra

## Summer Clothing

We want our Edgefield friends to know that there is no better place in this part of the country than our store for supplying their summer wearables.

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When in Augusta drop in and let us show you our large stock. We can suit you in color, wear, style and prices. Try us

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