One Southern Class "A" College for Women.

The latest report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education drops from "Division A" one of the fourteen colleges for women heretofore so ranked.

The Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va., is the only college of this class south of the Potomac.

Notes and Briefs.

In a certain Michael Murphy, a former alderman of Richmond, Va., that city boasts it has probably the greatest checker player in the world. He is a modest man, of ample means, and he will not play for money. But Mr. Murphy has in social games beaten the best players in this country, England and Ireland. The late John R. Williams was one of the best players in Richmond, but he was no match for Mr. Murphy.

King Glardloni Byrrd and his wife, Queen Natalie, of the gypsy tribe camping near Morristown, New Jersey, were divorced recently according to the rites of tribe. The sacred marriage rod was brought out and placed on a cloth in the centre of a circle of gypsies. Then the property of the tribe was brought out. Half of it was placed on one side of the rod and half on the other. Then the Queen opened a book and gave the number of the page. The King did likewise, and as he came nearest the centre of the book he stepped over on the north side of the marriage rod. The Queen took her place among the goods on the south side of the rod. They stooped to the ground together, picked up the rod, each holding an end, and after a moment's hesitation broke it in twain. They were divorced.

Mayor Weaver, the draayman, seems a very humane man." Baseline—"Humane! Why, since his horses have taken to wearing bonnets he has actually fitted up all their stalls with bird's nests."

Thirty minutes is all the time required to dye with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. Sold by druggists.

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With the aid of a microphone you can hear a fly walk.

Best For the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASCARETS help nature, cure you without a straw or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. Genuine CASCARETS, Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C.C.C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

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Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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COL. NEAL PARDONED.

Governor McSweeney Gives His Reasons For the Pardon.

Col. Wm. A. Neal, the former superintendent of the State penitentiary who was convicted in June in the court of general sessions for Richland county, of failure to turn over within 30 days to his successor public funds in his hands and was sentenced to serve four months in the county jail and pay a fine of $1,000, has been pardoned. The pardon was not a surprise to the general public in view of the remarkably strong petitions and letters that the governor has been receiving for the past week. When Col. Neal was informed of the action of the governor he wept like a child. Soon afterwards, the man whose case had attracted the attention of the people of the State so much during the past few months, took the train for Anderson and went to his family circle, declaring that he has now to start out upon life anew and show the world that he could yet be a man, though he had gone through enough to kill an ordinary mortal. Thus ends a case that has excited universal comment, and one which has commanded the attention of the courts to a considerable degree.

Of course the pardon was not granted until the appeal pending in the State supreme court had been abandoned and the following notice of such action had been served upon the attorney general:

To C. Duncan Bellinger, Attorney General and J. W. Thurmond, Solicitor:

You will please take notice that Wm. A. Neal, defendant in the above stated case, has abandoned his motion to appeal to the supreme court, notice of which was served on you on the [illegible] day of June, 1901.

P. H. Nelson,
Julius E. Boggs,
Attorneys for Wm. A. Neal.

Gov. McSweeney gave the following statement in writing as to his reasons for granting the petitions in this case:

"In addition to the petitions which were signed by a citizens of the highest reputation and standing in Richland, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens, Rock Hill and other counties and cities where W. A. Neal was known, I received letters from prominent men from all parts of the State urging me to exercise executive clemency on the ground that the law had been vindicated, and the default on account of the high position he once occupied, and been sufficiently humiliated and punished by his conviction, and had made good to the State, prior to his conviction, all the money for which he was officially liable.

"A pardon was urged by the sureties on his official bond, not only by their signatures to the petition, but also by letters and personal interview. The petition stated that Neal had paid the full amount for which his official bond was liable, and one of the sureties, in a personal interview, asserted not that they had paid up all moneys demanded by the State from them, and that they had been reimbursed by Neal a short time after getting with the State and prior to his trial for breach of trust with fraudulent intent, upon which charge he was acquitted.

"The position made no opposition but that Neal's trial and conviction were regular and technically proper, but prayed his pardon upon the ground that the law had been sufficiently vindicated by his conviction and consequent humiliation.

"I saw no reason for withholding clemency, inasmuch as his conviction and sentence has shown that the way of the transgressor is hard, and the highest as well as the lowest citizen is amenable to the law.

"Imprisonment under such circumstances could add nothing to the humiliation of one who has occupied such positions as Neal, but could only bring sorrow and pain to his wife and children, and the exercise of that discretion, which I am authorized under the constitution to exercise, may be the means of inspiring him to an earnest endeavor to redeem his life, and reinstate himself in the good opinion of his fellow citizens."

In addition to this statement the governor handed to the newspaper men and correspondents the large batch of letters he had received from prominent men in different portions of the State urging the pardon of Col. Neal. Only a few of them can now be referred to.

Col. Jas. L. Orr, of Greenville, wrote the governor thus: "I would respectfully ask the pardon of W. A. Neal upon the ground that there was not one scintilla of testimony showing any criminal intent to defraud the State, and I do not believe that such intent ever existed. I think the ends of justice have been achieved, and the majesty of the law vindicated and that he should be pardoned."

Chairman J. C. Wilborn, of the State railroad commission, wrote as follows: "I desire to earnestly request you to consider the petition to pardon ex-superintendent W. A. Neal most favorably.

"The conviction of Col. Neal in this matter was entirely upon a technicality, in the matter of not having turned over within 30 days funds in his hands to his successor. He has paid to the State all that the legislative committee said he was due.

"Col. Neal did not turn over this money while the matter was still in the hands of the investigating committee but as soon as the case was settled he did so.

"I truly hope you can feel that it is just and will add another to the humiliation of one who has occupied such positions as Neal, but could only bring sorrow and pain to his wife and children