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THE CARLISLE FITTING SCHOOL OF WOFFORD COLLEGE, BAMBERG, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Carlisle Fitting School was erected in 1893 by the friends of Christian education in Bamberg and presented to Wofford College. It is, therefore, one of the oldest schools in the State, dedicated to the co-educational instruction of our youth. The school is the result largely of the efforts and foresight of that splendid champion of Christian education, Dr. John C. Kilgo, with co-operation of Bamberg's leading citizens among

whom might be mentioned the Brabhams, Bambergs, Hays, and Folks. For fifteen years it has striven to offer the benefits of moral and intellectual development, under the best conditions, to the youth of the State and to embody as its ideal the spirit of the man for whom it is named—the greatest living Carolinian—James H. Carlisle.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT. The school owns a plant valued

at \$30,000, consisting of main building, separate dormitories for the boys and girls, the head master's home, and four cottages. The main building is a large modern brick structure, affording a commodious auditorium, music room, recitation rooms, library, gymnasium, and two literary society halls. All the buildings are well furnished, well ventilated, and lighted by electricity. They are located on a campus con-

taining seven and a half acres, have frontage on three well shaded streets in the prettiest part of town.

LIBRARY.

The library, a gift of the late Gen. F. M. Bamberg, contains nearly a thousand volumes of well selected books. The reading table is supplied with a number of the best periodicals. Access is given the boys and girls on separate days. The students

are encouraged to form the habit of reading good books.

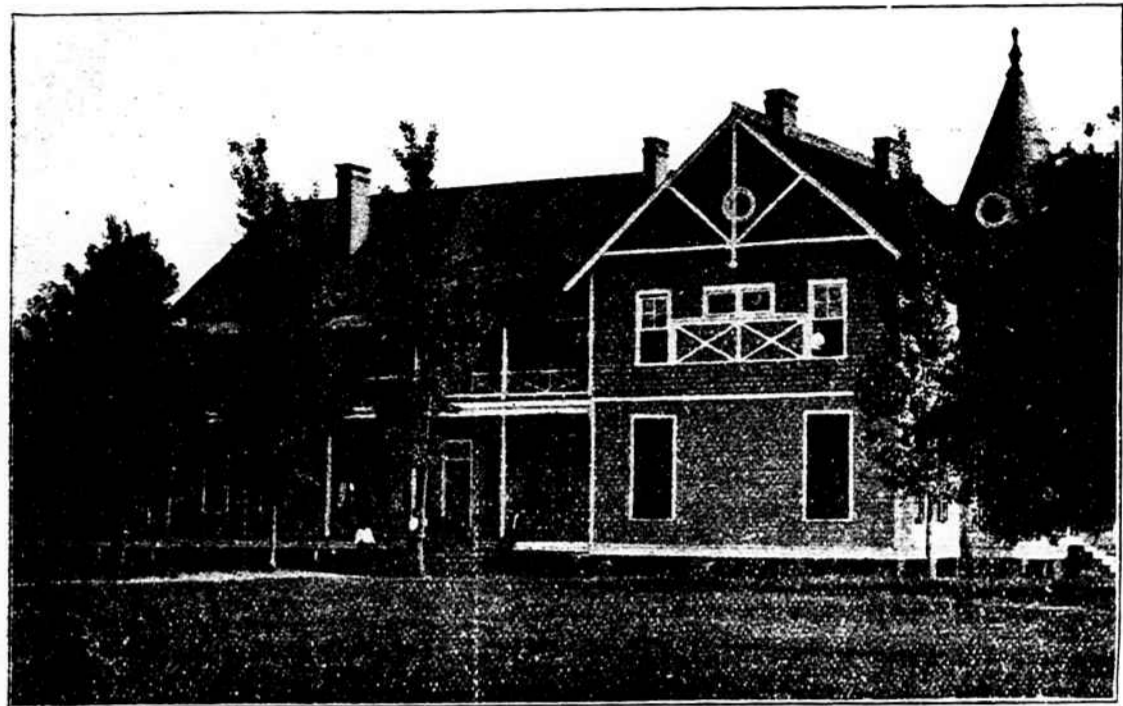
LITERARY SOCIETIES.

There are two literary societies, the Kilgo for the boys and the Sheridan for the girls. These societies afford excellent opportunity for practice in composition, elocution, and debate. The halls are carpeted and furnished with opera chairs and are attractive meeting places. A mem-

ber of the faculty presides at each meeting. All students are required to join one of these societies.

RELIGIOUS ADVANTAGES.

The Carlisle Fitting School is a Christian school—one in which the spiritual and moral influences are positive and assertive. Pupils are required to attend Sunday school and preaching service on Sunday morning, at such church as their parents



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of healthful, out-of-door exercise. Aid and encouragement is given to all forms of athletics, but some member of the faculty acts as manager, and accompanies the boys on their trips away from town. Last year the base ball team made an excellent record—losing only one game to other institutions. A shower bath has been put in which adds greatly to the comfort and convenience of the students—especially in connection with their athletic exercises.

DISCIPLINE.

Last year the military discipline was instituted for the young men and was so highly satisfactory that it is the purpose of the authorities to con-

tinue it. Many benefits are derived from this change. "Military discipline tends to muscular development and physical well-being by an enforced regularity in food, sleep and exercise. It creates habits of promptitude, order, discipline, and subordination. It promotes self-reliance and personal character by removing all social distinctions, and puts each student upon his own personal responsibility."

The discipline for the young ladies is home-like, and no privileges or liberties other than those given in any well regulated home are allowed.

HEALTH.

The health record for the past sev-

eral years has probably been unsurpassed. During the past two years there has not been a case of serious illness among faculty or students. This is no doubt due in a large measure to the pure, artesian mineral water which flows into all buildings and is used exclusively for all purposes.

STANDARD RAISED.

The Carlisle Fitting School, in order to keep abreast with the great educational advance and thereby enter into a broader field of usefulness, last year recasted and expanded the course of study. It now embraces English, History, Science, and Mathematics for four years, with

either Latin or modern language for three years. In mathematics the students are taken through Spherical Trigonometry and the effort is made to take the other subjects *pari passu*.

FACULTY.

The faculty consists of four experienced teachers and two thoroughly competent matrons. The head master, Prof. W. S. Hogan, has been successfully engaged in school work for the past seven years, having had charge of a large graded school before coming here three years ago. The present condition of the school speaks for his ability as manager and teacher.

Prof. J. C. Guilds, a graduate of historic Wofford, who has for the

past two years been in charge of the department of English and History, and has acted as first assistant, will be in charge of this department next year. Not only in the class room but in every phase of school community life Prof. Guilds is a teacher par excellence.

Capt. P. S. Connor, the efficient commandant of cadets and instructor in mathematics, is a B. S. graduate of the Citadel. The Fitting School is fortunate in retaining the services of Capt. Connor for another year.

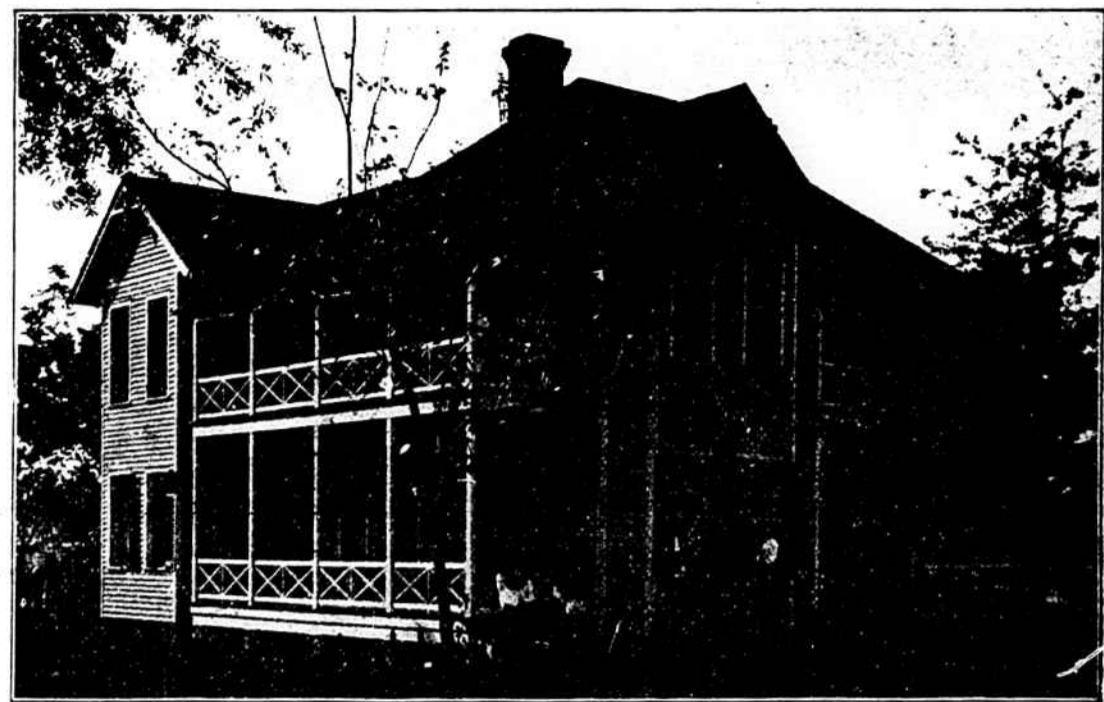
The department of music and elocution will be in charge of Miss Ida Blocker, of Tennessee. Miss Blocker has studied under the best masters and has had three years of success-

ful experience.

Mrs. Josephine Beach, the matron of the boys' hall, has been connected with the school for six years. During this time she has taken the place of a mother in the life of every boy who has attended the school and there is probably no woman in a similar position more loved and admired than she.

The girl's hall will be in charge of a competent matron yet to be selected.

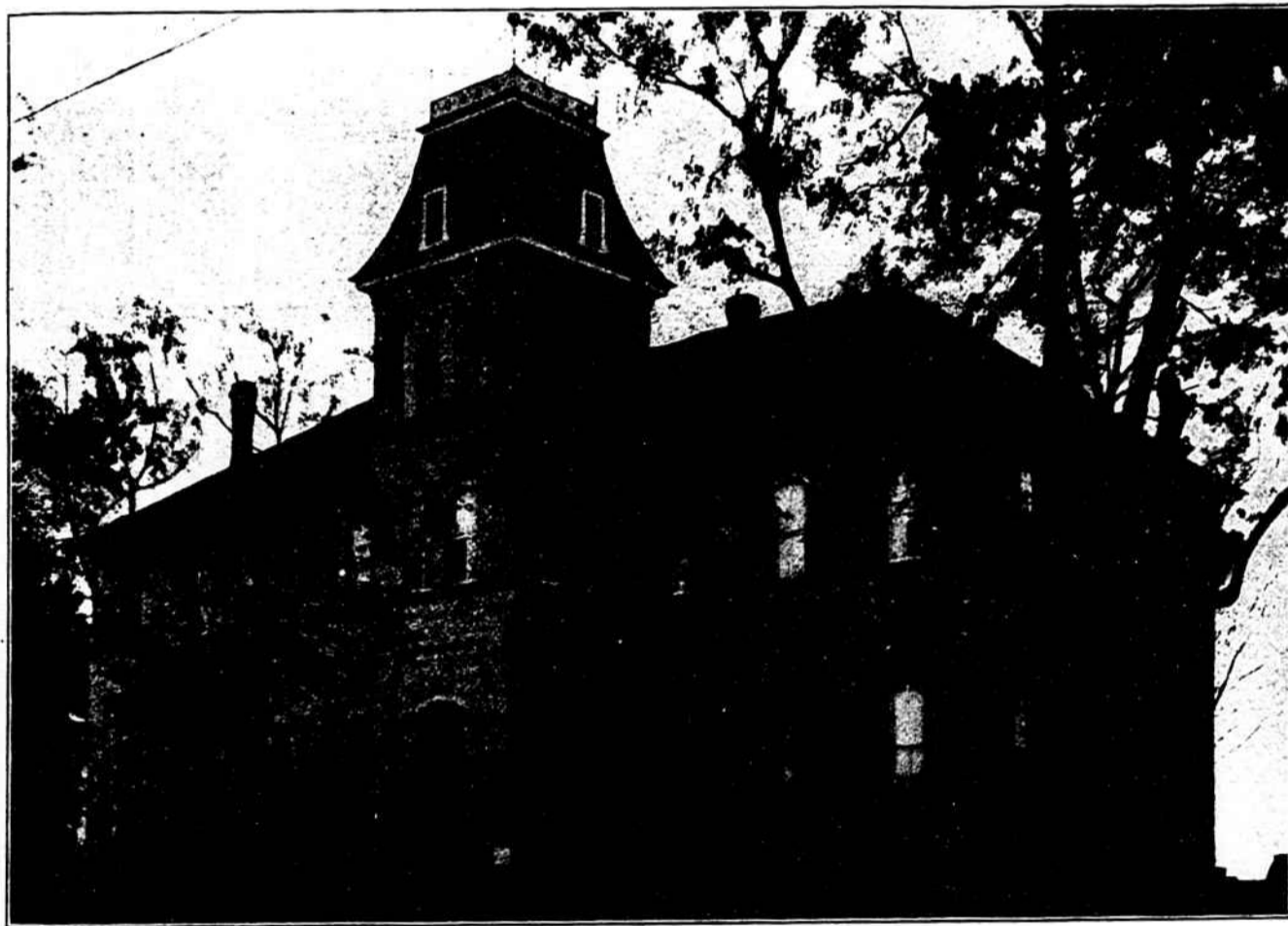
With the above mentioned advantages it will be seen that the school offers unusual opportunities to the boys and girls of our State who are seeking to prepare themselves for college or for life.



DORMITORY FOR GIRLS



W. S. HOGAN
Head Master



MAIN BUILDING



J. C. GUILDS
First Assistant

EDUCATION AS AN ASSET.

Parents Should Give Their Children a Christian Education.

Happiness is the chief object of our existence here, and what we most need to make us happy are religion, education and material prosperity. It is therefore self-evident that Christian education is one of the first and most important debts that parents owe to the children with whom God has entrusted them. Christian education not only unfolds the depths and beauty of the Christian religion and reveals the wondrous splendor of God's crea-

tions, but it also fits one to move among his fellow-men in a sphere preeminently above that of his less fortunate brothers who are hampered and handicapped by doubt and ignorance, and at the same time places him in a position to become a real benefactor to any community in which he may reside. As the gentle breeze bends the heads of swaying grain while it moves noiselessly about them, so the influence of a real Christian character, armed with tact and education, will as surely and as unconsciously sway the minds of those with whom it comes in contact and lift them to a plane of higher life.

What higher or nobler aspiration

can enter the heart of a parent than a desire to fit his son or his daughter to meet the responsibilities of life and become an honor and a blessing to that community in which he or she may reside?

By no means can this be more easily or more surely accomplished than by giving them a real Christian education, and the parent who has the means and yet fails to properly educate his child not only does his offspring an injury but also inflicts a wrong upon the people among whom that child must live.

But laying aside the question of the higher life and the good that would accrue to others, I ask as a purely business proposition, does it

pay to educate? For an answer I refer you to the history of the world. That nation which has paid most attention to education has always made the most rapid strides in civilization and all else that goes to make mankind happy: that community whose sons and daughters are educated, has ever been the most prosperous and progressive, and that man who possesses the best education has had his earning capacity increased thereby and has ever held an advantage over his less fortunate brother.

Education is an invaluable asset to any man or any community. The educated mind is enabled to see and to seize opportunities and therefore

to accomplish results that the uneducated could never accomplish. This, in part, is the reason that the services of educated men and women are ever in demand, and also accounts for the fact that their services command higher wages whether they be needed on the farm, behind the counter, in the office, in the workshop, in the school room, in the pulpit or any of the great professions of life.

A well balanced education increases the earning capacity of an individual from one to an hundred fold, according to the mental capacity of that individual. It is therefore a matter of easy calculation to determine whether or not it

pays to educate. The most profitable hours in life are probably spent in an honest, earnest effort to obtain an education, and the money invested in education yields larger and more profitable dividends perhaps than any other money invested in the world. A few hundred, or even a few thousand, dollars placed in the hands of an ignorant, giddy youth can, and very probably will, soon pass into the hands of another, but a Christian education is an asset that will remain with the possessor throughout life. It is more valuable than a bank account and cannot be dissipated in fast and riotous living, but will remain to bless its possessor and those about



THE LIBRARY



THE ARTESIAN WELL

him. No man, no woman is properly equipped for life without an education. Can we afford then to neglect our children in this important matter? I answer no, a thousand times no, and in my opinion there is no better place in lower South Carolina to lay a foundation of true Christian education than right here in Bamberg—at the Carlisle Fitting School.

The true worth and the great possibilities of this school do not seem to be properly appreciated by our people, but I am glad to note that there has been a gradual awakening, and I trust that the time is not far distant when its true merits shall be known and appreciated from the mountains to the sea.

H. C. FOLK.

From a Smart Family.

Henrietta and Louise, little maidens of ten years, had for some time been rivals for the honors in Room IV. Louise's mother and father had both been teachers—a great advantage in Henrietta's eyes. One day, upon being censured by her father for bringing home a report below Louise's, she replied "Yes, papa, but you must remember, Louise comes from a smart family."—The August Delineator.