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STATE HIGH SCHOOL INSPECTOR W. H. HAND'S ANNUAL REPORT

COLUMBIA, Jan. 9.—Good work is reported by W. H. Hand, State high school inspector, in his annual report. In the following summary of his work Mr. Hand shows that there are 560 teachers in the 175 high schools of the State and his observations and recommendations will be of interest. In the summary issued here this afternoon Mr. Hand says:

The work of the year has not been marked by any sudden leap or spasmodic effort, but it has made substantial progress in several directions. After careful consideration I have thought it best to continue this year the plan of giving by years the growth and development of the high schools since 1906, the beginning of the work of this office. Naturally the first items of iterest are the number of high schools and the teaching force.

Table 1.—Number of High Schools and High School Teachers—Public and Private.

	High Schools	Full time teachers	Part time teachers	Total teachers
1906-1907	95	160	75	235
1907-1908	128	189	90	279
1908-1909	154	272	76	348
1909-1910	166	355	84	439
1910-1911	167	376	90	466
1911-1912	178	405	96	501
1912-1913	180	412	117	529
1913-1914	175	461	99	560

The total number of high schools has been decreased from 180 last year to 175 this year, but this decrease indicates a readjustment rather than a retrogression. The Shandon and Waverley high schools were absorbed by the Columbia high school when the city limits of Columbia were extended to include these two suburbs—a case of "benevolent assimilation." Hendersonville, Edgmoor and Princeton have changed from rural high schools to rural graded schools, and two of the smaller private high schools have been closed.

The 175 schools here reported include 159 public high schools, the secondary departments of Clemson College and Winthrop College, the Furman Fitting School, the Wofford Fitting School, the Carlisle Fitting School, and 11 private schools of secondary grade. Two of these private schools are included in no other list or table in this report, since this office has no report or information of any kind from either.

Under the high school act the minimum requirements for a rural high school are 15 high school pupils, the full teaching time of one high school teacher, and a session of eight months. No school falling below these requirements is called a high school.

Table 2.—Classification of High School Teachers—Public and Private.

Year	Men	Women	College education	Partial college education	High school education
1909-1910	251	188	355	50	34
1910-1911	254	221	380	49	37
1911-1912	244	257	439	33	29
1912-1913	246	283	480	32	17
1913-1914	246	314	508	30	22

From the foregoing table it is evident that the women are not only filling the added positions but are slowly crowding the men out of the older ones. The chief reason for this is too obvious to require any demonstration. Women stand ready to take high school positions at salaries lower than competent men will accept or can accept. The result seems to be a twofold misfortune. The high school boy at the very time he most needs the companionship of a strong man is put into the hands of a woman, and the woman is set to do a man's task at about half a man's pay. This whole question I discussed at some length in my report last year.

Table 3—High School Enrollment By Years—Public and Private.

Year	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Total
1906-1907	....	....	....	....	....
1907-1908	2,556	1,629	696	212	5,193
[illegible]	3,114	2,086	1,185	194	6,631
1909-1910	3,526	2,613	1,556	250	8,030
1910-1911	3,648	2,554	1,788	440	8,540
1911-1912	3,772	2,776	1,855	446	8,902
1912-1913	3,819	2,[illegible]	2,097	479	9,339
1913-1914	4,151	2,996	2,125	529	*9,841

*The total attendance includes 40 pupils in the 5th year in the Memminger school.

Within eight years the high school enrollment has been a little more than doubled. During the same period the number of full-time teachers has been considerably more than trebled, and the number of part-time teachers has been increased nearly 30 per cent. The fact that the increase in the teaching force is more rapid than the increase in the attendance of pupils is a healthful sign.

Table 4.—High School Pupils by Sexes—Public and Private.

Year	Boys	Girls
1909-1910	3,778	4,252
1910-1911	3,981	4,559
1911-1912	4,132	4,770
1912-1913	4,362	4,977
1913-1914	4,384	5,457

The steady increase in the high school enrollment during the past eight years is gratifying to contemplate. It speaks well for the growing interest the people are taking in secondary education and the increasing efficiency of the schools. In that period the high school attendance has increased 101 per cent. Still, a study of the tables of this report ought to impress the thoughtful citizen with at least three unsatisfactory conditions—that the schools are not holding the pupils as they should, that there are almost no males in the fourth year of the high schools, and that the boys are year by year falling behind the girls in attendance.

In 1910-1911 there were 2,[illegible] pupils in the first year classes. As second-year pupils in 1911-1912 the number dropped to 2,776. As third-year pupils in 1912-1913 there were 2,097. In 1913-1914, a mere handful of 529 remained in the fourth-year classes. Of the total high school enrollment last year only five per cent. were in the fourth year.

Eight years ago the high school girls outnumbered the boys by fewer than 500. Last year the boys fell behind the girls nearly 1,100.

Of course, no single year furnishes a safe standard by which to judge any school in such a matter as the distribution of pupils among the high school grades. At the same time I beg to call the attention of the citizens of a few of the larger communities to the situation in their respective high schools. The following schools show an attendance in the third year of less than one-third of the attendance in the first year: Gaffney, Newberry, Columbia, Spartanburg, and Lancaster. In Abbeville, Anderson, Charleston, Chester, Clinton, Greenwood, Greenville, Laurens, Rock Hill, and Walhalla the third-year high school [illegible] is less than one-[illegible] Some [illegible] remained for the third year, Bennettsville 33 and 24, Bishopville 34 and 20, Conway 18 and 12, Darlington 21 and 20, Dillon 15 and 17, Due West 23 and 19, Florence 58 and 33, Johnston 30 and 18, Marion 37 and 35, Memminger 81 and 60, Ninety Six 20 and 14, Orangeburg 65 and 38, Sumter 69 and 55, Summerville 43 and 14, Timmonsville 14 and 13, Winnsboro 27 and 18, Yorkville 34 and 19.

Since a single year does not furnish altogether a fair test of a school's ability to hold its pupils, I am submitting a table of public high schools with two or more teachers following for three consecutive years the classes entering in 1911-1912. Boys and girls are listed separately.

In Allendale, Johnsonville, and Westminster every boy of the first-year class had dropped out before the third year. Cross Anchor lost its boys before they reached the second year. Brunson, Elloree, McColl, North, Rome, Seneca and Simpsonville each carried one boy into the third year. The fatality in Seneca and Simpsonville is appalling. Mullins has a four-year course. In 1910, that school had one boy in the graduating class. Not until June, 1914, did it have another.

In different communities these wide differences in holding the pupils in the high school are traceable to various causes, but wherever the falling off is marked the community should investigate the conditions and locate the trouble. It may be due to an inadequate teaching force, or to some teacher or teachers lacking in ability to inspire pupils, or to a course of study honey-combed with dry rot, or to the apathy of parents, or to the raids of the college drummers. Whatever it is ought to be discovered and made known to the community.

CLEMSON COLLEGE

CLEMSON COLLEGE, Jan 9.—The second term of the 1914-1915 session of Clemson College opened Tuesday morning, January 5, with nearly all the old students in their places and with a few new ones. There are only ten vacant places in barracks. Last year at this time there were 730 students attending classes; while this year there are 748. There ase 62 more men in college clases now than were in the same classes last year. This increase in the college classes is due in part to the fact that the preparatory class has been abolished. The work of the new year has started well. President Riggs made an appropriate address at the reopening on Tuesday morning.

The total amount received from the fertilizer tax for the first six months of the fiscal year, beginning with July 1, is $6995.26. The amount received during a similar period last year was probably twice as much.

President W. M. Riggs has received a letter from John D. Rockefeller congratulating the college on raising its part of the $75,000 fund for the erection of the Y. M. C. A. building, and informing him that the $50,000 given by Mr. Rockefeller was ready for the project when needed. Bids for the construction of the building will be called for about February 1, and work will begin about March.

There will be a meeting of the farm demonstration agents of the State held at Clemson in the later part of January. Dr. W. W. Long, who is at the head of this work in South Carolina, is expecting a full attendance and a good meeting.

The federal government has promised to furnish Clemson with an expert on marketing.

The winter short term for farmers has not been offered this year, because so few farmers are able to leave their work for so long a time at the beginning of the year. The course will be given in the summer, likely during August, if conditions will permit.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association held last summer, a committee was appointed to petition the board of trustees to name the new athletic grounds "Riggs Field" in honor of President W. M. Riggs, the founder of athletics at Clemson. At its last meeting the board of trustees unanimously complied with this request. President Riggs has always taken great interest in athletics, and he is now the president of the S. I. A. A.

MOUNTAIN CREEK

We had two weeks for the Christmas holidays and we enjoyed them very much. I think most of the pupils of the school spent the holidays at home because it was such bad weather. The school had a Christmas tree on Tuesday before Christmas. The tree was decorated by articles made by the pupils. These were such articles as calendars made by all students from the first grade to the fifth grade. The larger boys made little rocking chairs, cradles, birds, hatchets, wrenches and boats.

We started back to school on Monday, January 4th. We have several new pupils who formerly attended other schools. We have now enrolled forty pupils, and all grades from the first through the eighth.

The school is doing nicely. The averages were very good for the last month. Here are a list of some of them: Mary McCown, 93; Juby Morrison, 90; Hubert McCown 90, Gerald Sullivan 90, W. T. Morrison 88, Furman Chamblee, 89, and Clarence Morrison 92.

We have been improving every month in every thing.

CLARENCE MORRISON.
Eighth Grade.

RIDGEWAY SCHOOL

We opened school again Monday, after the Christmas vacation. One new pupil has been enrolled since Christmas.

We had a Christmas tree at the school house on Wednesday before Christmas. It was beautifully decorated with popcorn, tinsel and lighted with candles. The room presented a beautiful appearance, being decorated in holly. The presents were simple, but pretty, and each child received some token of remembrance. But the most enjoyable part was the arrival of Santa Claus with a bag of fruits and candy. He placed the bag under the tree and began to cut the presents from the tree. After those were distributed he opened his bag of fruits and presents and presented each child with fruits and candy. I guess this was the first time that most of the children had ever seen Santa. There was a nice crowd present and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

Christmas was very dull in these parts. The weather was so bad and the roads so muddy that the people could not travel.

Several of our pupils are on the sick list since Christmas.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Dr. and Mrs. S. U. Dean's little son Cary.

AUTUN MILL SCHOOL

We reopened school Monday, January 4, after having a pleasant Christmas vacation.

Our enrollment for this term is 36 and the average attendance for last month was 25.

We have recently organized a tatting class which is progressing nicely. There are nine girls enjoying this work.

Mr. Will Brooks and family have moved near Lebanon school. We are sorry to [illegible] as a patron of our school.

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LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL

We started back to school on Jan. 4th. We all hope to make 1915 the best school year we have ever had. We have several new pupils since Christmas. We are all glad to have Arthur Brooks in the high school.

All the teachers and pupils had a good time Christmas. We had some bad weather for the entertainment but there were a good many there, and we had a good time.

All the college boys and girls have gone back. There were several parties around Lebanon during Christmas.

Our honor roll for December was as follows:

Nell Weldon, 95, fourth grade; Fannine Williams, 95, Mary Hunnicutt 95.

Seventh Grade—Paul Robbins 98.

Ninth Grade—Bessie Harris 95.

Tenth Grade— Max Welborn 97, Ray Craig 97, Pearl Webb 96, and Lois Richardson 96.

Ray McAlister, Ralph McAlister and some others went fox hunting last Friday.

We had a fine literary society last Friday afternoon. The program was: Debate: Resolved, That Athletics is More Important than Society. Affirmative, Carroll Hunnicutt and William Wilson; negative, Mary Smith and Edith Hutchinson. Current Events—Thomas Massey; extemporaneous speech— Max Welborn; Reading—Henry Horton; Reading— Ruth Owen; Declamation—Florence Moore; Life of Longfellow— Ruth Martin.

We were glad to have at our society meeting Mrs. Underwood, Miss Wyatt, and Mr. James Welborn. We hope to have better society meetings for the rest of the year.

We have our basket ball team about picked out.

One of the school boys did not come back after Christmas.

PENDLETON SCHOOL

Our school closed on Friday, Dec. 18th, for our Christmas holidays, which lasted two weeks.

Yesterday being January 4th, we returned to school, after a happy, but rainy holiday. The first thing that attracted our attention was a new stove which was given to the fourth and fifth grade room.

We were all glad to see it as it has been needed for quite a while.

Nearly all of our Christmas decorations are still up, especially our "old Santas," which are on the blackboards yet.

We are glad to know that the children of the late Methodist minister have their names enrolled on our list.

The depot agent, Mr. Mounce, is also sending his son and daughter to our school.

On account of sickness many pupils have been absent. Among those that may be mentioned are Edith and Glenn Stewart who are absent on account of their father's illness, but we hope they will return as soon as their father recovers.

Our music teacher, Mrs. R. E. Watkins, was unable to teach Friday on account of sickness.

The high school boys are now practicing athletics for Field Day, which is to be in Anderson.

We hear our teachers are looking forward to the first teacher's meeting of 1915. The meeting will be held in Anderson on Saturday.

We know all teachers will enjoy the teacher's meeting as Prof. E. L. Hughes of Greenville city schools will lecture on "Geography of Europe."

Miss Nettie Terry, who is a graduate of Pendleton high school and is now attending Chicora College of Greenville, visited our school on Monday.

—Sixth and Seventh Grades.

HIGH POINT SCHOOL

An embroidery club has been organized at High Point with the following members: Fannie Fields, president; Ruth Clement, vice president; Maude Holland, secretary and treasurer; Rose Kay, Rochelle and Hattie Fields, Ella, Stella and Ella Clelland, Ada, Eloise and Annie Laton, Ella Myers, Lillie Smith, Annie Cason, Savannah Clelland and Emma Clement. The club will meet Monday and Thursday afternoons. Various kinds of work is to be done such as crocheting and stenciling. A working club will be organized for the boys later.

The beautiful State flag which has been ordered for some time came Thursday. We will have the U. S. flag which we have had for some time, placed on the [illegible]

Everyone seems to have come back with renewed energies after the holidays. In spite of the rain the average has not decreased.

We regret very much to lose Ada and Mae Pruitt, pupils of the [illegible] grade, who have moved to town and will attend the city school.

The regular monthly meeting of the school improvement association will be held next afternoon at the school house and all the ladies are urged to be present. [illegible]

HONEA PATH SCHOOL

The first week of school work this year has passed off successfully and each pupil has begun to work harder than ever before. To encourage regular attendance and promptness those pupils having no tardies or absences in these first two months have been offered a holiday from school at the end of the second month. Judging from the past week part of which the weather has been very unfavorable for attendance, a large majority of the pupils are working hard for their reward. Several new scholars were enrolled at the beginning of the year.

The Clionian Literary Society of the graded school will hold its first public meeting of this school session in about three or four weeks from the present date. A full program has been arranged for the evening and those on duty will try their best to please a large audience which is expected.

Supt. J. B. Felton visited the school here last Thursday.

The girls of the Honea Path basketball team completely overthrew the Belton team in a game of basketball played last Friday afternoon on the local court. This was only a return for what our girls received at Belton some time ago.

Another lyceum attraction will be given in the school auditorium Tuesday evening, January 12. The evening's entertainment will be a lecture.

TOWNVILLE SCHOOL

TOWNVILLE, Jan. 9.—The following notice is of interest to every patron of the Townville school:

"There will be a regular meeting of the School Improvement Association on January 22 at 2:30 o'clock promptly. Many important matters will be discussed; namely, the advisability of various improvements in school equipment; the question of new and regular members, and other important matters. A large attendance of pupils and patrons is desired for the principal will be present to discuss many matters of school interest with the patrons."

Let everybody note the date and the hour.

The Students' Manual Training Club, on account of inclement weather has been unable to do much work recently on the school grounds. The members, however, have already laid off the grounds for various athletic games.

Among new students enrolled are: Robert and Misses Lucile and Addie Lupo, the children of the new Methodist minister, Rev. Ex H. Lupo.

Mrs. J. B. Lingo will teach for Miss Nell Kellett while the latter is at Benoca attending the Hunter-Jones wedding.

Miss Emma Stevenson visited Miss Alice Price during the week-end.

Misses Lila and Inas King, Allene Ledbetter, Virginia Giles, Inez Boleman, Mark Earle, Carrie Stewart and Messrs. Johnny Hatcher, Rae McCarley and Adger Whitfield have recently been on the sick list.

C. H. WITT, Cor.

CHEDDAR SCHOOL

EDITOR THE INTELLIGENCER:

I am a little boy 11 years old. I am going to school at Cheddar. Am in the fourth grade. Miss Lois Copeland is my teacher. She is so nice to us that we all love her dearly. She is the best teacher I ever had and I hope that she will continue to teach our school for many years to come.

We had an entertainment Friday night, 22 and it was a grand success. We had our entertainments we have at Cheddar.

Our school started up December 30 and you bet we were all glad to return to our studies. Miss Lois taught us some nice Christmas song. We all entered singing very much. I wrote a letter to old Santa and thank the editor very much for printing it.

We have a very large attendance and our school is progressing nicely because we have such good kind teachers.

I am so glad that we have an educational page in The Intelligencer. Miss Lois reads it to us and it interests us very much.

Mrs. Gertrude Chakeeles is our principal, and we are all proud of her. She seems to manage our school much better than a man teacher for our school is controlled by kindness instead of the switch, which I think is a much better plan than the old way of whipping. We little boys try not to give our teacher any trouble because we don't like to worry her disease and we don't like to be scolded and she never scolds us very much. I hope I will see this letter in print for I want the readers to know what a flourishing school we have at Cheddar. I believe we are getting better and smoother for every day. [illegible]

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Are Our Standards of Living Duly Influenced by Our Neighbor

No man lives to himself alone for our influence may fall where we can never be. It is the duty of every parent to instill in the minds of growing children the thoughts of love, kindness and generosity toward others. We can encourage people to think as we wish them to but we can accomplish nothing by dictation or coercion.

It remains with us to teach the children to respect their homes and parents and that kind words gently spoken are more valuable than gold or jewels. How can we expect one to live above the standard we have set for him by the thoughts we implant in his brain. It remains with us to encourage the good in others and thus help ourselves.

If we place a man on his honor he will be true to it. If we give him the thought that we believe him bad he will as a rule not disappoint us. We make men and women purer and nobler by appealing to the Divine spark of truth within their souls. No one is ever made good through fear of punishment or from being constantly told how bad he is nor by force of any kind.

Those who would win friends must send out thoughts of good fellowship and extend to these people honest generosity and kindness.

Those having children that are difficult to control must first realize that they and not the children are responsible for the nature and character it inherits for it did not create itself. If a child has a disagreeable temper or bad habits the blame belongs to the parents. It is a living picture of their combined thoughts. It is always hard to undo that which has been done. Therefore, one must exercise, if he would gain the best results in dealing with a child, parents must consider that they are dealing with themselves, and be firm but liberal minded. They must first control themselves before they attempt to control the child they should never permit themselves to give way to anger or temper when trying to direct or control the child. If they do their efforts will be fruitless.

Parents will gain the most perfect control if they go to his bedside and it has retired for the night and pray and love it and talk to it of beautiful things and that it will desire to be a better child and will dislike to display its temper, etc. They should not refer to the things it did contrary to their wishes for that will call back those contrary thoughts and antagonize it.

If the life of the child is filled with good, true, noble thoughts there will be left no room for the evil the character displayed by the child is due to hereditary traits. One evil life impregnates future generations as yeast impregnates batter.

A woman of criminal tendencies who died in 1823 had given birth to several children all of whom inherited her criminal traits. By following records of the offspring from generation to generation it has been found that up to May 1902 no less than seven hundred of them had been convicted of criminal offenses at least once, and that thirty-seven had been executed for committing murder. The offspring of this one woman had up to that date cost the nation about three million dollars for trials and executions. All this crime resulted from one woman's thoughts. Her thoughts being evil she attracted to the bodies of her children souls that were in harmony with her thoughts. They were born with evil traits. The only chance they had for improvement after being removed from the mother's influence was through the thoughts of their associates.

MRS. LON BOLEMAN.
Townville, S. C., Dec. 31, 1914.

ERSKINE COLLEGE

There will be no January number of The Erskinian issued. On account of the Christmas holidays the material could not be well gotten together.

[illegible] who was forced to drop out of school some weeks ago on account of sickness, has returned to college.

Coach La Motte arrived the 11th and has the basketball squad back at work.

W. D. Fodman, formerly of the junior class, has entered the University of South Carolina.

At a meeting of the student body on Friday Mr. Boyce Pluxco was elected to succeed W. P. Whitsides as manager of the basketball team. Mr. Whitsides has entered Newberry College.

On Monday evening the senior class was delightfully entertained at a social reception by the ladies of the Due West Woman's College.

Mr. Otis Davis, who has been attending Clemson, has entered Erskine.

Dr. E. S. Poteat, president of Furman University, addressed the Erskine Y. M. C. A. on last Sabbath evening. His message was appropriate to the beginning of a new year and set forth the marks of efficiency in the college student. Dr. Poteat is a favorite among the Erskine students, and his coming is always looked forward to.

On Friday afternoon the Euphemian Literary Society elected E. B. Young president and D. R. Kennedy vice president for the coming term.

MELTON SCHOOL

We are glad to note that our school has begun the new year with renewed enthusiasm and much added interest. [illegible] and encouraging to be present in the rooms and to see the spirit that prevails, the feeling gives one the knowledge that conditions are thus favorable. It makes us realize that we are living. It makes us forget the dark storms and gloom of winter and behold the splendor of the life-giving sunshine. It makes us want to do good for our fellow neighbors.

Rev. J. D. Crain of Greenville conducted both services at Six and Twenty the first Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Crain's sermons were characteristic of his style and caused much favorable comment. We hope he will visit us again soon.

The public improvement association of Melton School is preparing to give an oyster supper Friday evening, January 15, for the benefit of the school. Everybody is invited to be present as something new in the way of entertainment is expected to be delivered.

[illegible] the editorial staff of The Intelligencer a prosperous New Year.

BETHANY SCHOOL

The school at this place opened up after Christmas with a large attendance.

Mr. Harrison Bannister, a student at Furman University, spent the holidays with home folks.

Miss Nellie Williamson of Belton visited Miss Mamie Fields recently.

Mr. Christy Wright who has been sick with la grippe is improving.

Mrs. Watson and son, Fred, from near Anderson spent the holidays with Mrs. D. R. Simmons.

Misses Annie and Lessie Bannister were the guests of the Misses Simmons last Thursday.

Mr. Grady Blake and Miss Lottie McCoy of Anderson spent last Sunday with the Misses Williamson.

Misses Louie Vaughan and Edith Bannister were the guests of Miss Florence King last Saturday.

Misses Gladys and Grace Todd are visiting their sister, Mrs. Fred Bannister.

A PUPIL.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL NEEDS NEW BUILDING

Trustees, After Meeting at Florence, Decide to Ask Legislature for Appropriation.

FLORENCE, Jan. 10.—At a meeting of the trustees of the South Carolina Industrial school held at their building here Thursday night it was decided to ask the legislature for an appropriation of $[illegible] for the erection of another building to be used as a housing room. The trustees will [illegible] the matter of this building at the earliest possible time.

The report of Superintendent [illegible] showed that the affairs are [illegible] and are in an excellent condition. The usual appropriation of $[illegible] will be asked for for the running expenses of the school for another year. Superintendent [illegible] report pointed out the necessity for more land. At present the institution only has [illegible] acres of land, which are well [illegible] for cultivation. The [illegible] have [illegible] the development of the above stock farm [illegible] school farm [illegible] school farm [illegible] [illegible]