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Dunbar High Commencement Exercises

Class Night, Monday, June 13, 8 P. M., Dunbar Auditorium. Admission free.

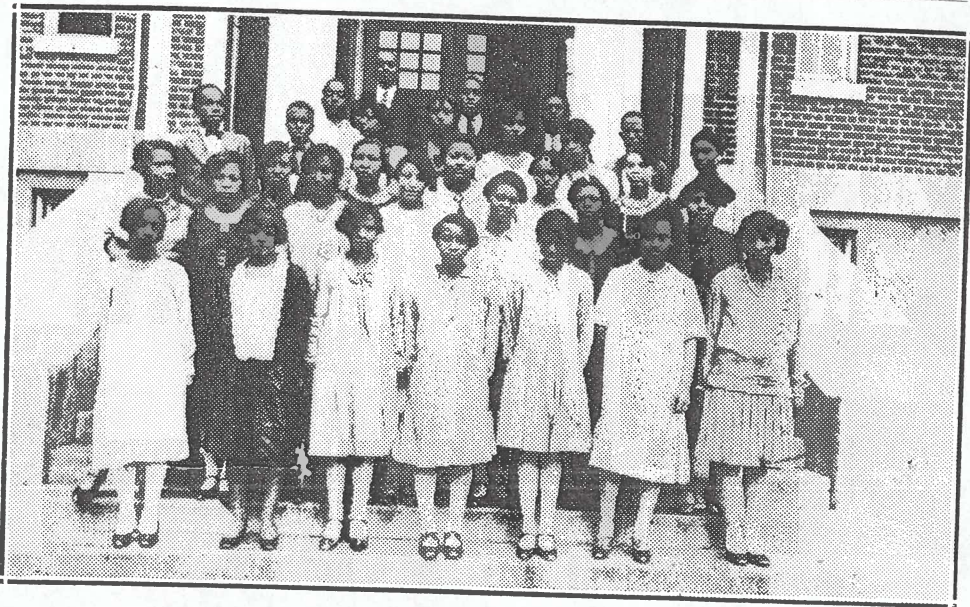
Annual sermon to graduates, Sunday June 12th, at 4 p. m. in the Dunbar Auditorium. Rev. Charles S. Harper is invited to preach the annual sermon. The Jackson Street Church choir is invited to sing.

LIST OF GRADUATES

BRADLEY, CHARLES
BROWN, CHARLES HORSLEY
COLEMAN, ROBERT ADAM
GRIMES, EARL DEWITT
GRIMES, GEORGE CORNELIUS
JONES, MARVIN HENRY
MEADE, SAMUEL CLAY
PATRICK, HUBERT WILBUR CRUMPTON
THAXTON, HUBERT
AUSTIN, BEULAH ELIZABETH
BARATEE, RUTH MAY
BURTON, LOLA AUGUSTA EVELYN
CALLOWAY, CHRISTINE CORRIE
DABNEY, ROSEBUD ELIZABETH
DYKE, MARGARET ETTA
EVANS, RUBY CORNELIA
GAYLES, MARGARET BARBARA
HIGGINBOTHAM, GREGORY BELL
HUNT, ANNIE BELLE
JENERSON, REBECCA ELIZABETH
JENNINGS, GRACE THOMAS
JOHNSON, MINNIE EVELYN
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LUSHINGTON, BERNETTA THEODORA
MOORE, PAULINE JUANITA
MOORMAN, MARY MCALISTER
NOEL, LULA HENRY
REID, THELMA ELAINE
SCOTT, WILLIE ETTA
SMITH, ODELLA CLEOPATRA
TUCKER, LETHA BELLE
VANISON, STELLA MAE
WELLS, RUBY ELIZABETH
WILLIS, MARY MEL
WOODARD, VIRGINIA LAYERNE
JONES, DOROTHY SPENCER

Teacher Personals

Mrs. Amy P. Jordan, Miss C. Peters, Mr. J. A. Jordan and the covered wagon went to Woodford, Va., Thursday and spent Friday, Saturday and a part of Sunday on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pendleton.



DUNBAR HIGH COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

CITY AUDITORIUM, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 8:15 P. M.

1. Processional: Kipling's, *Lest We Forget* DeKoven
HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
2. Invocation Dr. S. A. Jordan
3. Introductory Remarks by Class President Hubert W. C. Patrick
4. Salutatory: *Preparation Essential to Highest Service* Bernetta Theodora Lushington
5. *When Life is Brightest* Pinsuti
HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
6. Dunbar 1926-1927 Annie Belle Hunt
7. *'Tis Spring* Dunbar
GLEE CLUB
8. Address to Graduates Dr. Malcolm D. McLean
9. *Anchored* Watson
HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
10. Delivery of Diplomas Mr. R. C. Blackford
11. *O Starry Night* Offenbach
Ruth Mae Baratee, Ruby Cornelia Evans
12. Valedictory: *Dawn, Not Evening* Mary Mell Willis
13. *Forget-Me-Not* Giese
HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
14. Benediction Dr. Charles L. Somers

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Dunbarian Students Appreciate Library and Their Librarian

One of the most enjoyable ways in which a person can spend leisure time is in reading. The Dunbar students realize that they are enjoying a glorious privilege, having a Library in their school, and that this is an honor which few schools enjoy.

A few years ago Mrs. Jones saw that the people of Lynchburg needed a place to get any information desired, so she had a Library erected in honor of her husband.

About four years ago a branch of the Jones Memorial Library was established in our school building and is called the Dunbar Branch of the Jones Memorial Library.

Through our Library we have been able to enjoy all types of literature. This has helped us greatly in our subjects, English and History especially.

The thing that makes our Library work so enjoyable, pleasant and sweet, is our wonderful Librarian, Mrs. Anne Spencer. We are sure that she is the best in the state. She has the interest of all readers at heart, and any information that she can give she does it very willingly and kindly. She gladly spends any length of time looking up difficult and catching questions.

and explaining intricate references to pupils. She takes one or two weeks each term giving the students special lessons on how to use a library, and now we will say that there is not a pupil in Dunbar who does not know how to use a Library intelligently.

Mrs. Spencer keeps the Library so beautiful with flowers that sometimes we wonder whether we are in a Library or in a flower garden.

We do highly appreciate Mrs. Spencer's service, and we take this time to thank her and her assistant, Mrs. Scott, for their excellent work.

Dunbar Library News

The Dunbar Branch Library was closed to its readers, July and August of 1926. This was not done for any reason other than that previous Summers the low circulation had not justified either the labor or expense necessary to conduct it. The authorities, we believe, much prefer having the branch in operation if the demand for it is not purely rhetorical.

We ask the co-operation of the public especially of the parents, in seeing to the return of books that are borrowed from their library. Heretofore we have been greatly delinquent in this respect.

The circulation of Dunbar Branch Library, for ten months ending, January 1, 1927: Adult, 9,190 books; juvenile, 7,623; total circulation, 16,813 books. Total number volumes on shelves 3,561. Periodicals and newspapers, 27.

Dunbar Statistics

The total number of graduates of the colored high school from 1905 through 1926 is 339. The smallest classes were those of 1905 and 1921, both of these having only eight graduates. The largest class numbered 38, the class graduating in 1926. Next to the largest class was that of 1917 with 33 members. In 1920 there were no graduates as the course of study was in a state of transition from a three-to a four-year high school. The

total enrollment of the high school in 1905 was 44. In 1912 it reached 108 and in 1926 it had increased to 306.

The school has turned out more teachers than any other profession, 77 of the 339 graduates having become teachers. Home makers numbering 74 rank second. Death has claimed 37, or 12 percent of the graduates, a very large per cent of these succumbing to tuberculosis. The only woman dentist in Lynchburg is a graduate of this school. Seven physicians, one pharmacist, two dentists, one nurse, one veterinarian, and one missionary are among Dunbar's graduates. Others have gone into industrial work, U. S. mail service and various other employment. Of the 38 graduates last June 19 went to College.

The school is accredited by the Virginia Board of Education and is in Class A.

Honor Roll

4-B—None.

4-A—Louise Davis.

3-B—Nellie Brown, Clara Johnson, Alberta Jones, Edna Mae Patrick, Willie Penn.

3-A—Rennice Fowler, Hazel Jones, Selena Langhorne, Rosetta Mosby, Eva May Rucker, Evelena Payne.

2-B—Roger Spencer, Herman Thompson, Edith Adkins, Lillie Brown, Elaine Hairston, Marjorie Lynch, Kathleen Manns.

2-A—Sherwood Diuguid.

1B—Thomas H. Deane.

Ode to Dunbar

Of you I sing old stately *Schola*,
As your halls ring out with mirth.
You, *Alma Mater*, pure as *alba*.
To me the Eden of the earth.
May your colors be uplifted, high
As the birds that soar above,
Swelling out in all celerity
That one refrain of love, sweet love.
The hours spent within your walls
For me no more will be,
But my heart will oft recall
That the gods have smiled on thee.
I must heed the voice of learning
Calling me from afar.
Yet it's for you my heart's yearning,
For you alone, old Dunbar.

—By ANNIE B. HUNT, Senior Class.

Old Dunbar forever.

The Splitting of the Team
By GEORGE GRIMES

It's sad to part from my good old team. The good old basket ball team composed of "Zeek" Hughes the flashy forward; "Slow" Patrick the slow but sure center; "Yellow" Patrick the impregnable guard and "Bob" Coleman the most fidgety guard.

I was jolly in every game with these jolly veterans. For when "Zeek" would come down the floor running and sometime wrestling with the ball then shoot the goal, I would laugh and complement him by doing the same thing.

No person who has played against "Slow" Patrick has ever attained the honor of taking the ball from him.

"Yellow" was always good natured. He would laugh so much in a game until his laughing along with his playing would take all of the spirit out of the opposing team.

Bob Coleman would play huge jokes and tricks on his opponents such as riding their necks.

A happier bunch of boys I've never been with.

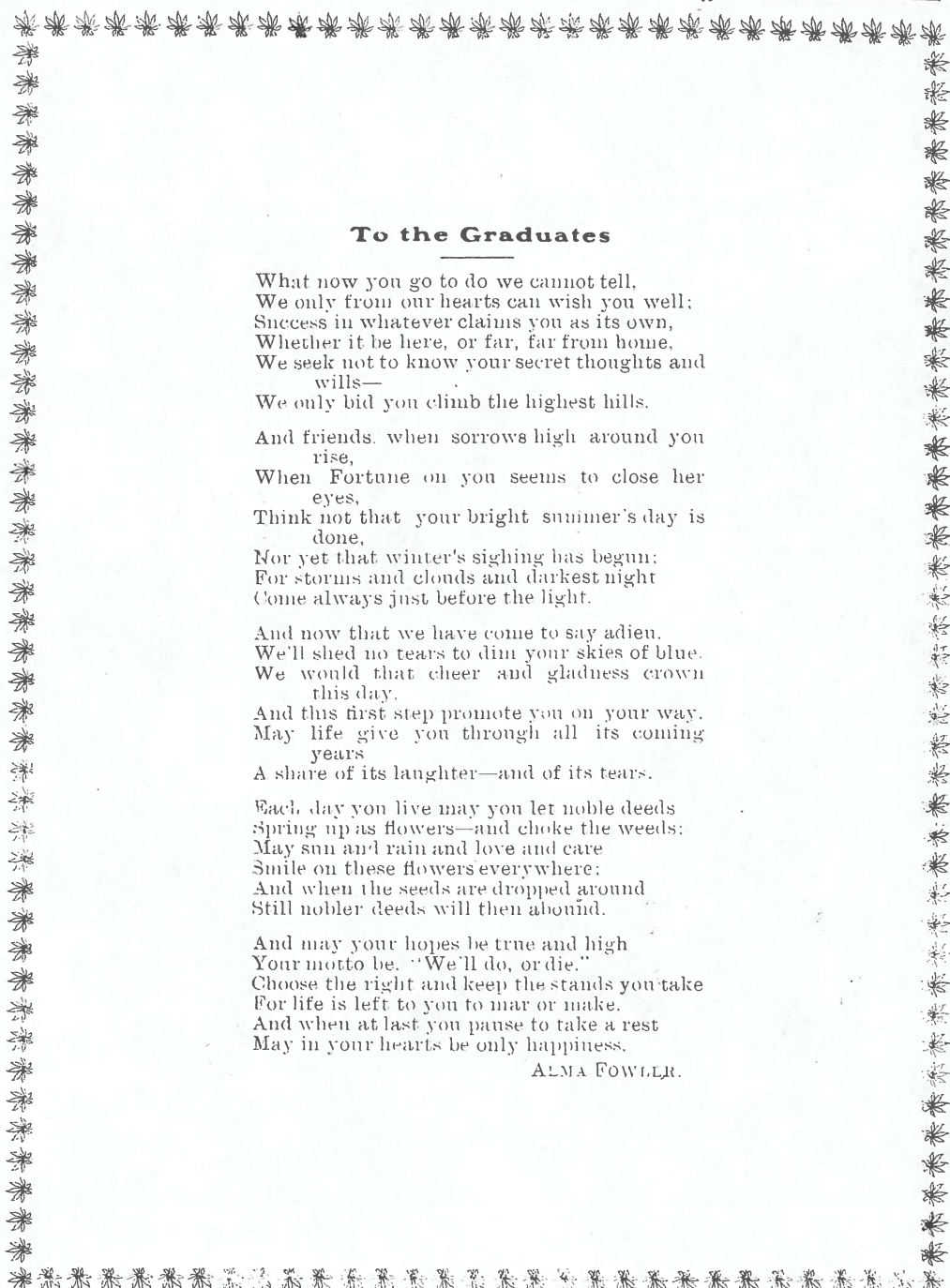
Then to think of the fact that these boys have not lost a game to any other high school team within two years.

What Captain would not be proud of a team with such a record? What captain would not hate to depart from them?

But now I, with Robert Coleman and Hubert Patrick, all Graduates must depart.

Earl Grimes, a member of the second team accompanies us.

I know that "Zeek" and "Yellow"



To the Graduates

What now you go to do we cannot tell,
We only from our hearts can wish you well;
Success in whatever claims you as its own,
Whether it be here, or far, far from home,
We seek not to know your secret thoughts and
wills—

We only bid you climb the highest hills.

And friends, when sorrows high around you
rise,

When Fortune on you seems to close her
eyes,

Think not that your bright summer's day is
done,

Nor yet that winter's sighing has begun;
For storms and clouds and darkest night
Come always just before the light.

And now that we have come to say adieu,
We'll shed no tears to dim your skies of blue.
We would that cheer and gladness crown
this day.

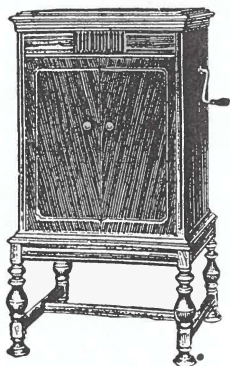
And this first step promote you on your way,
May life give you through all its coming
years

A share of its laughter—and of its tears.

Each day you live may you let noble deeds
Spring up as flowers—and choke the weeds;
May sun and rain and love and care
Smile on these flowers everywhere;
And when the seeds are dropped around
Still nobler deeds will then abound.

And may your hopes be true and high
Your motto be, "We'll do, or die."
Choose the right and keep the stands you take
For life is left to you to mar or make.
And when at last you pause to take a rest
May in your hearts be only happiness.

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Some of the Doings At Dunbar, 1926-1927

Chemistry added to the course.
 Dramatic Recital, Dr. Henry Lawrence Southwick, President Emerson School of Oratory, Boston, Mass.
 Celebration National Negro History Week with an address delivered by Dr. Hubert G. Harrison, Lecturer of the Board of Education of New York City.
 School Paper started at the suggestion of Mr. J. A. Jordan who received entire approval and assistance from the principal, teachers, and students of Dunbar.
 National Negro Health Week celebrated with composition and class talks of Health.
 Presentation of Original Painting of Chesapeake Bay Scene, by Mr. W. L. Thompson.
 Mass Meeting under auspices of Hill City's Teachers Club, Mr. Thompson, presiding, to discuss ways for decreasing high death rate from tuberculosis.
 Mr. Thompson accepted position as teacher of English in the Summer High School, St. Louis Mo.
 Mr. H. A. Davison accepted the position as Science teacher at Dunbar.
 Miss Daisy L. Hemmings accepted the position as teacher of English. She is a new teacher added to the faculty.
 Trial Debate for representatives for the Dunbar Team for the annual debate, subject: Resolved: That the School Board of Lynchburg Should Furnish Text Books Free to High School Students.
 Presentation of an Original Painting of A Quiet Spring Scene, by Miss Amaza L. Meredith.
 Sketches made of Dunbar High School for the DUNBARIAN heading, crayon drawings made of Roland Hayes, Contee Cullen, and L. Van Beethoven by Madelyn Jones.
 Beethoven Centennial Celebrated with library references, compositions, and an Orthophonic rendition of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony in the Dun-

bar Auditorium through the kindness of Mr. Turner.

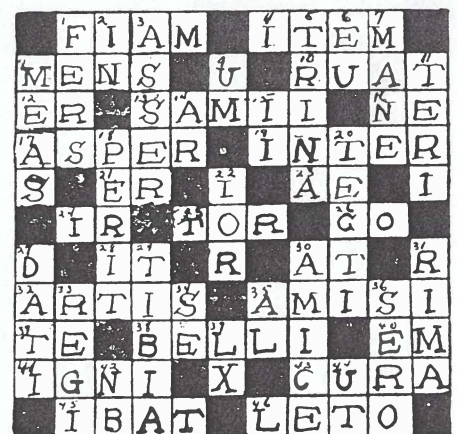
New Report Cards adopted, and explained to parents in a mass meeting. Passing Grade raised from 70 to 75.
 Recital — Hampton Quartette, on a Good Will Tour.
 Organization of two semi-secret Societies: The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to English; and The Vincula Grex.
 Annual debate of Virginia High School Debating League. Dunbar won at home and lost away as did all other teams in the League.
 Dunbar basketball quint won championship of Western Virginia.
 National Boys Week celebrated with addresses by Mr. J. T. Harris, Executive Secretary Hunton Branch Y. M. C. A., Prof. H. A. M. Johns, and Dr. T. J. Fawcett.
 National Arbor Day celebrated with an outdoor program and the planting of trees.
 Dunbar received her annual classification as an Accredited High School from the Virginia State Board of Education.
 Final Examinations began June 2. The Fittest Will Survive,
We Are Rising
 Among the sayings of our class,
 Suggestive and surprising,
 That fill a most exalted place
 Is, "Tell them we are rising!"
 The question asked for right and truth
 What! in the world you're fleeing?
 The answer from our Negro youth
 Is, "Tell them we are rising!"
 Within Dunbar's classic halls
 Our class self-sacrificing,
 Wrote high our names upon the walls
 Our motto: "We are rising!"
 Out in the world we'll make our mark,
 Danger and fear despising,
 Ever soaring upward like a lark,
 Schoolmates: "We are rising!"
 Rising to take our place beside
 The noble and aspiring,
 With energy and conscious pride
 To the best things we are rising.
 Within the classroom is our place,
 Chemistry, Latin, criticising,
 To raise the youthful of our class
 And show the world, "We're rising!"
 Go forth my schoolmates upon your way,
 Each obstacle despising,
 Prove by your efforts every day,
 To all the world you're rising!
 —MISS RUBY WELLS, Senior Class

Senior Class Characteristics '27

- Most Brilliant..... Mary M. Willis
- Most Popular Girl..... Lola Burton
- Most Popular Boy..... Hubert Patrick
- Best Dressed Girl... Margaret Gayles
- Best Dressed Boy... Charles Brown
- Best Disposition..... Margaret Dyke
- Hot Sheba..... Ruby Evans
- Flapper..... Minnie Johnson
- Most Respected..... Lula Noel
- Most Dignified..... Letha Tucker
- Tallest Boy..... Charles Bradley
- Truest Couple... Samuel Meade and Dorothy Jones
- Class Artist..... Earl Grimes
- Best Athlete (Boy)... George Grimes
- Best Athlete (Girl)... Pauline Moore
- Most Talkative..... Beulah Austin, Virginia Woodard
- Class Grumbler..... Thelma Reid
- Prize Giggler... Bernetta Lushington
- Class Poets... Ruby Wells, Annie Hunt
- Biggest Eater..... Rebecca Jenersen
- Class Song Bird..... Ruth Barattee
- Biggest Advocate... Robert Coleman

Answer to Latin Cross-Word Puzzle

By MISS ORA S. WILLIAMS



Winner of cross-word puzzle, Miss Edna May Patrick. The prize will be \$1.00.

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Lest We Forget

(By One Who Remembers)

The generation which came directly under the influence of Mr. Yoder is rapidly passing, and as it passes, may it pause awhile to tell succeeding generations about this unselfish man, and to pay tribute to one to whom the negro race owes much, to whom the public school system is indebted, and to whom the whole city owes respect.

Jacob Eschbach Yoder, the eighth of sixteen children born to Jacob E. and Anna Yoder, was born February 22, 1838, at Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania. His father was a prosperous farmer in this district where nothing but Pennsylvania Dutch was spoken. He received his early education in the country schools and then learned the trade of a tailor. He worked at this trade until he made enough to go to the state normal school at Millersville, where he was noted for his studiousness and scholarship. The known details of Mr. Yoder's early life are very meagre because whenever he did give up to reminiscences he unconsciously reverted to Pennsylvania Dutch which none of his family could understand.

In January 1866, the Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association, a religious organization supported largely by Quakers, sent several missionary teachers to Lynchburg and adjacent territory to open schools for the colored people. Mr. Yoder was leader of these teachers and had general oversight over all the schools. At that time he was very unwelcome to the south. The feelings engendered by the Civil War being still very bitter, his sensitive nature often suffered keenly from the stabs he received, but undaunted and in face of many obstacles and objections he went to work to provide a place for his school. The government had taken over the barracks at Camp Davis, now the section on Fillmore and Pierce Streets between Twelfth and Fourteenth.

In these barracks Mr. Yoder fitted out living quarters for these Penn-

sylvania teachers and rooms for the school.

In January 1866 the American Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Church also sent missionaries to work among the negroes. They, too, were coldly received. Among them was an attractive young woman, Miss Anna Frances Whitaker, a direct descendant of Roger Williams who settled Rhode Island. On June 28, 1871, Mr. Jacob E. Yoder and Miss Anna Frances Whitaker were united in marriage.

Under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association, a Mr. Shoemaker did not tarry long but Mr. Yoder conducted the missionary school until 1871 when the public school system was established and the negro schools were incorporated in the city system. From that time until his death he was connected with the public school system as supervising principal of colored schools. Having in the Superintendent of schools, Mr. E. C. Glass, a broad minded, liberal, and charitable leader, Mr. Yoder was able to advance the course of study as fast as practicable. Before the establishment of a high school department Mr. Yoder taught high school subjects to those who were ready for them. Just as soon as the number prepared for high school justified it, the colored high school was established. Mr. Yoder took a personal interest in the pupils and did much for their advancement along many lines. Since his death the City School Board has honored him by naming a school after him, the Yoder Building on Jackson Street.

Mr. Yoder was a deeply pious man who had for his creed, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." He was reared a Mennonite. One of the tenets of this religious denomination is against warfare. His training and his conviction made it impossible for him conscientiously to join the Union Army so he paid for the service of a substitute during the war. When a young man working at his trade he joined the Free Will Baptist Church. When he came south he united with the Baptist Church of

Lynchburg. Before he had been here long, despite the fact that he was a Yankee, he was recognized as a leader in his church and was soon very active in the Sunday School, in the church, and in the Baptist Extension Society.

His family life was exemplary. He was a tender, loving husband and father who provided abundantly material, intellectual, and spiritual food for his family. In speaking of him, his daughter remarked, "As children we never had much time to seek other children as playmates or to get lonesome for Papa always had something planned for us—"David Copperfield" or some other good book to read aloud to us, or to take us on a walk in the country that we might learn more of Nature."

Mr. Yoder was always learning. He was never content not to be exploring new fields of knowledge. As a botanist he had no superior in Lynchburg. He made a special study of the trees in this vicinity and got splendid specimens from more than a hundred varieties. After his death his wife gave this valuable collection to a local college. He taught Field Botany at the University of Virginia Summer School then conducted by Mr. Glass. He was a mineralogist and one of his pleasantest pastimes was taking trips to find more and different kinds of minerals. He can also be styled a horticulturist. His flowers and his garden were always the best and he was noted locally for his gingseng plants. This characteristic of always learning persisted throughout Mr. Yoder's life, that last winter finding him strenuously working on geography problems.

Mr. Yoder was a man of few words, but constant action. He was a thorough teacher and was known for his perseverance, kindness, honesty, humility, and many other manly virtues, but the greatest of all was his love for his fellowmen as manifested in his services to them.

Many times during the spring of 1905 when Mr. Yoder seemed so tired, he was urged not to work so hard, but to rest. His unvarying reply was,

"No, I had rather wear out than rust out." That is what he did—he virtually wore out. He died April 15, 1905, a man respected and beloved by the whole community.

He came grim, silent, saw and did the deed
That was to do; in his master-grip
His work bred joy; no skill of words could
breed
Such sure conviction as that close-clamped
lip;
He slew his dragon, nor, so seemed it, knew
He had done more than any simplest man
might do."

An Appreciation

Elijah said unto Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken away from thee;" and Elisha said, "I pray thee let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me."

And he said, "Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless if thou see" And Elisha saw.

And he took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him.

Miss Helen Dunn Urquhart entered the Jackson High School during the last few months of Mr. Jacob E. Yoder's years of faithful service. Soon after this Miss Urquhart became principal. In the years that have followed she has unstintedly given us the best of herself; practical help and spiritual understanding. For this we honor her.

Under her regime our high school has evolved from a three year into a four year institution; from a secondary into an accredited high school; from an enrollment of 44 to 297; from a graduating class of 8 to 36; from a teaching force of four to a teaching force of nine; from a four-room building to a modern building of thirteen class rooms, a gymnasium, cooking room, manual training department, library, and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 450.

For this material progress we value her but for her unfailing sympathy we love her.

"The Prophet's mantle ere his flight began,
Dropped to her hands—a gift to Man."

A Palm Branch

To the principal, teachers, and students of Dunbar High School, to the

subscribers for the DUNBARIAN, to those business firms and other institutions which have so gladly advertised through the columns of the DUNBARIAN, and to those who will advertise in them next school year, to those unnamed friends who have help with words of encouragement and money and to those unknown who have done anything to make the DUNBARIAN a success, this Palm Branch as a token victory is gratefully dedicated.

J. ARTHUR JORDAN

Notices

All patrons and friends are cordially invited to attend the Industrial Exhibit in the basement of the Dunbar High School June 7, 1927 between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Three pieces of jewelry have been left with teacher of room 2. Owners may have the same by writing proper identification and paying for this notice.

Found.—A very cute and complete Plane Geometry "Pony." Owner may have same by calling at room 4 and bringing suitable reward.

A Plea

I wish some charitable man
Our class room would enlarge,
And add a beauty parlor,
Without an extra charge.
The girls are busy powdering
And using study space,
And it attracts attention,
So they need another place.

The cloakroom is a bit too small,
I pray you to take heed
A really, truly beauty parlor,
Is our greatest need,
For faces must be powdered,
And rouge must be applied,
And space should not be lacking
With girls on every side.

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Gems of Literature

"There are no beaten paths to Glory's height
There are no rules to compass greatness
known.
Each for himself must cleave a path alone
And press his own way forward in the
fight.—Dunbar.

"Then we'll come each rebuff
That turn earth's smoothness rough,
Each stung that bids nor sit nor stand, but
go!"—Browning.

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