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SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE.

The following is by Major J. C. Hemphill, in the Spartanburg Journal:

"Next June the sixtieth anniversary of the Due West Female College, now called The Woman's College, will be celebrated. It is one of the oldest and one of the best of the institutions in South Carolina for the higher education of women. Lander and Winthrop and Converse and Coker and Chicora and Anderson and Limestone colleges for women had not been born when the Due West Female College was hewing the way for the many excellent and well-equipped institutions that have followed. It was regarded at the time it was founded as a rather adventurous enterprise for the forward-looking men of a very small village to undertake; but "there were giants in those days" at Due West though not in the matter of large possessions, for, in the main, they were men of restricted means. They had, however, courage that did not count the cost and faith that did not falter, and through work, and through all the years of war and Re-construction and political revolution and economic strain its doors have never been closed.

"The records will show, we believe, that not less than six thousand young women have been trained within its halls in all the accomplishments of an exalted womanhood. It is little short of the miraculous that what has been done has been done. Without financial endowment, without other resources than the sacrifices of the men who were behind the undertaking and could ill afford to bridge the gulf between income and outgo, their faith triumphant over their fears, the light of liberal learning has been kept alive upon this altar.

"The story of the Due West Female College will be told some day, doubtless. The founders have all passed away, but their work remains. They left the world better than they found it. They builded better than they knew. They should be held in everlasting remembrance; for "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

All that Major Hemphill says is deservedly said. And the Woman's College has never done better work in its history than it has done in recent years under Dr. R. L. Robinson, its present President. The course of study has been greatly improved, the standard of the institution has been raised, and with the help of the Alumnae Association and its competent officers the plant has been enlarged and made more suitable to the needs of a modern institution for the education of young women.

And the institution in the future is not to be without at least a partial endowment. In the recent Forward Movement in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church the sum of one hundred thousand dollars was pledged for this purpose, and the subscriptions having been double the amount asked, we hope that the Synod will feel that morally and equitable two hundred thousand dollars must go to this institution, unless perhaps the donors have designated otherwise. With an endowment of two hundred thousand dollars the college should be enabled to greatly increase its usefulness.

At present, we believe, there are some one hundred and fifty students in attendance on this institution and that it is full to capacity, while other students have been turned away. This furnishes evidence that the college is doing the work for which it was designed, but it is to be hoped that the Church will not allow the college to stand still when students, the daughters of members of the church, are being turned away to other institutions. The plant should be so enlarged, and the endowment fund so increased that every young woman in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, who so wills it, may receive her education in the college of the church.

And the people of Abbeville County should have an interest in the school which is so near them, and where so many of the young women of the county have received their education. Taking note of the advancement of the work done in the college along all lines, the friends and supporters of the institution would strive to see that it receives the support it so well deserves, while those with daughters, seeking an education of the right kind, should not without reason disregard the advantages which

is offered by Dr. Robinson's splendid and growing institution.

Nothing succeeds like success.

THE NAVY INVESTIGATION.

The usual row is on in the Navy Department. Following every war in which this country has been engaged, a post-war row occurs in this Department. After the Spanish-American spat we had the Sampson-Schley squabble, the pros and cons of which filled the columns of the newspapers for months. Just now the Sims row, it may be called, is occupying the attention of the whole country, especially the attention of Congress. As inevitable as they may be, it does seem unfortunate that the navy, with its otherwise freedom from gossip should be forced, or force itself to undergo seemingly unnecessary investigations.

Apart from the medals controversy there are three questions presented to the public concerning the row. These three questions the public believes itself capable of understanding and judging.

When Admiral Sims was assigned the difficult business of managing a portion of the fleet in foreign waters under war conditions, was he honestly supported by the Department and by the administration in Washington? He says he was not and cites facts to show that, while their tasks were strikingly similar, he was never given the freedom of action nor the latitude of judgment accorded General Pershing. If he was not so supported by Washington, an investigation to ascertain why he was either not accorded this latitude, or one to discover why someone, who could be safely given the full and free confidence of the Navy Department, was not substituted for him.

Secondly, did some one, high up in Navy Department circles, tell him that this country was as willing to fight England as Germany? If this be true, the whole thing resolves itself into a question of national honor, for if the admiral was so informed, he was incited to be treacherous to an ally, whose secrets he was to acquire.

Thirdly, did the Navy Department deliberately violate the primary strategical principle—the one violation of which cost Napoleon, Waterloo—that forces should be concentrated in the area of action? If this be so, then the war was unnecessarily prolonged, and many lives needlessly sacrificed.

In an outspoken speech delivered at the Army and Navy dinner in New York, Tuesday evening, Admiral Sims reviewed the circumstances leading up to the "two separate and distinct rows now on our hands," as he termed them. He said they were no Sampson-Schley controversies, the trouble being one of administration, not of operation. Speaking of the controversy over the award of medals he stated that the marked difference of opinion would render the medals valueless. He also gave his opinion, in no uncertain terms, of the naval officer who, for personal reasons of selfishness decides not to get into the limelight by offering helpful and truthful criticism to the Department, as "not worth the powder to blow him to hell."

Where is the President while this row is on? It would appear when a question of truthfulness between the Secretary of the Navy and one of the Vice Admirals is involved, that it should not be necessary for the country to wait until Congress takes time to call for an investigation, but that the Commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy would shortly relieve our minds.

THE OPINION OF OTHERS.

A Beautiful Ending.

William Jennings Bryan seems determined that the epitaph on the grave shared by himself and the Democratic party shall be:—"In life they were beautiful and in death they were not divided."—New York Herald.

It begins to look as if democracy was a misnomer and the war had made the world safe for profiteers.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

More than one-fifth of the school teachers of the country resigned during the last year to accept better paying employment. It's going to take a mighty brilliant younger generation to overcome the handicap of cheap primary instruction.—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

"A Crippled Navy."

The Secretary of the Navy says that the national security is gravely menaced by the crippled condition of the American fleet. He makes this observation in a letter to Speaker Gillett in which he makes an appeal to Congress for immediate action in the matter of appropriation. "The number of ships now capable of operating effectively in case of an emergency is dangerously small," says the Secretary.

This militant—yet sensible—appeal sounds strange in the light of the Secretary's ecstatic utterances when the league covenant was revealed to the vulgar world. Mr. Daniels then declared that the birth of the league was the "most important event in the world's history since the historic day at Bethlehem, for it would end war and usher in the dawn of peace on earth and good will toward men." If that is so, why does the Secretary write to Congress telling of "a crippled navy a peril to the nation" and a possible "emergency"? What emergency if peace is to reign on earth?

Most Americans will agree with the Secretary that a ready navy is necessary for the very emergency of which he speaks. Despite the "inquests over a dead hope," as Senator Johnson characterizes the treaty debate in the Senate, loyal and militant Americans believe that the United States should have an adequate and strong navy.—New York Herald.

New Goods for Early Spring Wear

Just Received Big Lot of

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