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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

**Masonic Banquet. Mr. and Mrs. Turner Entertain. Week of Prayer Observed. Marriage at Parsonage.**

One of the most beautiful banquets ever held was that of last Thursday evening, given by the Masons of Kadosh lodge 181. The spacious hall was beautiful in its decorations, and in one end, a reception room was fitted up where all gathered previous to the banquet. The banquet table where covers for 135 were laid was artistically arranged, the color scheme carried out being blue and white, this being the blue lodge. Over the center of the table was suspended the emblem of the order against a "back ground of blue. The table was outlined with a broad runner of blue with fern leaves and white roses, lillies and narcissus being the other decorations used. An elaborate supper of turkey with all its accompaniments, ham, salads, celery, pickles, bread and wiches, crackers, coffee, etc., with a variety of fruits, was served. Later, with Mrs. J. W. Cox as toast master, several toasts were had. All enjoyed hearing from Mr. W. T. Hundley, now of Rome, Ga., who was a charter member of this lodge. Rev. J. H. Thacker spoke upon the relation of the lodge to church, and Rev. M. L. Kester also gave some bright and happy thoughts. Mr. S. J. Watson chose as his subject "a singing heart." All were greatly enjoyed and encored.

Miss Virgie Courtney has returned from Blackville where she visits Miss Geraldine Kammer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Crouch of Murfreesboro, Tenn., will spend the month of January here. Mrs. Crouch is pleasantly remembered as Miss "Lula Mae Oxner."

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Crouch entertained a few friends with a delightful dining recently.

Miss Elberta Bland has returned from Vidalia, Ga., where she acted as maid of honor in the Jenkins-Johnson wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Turner entertained with a dinner on Tuesday evening in compliment to Rev. W. T. Hundley who is visiting in their home. Others present were Prof. Addison Lynch of Birmingham, Ala., Dr. A. T. King, Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Parker and Mr. J. C. Lewis. After dinner some delightful music was enjoyed.

Miss Maud Nickerson spent the week-end at Meeting Street with Mrs. Smyly Stevens.

Last week was observed as a week of prayer by the women of the Baptist church and their offering will reach \$115 when all is gathered in. The Royal Ambassadors had Friday set aside for them, and the amount of their gifts was \$10. The other two societies, Y. W. A., and G. A., have not as yet gathered in all of the envelopes.

On last Saturday morning Mr. James Edwards and Miss Mary Sawyer were married at the Baptist parsonage, Dr. A. T. King performing the ceremony and the happy affair was witnessed only by a few relatives. Immediately afterwards several automobiles carried the bridal party over to Trenton where they boarded the midday train for Florida where they will spend two weeks. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. John Sawyer and is a sweet and winsome young woman and the groom is one of the young business men of the town.

Mrs. Moyer, the mother of Mrs. Luther Moyer died last week at her home in Langley. Mrs. Moyer was at her bedside when she died and other relatives from here attended the funeral.

Mr. Alvin McLenna of Newberry has been here for a short visit.

Mrs. J. A. Dobby and children have gone to Spartanburg to visit the former's mother, Mrs. Dorn.

Mrs. Heyward of Barnwell is the guest of her daughter, Miss Sallie Heyward.

Mrs. T. R. Denny, state recording secretary W. C. T. U., is in receipt of 500 copies of the recent convention held at Allendale, and these she hopes to mail to the various unions during next week.

The monthly W. C. T. U. meeting will be held Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. L. Walker. Dr. A. T. King left on Saturday

## Newsy Letter From Edgefield Graded and High Schools.

I am sure no one enjoyed the Christmas holidays more than the school children and the only sorrow was the thought of school opening again on the third. Now that we are back at work, let us go to it with a will always accompanied by a smile, even if school does last until the fourth of June.

On Friday night, January 7, 1916, Miss Helen Dorn entertained the senior class of which she is a member, very royally. The spacious hall and parlor were artistically decorated in pink and green, the class colors; and, although the weather was very unpleasant outside the guests forgot about it in their excessive enjoyment. The amusement for a time consisted in a contest entitled, "Lovers in the kitchen." The lucky couple was Anna-belle Saunders and Glover Tompkins, the prize being a dainty hand-embroidered towel. The booby prize which was a spoon fell to Harrison Parks. After this several very amusing games were played, and then the hostess ushered the guests into the dining room, a perfect labyrinth of flowers, where a most delicious salad course and sweet course was served. When we speak of a senior, we think of a person who is too dignified to laugh, but I can assure you that these seniors laid aside their dignity, gave vent to their feelings and enjoyed themselves as much as a set of "rats" would have done.

All the teachers of the graded and high school are delighted to see the interest which the students are taking in a set of new encyclopedias purchased by Mr. Lyon. This is a very valuable set of books and the improvement in the students from the use of them can readily be detected.

The music club met with Miss Margaret May Monday afternoon, January 10. All members were present and had a very interesting

annual interest. Three of the most enjoyable numbers were instrumental solos by Misses Margaret May, Helen Dorn and Ruth Lyon. After the program a delicious sweet course was served.

On Wednesday morning, January 19, the ladies of the U. D. C. are going to have some special exercises in connection with the regular chapel exercises at the high school. This celebration is given in memory of Lee and Jackson, and will be one of interest as well as value to the students. The public is cordially invited.

School Correspondent.

## D. A. R. Meeting.

The Old 96 District Chapter, D. A. R., will hold their meeting this month with Mrs. Bettis Cantelou on Tuesday afternoon the 18th, at 3:30 o'clock. This being the first meeting of the new year we hope to have a full attendance.

Mrs. N. G. Evans, Regent.

morning for Florida where he will be a short while.

Mrs. P. B. Waters returned on Sunday evening from University hospital Augusta, where she has been for six weeks. Her friends will be delighted to know that she is much improved in health.

With the new year, the music club took up the study of the life of Ethelbert Nevin, and a delightful afternoon was spent in the home of Mrs. Thomas Hoyt. The music rendered was all compositions of the master. After a life sketch by Mrs. Leon Stansell the following was given: Piano solo, "The rosary," Mrs. G. D. Walker; vocal solo, "Love and the rose," "The rosary," Mrs. C. P. Corn; "Barcorolle," Mrs. L. E. Stansell; "Narcissus," Mrs. Mims Walker; vocal solo, Mrs. James White; "Nevin's idea of a night in Venice," Miss Zena Payne; "The gondola," Miss Emma Bouknight. While enjoying awhile socially the hostess served frozen pineapple cream and Lady Baltimore cake.

Misses Maud and Gladys Sawyer have gone to Georgetown to spend the remainder of the winter in the home of their brother, Dr. Olin Sawyer.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Allen spent last week in Greenville at the bedside of the latter's brother, Mr. Coleman. For several days he was in a most critical state, suffering from blood poison.

## CLEMSON COLLEGE.

**Bright Edgefield Boy Writes Interesting Letter. Second Term Begun. New Y. M. C. A. Building.**

If you see fit to give me some space, I will attempt to write a few lines for your good old paper. All of the boys that are coming back for the remainder of the session have arrived, and you can imagine what we have been doing this week. Each of us has been relating to our best friends and pals what a grand time we had during the holidays, and each one declares that he has had the nicest time.

After this week we all will begin the second term proper and lay aside the pleasant recollections that we have in mind now of the past holidays. But some thoughts will be impossible for we Clemson boys to lay aside, and those are about our best girls, whom we spent many pleasant hours with while at home. This is leap-year now though, and possibly we won't have to write so many letters to the girls, as they will write us. We had good news from our sister college, Winthrop, during the past week. The girls over there said it was their year now and they could afford to write a good many letters. Now watch the letters flow to Clemson for the remainder of the session.

We have lost a good many boys during the holidays. Almost every section marcher of the under-classes is carrying a card to be signed by the different professors to get an honorable discharge for some one who dropped out during the holidays. We certainly miss some of our classmates who were so unfortunate as not to come back. We miss them almost as much as when a member of the family at home goes off for some length of time.

President Riggs said, "some of the under classmen's work during the first term has not been so satisfactory as those of the preceding two or three years." This inefficiency is probably partly due to inefficient preparation in the home school. A student makes a great mistake in undertaking collegiate work before he is prepared for it, by doing so he is over-worked most of his time and disappointed by failures a good many times.

Well, I believe about the latest and newest thing for Clemson is the new Y. M. C. A. building, which was opened for inspection by the students and all of the residing people on the hill, Friday afternoon, January 7. I feel sure it came up to and above every one's expectation.

A movement was put on foot to get this handsome new building a little over a year ago. Mr. Rockefeller donated \$50,000 towards this handsome new building upon condition that the resident members and students would raise \$25,000, which was soon raised. The building was begun early last spring. Mr. Cottrah of Greenwood had the contract. He is an old graduate of Clemson. The building is said to be one of the most modern of its kind in the country, and in a few weeks I guess it will be one of the most modernly equipped also. It contains four floors including the basement. In the basement is a modern restaurant and soda fountain. Now you can easily imagine how we boys will enjoy eating for a few weeks, or at least until we become broke.

I believe this is all of the news with us at the present, and I don't want to impose on the good nature of your readers now, hence I will draw to a close for this time.

Best wishes and new year greetings.

W. D. O. Jr.

Clemson College.

## Bishop Guerry Coming.

Next Sunday morning at Trenton at 11 o'clock, and Sunday night at Edgefield in the Episcopal church. The Bishop is too well known in Edgefield to require more than a simple announcement of appointment to have a large audience. On Sunday night moreover it will be a united service of all the churches, and all will be cordially welcome. The hour is 7:30. The bishop will meet with the church officers after each service for a conference.

## COLD SPRING.

**Modern School Building Completed. Mr. Ernest Quarles Enlarging Store. Rehoboth Church Caught Fire.**

Yesterday, Sunday, was the coldest day of the season. There was a good congregation at Rehoboth. Just as the pastor began to read the scripture, the church was discovered to be on fire, having caught from a defective flue. It was but a few moments before several of the young men were on top of the house pulling of the shingles that were burning. At the same time everything in the house was removed. It was not long before the fire was all out, then the congregation returned to the church. A conference was held and money was raised to recover the church and to do other repairs. It was beautiful to see how cheerfully all gave. If the weather is favorable by Saturday night all the repairs will be completed. There never lived a better people than those Rehoboth people.

Mrs. Carrie Freeland and Miss Martha Strom are on the sick list in Rehoboth community.

The B. Y. P. U. was reorganized here yesterday. Prof. Truluck was elected Pres., Miss Lola Young, Vice Pres., and Miss Maud Smith, Sec'y.

Mr. Ernest H. Quarles is having his store room overhauled and enlarged.

The trustees of our school are having concrete steps put to the school house. When the steps are finished the new school house will be completed. We now have the prettiest and most competent school house in the county. Come and see, then you will be convinced.

The school building at Rehoboth has been repaired and painted which adds to its looks. Paint and whitewash is a wash to the looks of a place. I have often wondered why more farmers do not have their homes and barns painted and whitewashed.

The union meeting of the 2nd division of the Edgefield association will convene with the Republican church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in this month.

The Woodman will hold their regular meeting Saturday evening at 7 o'clock before the 4th Sunday in this month. We hope to see a full meeting. The officers will be installed.

## McCormick County.

Columbia, Jan. 10.—The new county of McCormick won out before the state board of canvassers. The board dismissed the protest filed on behalf of Greenwood and Abbeville counties and upheld the legality of the election creating the new county of McCormick out of portions of Edgefield, Greenwood and Abbeville counties. The opponents of the new county will appeal from the decision of the state board to the courts, it was announced here this morning.

Announcement of the decision in the McCormick county case was made to-day by R. M. McCown, secretary of state, and chairman of the state board of canvassers.

## Program of Teachers' Meeting.

The county teachers' association will meet in the court house Saturday, January 22, beginning at eleven o'clock. The public is cordially invited and all trustees are urged to be present.

1. "Teaching English in the third grade," Mrs. L. C. Latimer.
  2. "How to teach Beginners Arithmetic," Mrs. G. N. Ennett.
  3. "Science in the high school," Miss Gertrude Strother.
  4. "Athletics in the public school," Prof. H. W. Scott.
  5. "Field day for Edgefield," Prof. W. F. Scott, C. I. Truluck, W. T. Prescott, Mrs. W. C. Tompkins, Miss Sara Stevens.
  6. Report of committees.
- T. J. Lyon, Pres.  
County Teachers Association.

Crawford—You seem to think your wife the most unreasonable woman in the world.

Crabshaw—You see I mortgaged the house to buy her an auto, and now she wants me to raise money on the car to purchase Christmas presents.—Judge.

## Concerning Report of Board of Charities and Corrections.

"The greatest need of our county institutions is a deepened interest, intellect, aggressive, sympathetic, on the part of the local public," the State Board of Charities and Corrections asserts in regard to jails, chaingangs and almshouses in its first annual report to the general assembly.

The institution officials need sympathetic help, the report continues, and many of them wise guidance. Captious criticism may effect spasmodic improvements, but intellect, continued co-operation will yield more. These officials are at fault a good many times; they get into ruts, they neglect, they become hardened, and they need the spur that comes from public inquiry.

In its report the board sounds a warning lest the interest taken by the public in jails, chaingangs and almshouses become more sentimental unproductive sympathy for the prisoners, convicts, or paupers. The board declares that sympathy for these classes has its place as long as society permits the existence of conditions of which they are so largely the product; but unless this sympathy leads to constructive, aggressive steps to better conditions under which the prisoners, convicts and paupers live, its very uselessness condemns it.

It is one of the primary functions of the local committee of visitors that the board is appointing in each county to awaken public interest in the county penal and charitable institutions by visiting themselves and taking others to visit them. The members of the local committee of visitors in Edgefield county will be named soon.

## Woodson-McDonald.

Elsewhere will be found the formal announcement of the engagement of Miss Josephine Woodson and Mr. Walter R. McDonald, and sincere and cordial congratulations will be showered upon these two young people.

Miss Woodson is the daughter of Mrs. Agatha Abney Woodson and the late Prof. T. E. Woodson. On her mother's side of the house Miss Woodson descends from the distinguished South Carolina Abney family, and from her father, one of the old first families of Virginia. She is extremely pretty, and one of the most charming girls in the city. Bright and clever in mind, sparkling in manner, cordial and sweet to every one, Miss Woodson is admired by all who know her, both young and old.

Mr. McDonald is one of the most gifted and most brilliant young men at the Augusta bar and one whose friends are numbered only by his acquaintances. When only 13 years old he had the supreme misfortune to lose the sight of both eyes. Most boys would have given up all hopes of a professional career in the face of such an insuperable obstacle, but Mr. McDonald refused to listen to any discouragement and graduated first from the school for the blind in Macon, and then from the Pennsylvania school for the blind. From there he went to the University of Georgia, where he graduated from the law school there. He entered the Augusta bar a year ago last July, and has already proved his especial fitness for this profession, and has given unmistakable evidence of the success that is sure to be his. His fiancée had taken up the study of trained nursing, but gave it up to study law in Mr. McDonald's office in order to be of service to him in his profession. The marriage will be a quiet wedding about the middle of February, the exact date to be announced later.—Augusta Chronicle.

Lawyer—I say, doctor, why are you always running us lawyers down?  
Doctor (dryly)—Well, your profession doesn't make angels of men, does it?  
Lawyer—Why, no; you certainly have the advantage of us there, doctor.—Philadelphia Record.

Mother—I hear that Harry Smith is the worst boy in school, and I want you to keep as far away from him as possible.

Tommy—I do, ma. He is always at the head of our class.

## HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

**Many Suffering From Epidemic of Grip. Making Quilt For Orphans. Visitors Come and Go.**

Several days of our new year have passed, but not so many, but what we may still say happy new year and may it be a healthy and prosperous year for every one. So far we have had some lovely weather but Saturday and Sunday were somewhat cold. As a doctor said on Friday, "mighty good pneumonia weather." Dr. R. L. McKie's whole family except the doctor and Miss Marjorie, have been in bed 2 weeks with the grip and now the baby, Lois, has pneumonia. There seems to be a great deal of grip all around us. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barker have been sick with it but are up again. This seems to be a very malignant type of grip. It is raging in North Augusta also in Augusta. Just here we were rejoiced to see Miss Carrie Ransom on the street Saturday while in town. Also we met Miss Beatrice Stevens who reports a most delightful visit to Tennessee, a glorious Christmas. Says she is going again in the good old summer time.

Since our last writing we attended the W. M. U. meeting at Mr. L. W. Reese's. Had quite a nice gathering, every one in good spirits with the Christmas cheer. Decided to have our next meeting Thursday, the 20th at Mrs. Ellie Briggs' and take a lunch and quilt the orphan's quilt that the ladies have made the squares for. We hope to have a full attendance so as to get the quilt finished that day.

We were grieved to lose our neighbor and friend, Mrs. Ivy DeLaughter and do sympathize most deeply with Mrs. DeLaughter and her poor little children. Oh, her death was certainly sad.

We were so glad to hear that Mrs. Lilly DeLaughter decided not to move back over in her home place in "the corner" Mrs. Ivy DeLaughter's death decided her not to move back here which we think is wise.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeLaughter, Jr., visited Mrs. DeLaughter's aunts, the Misses Lanier, and Mrs. M. H. Shaw, also attended her aunt, Mrs. Ivy DeLaughter's funeral and went on to Belvedere to visit her father, Mr. James Matthews, and sister, Mrs. Burton, returning home the 2nd of January.

Mr. Herbert Bunch returned on December 30, from a most delightful visit of a week to his cousins, the Ushers of Quitman, Ga. He reports that to be a rich county and gives credit to the farmers for being more industrious than in our section. He saw plowing going on all along the railroad up until sun down on Christmas eve. Monday morning they were at it again as though it were planting time in spring. Says the people have nice homes, farms are well taken care of and almost all have from one to two or three machines which goes to show they are well off. The roads are like streets. Beautifully graded, rolled hard and drained to perfection. Being highly delighted with the people and country, Mr. Bunch says he would like to visit there in the spring. It is just 8 miles from the Florida line.

We were sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Sam Gardner Sr., also Mr. Hugh Gardner and hope they will soon be up again, also Mrs. Levy Reese and Mrs. Luther Reese. Hope Miss Lena Lanham has gotten well enough to return to Coker college ere this. We hope Mrs. Sallie Bunch will soon be well again.

Hardy's.

## Bond Issue Practically Wasted.

Only five or six years ago Marion county issued \$100,000 worth of bonds and with the money built a system of roads which were acclaimed among the best in the state. Yet the Marion Star reports that these highways are being ruined from pure neglect. That is the trouble generally in these matters. There is no use to spend money building roads unless some systematic plan is devised for keeping them in condition. If the legislature will provide for a state highway commission such a plan will be forthcoming.—News & Courier.