THE GRADUATING BALL AT THE V.M.I.

Gymnasium Decorated in Brilliant Colors, and the Scene Entrancing.

OPENED BY FIRING A CANNON

Elegant Costumes and Ingenious Figures That Called Forth Applause.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, VA., June 30.—The final graduating ball took place at the Virginia Military Inglitute Wednesday night and brought to an end the commencement exercises, which had been in progress during the past four days. The gymnasium, where the ball took place, was decorated in brilliant colors and lighted with electrical lights of many colors, lending an enchanting scene to the many spectators present. The opening of the ball was heralded by the firing of a cannon by Miss Margaret Perkins, of Dâlas, Texas, who, with the final ball president, Cadet-Captain Hickman Beckner, opened the brilliant function.

The opening figure was lead by them and executed by twenty-one other couples, all the ladies carrying bouquets of American Beauty roses and the cadets wearing full military costume, with swords, "After much marching and countermarching, the couples formed the numerals '01 to '06 with great exactness, which elicited round after round of applause from the spectators.

After the opening figure, the floor was througed with many couples until supper was announced by the firing of the camon at 2.A. M. The dance only ended with the rising of the sun the next morning, then many being loth to quit. The muslo was by Schroder's Orchester, of Washington, D. C.

Those in the opening figure were:

Miss Margaret Perkins, of Dalas, Tex., gowned in white net with sequins, diamonds and pearls, with Final Ball Fresident Cadet-Captain Hickman Beckner, of Winchester, Ky. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEXINGTON, VA., June 30 .- The final

monds and pearls, with Final Ball Presddent Cadet-Captain Hickman Beckner,
of Winchester, Ky.

Miss Mary King Nash, Portsmouth,
Va., white net, with Cadet-Captain W. F.
Tate, Pulaski, Va.

Miss Bessie Doyle, Norfolk, Va., white
net, dlamonds, with Cadet D. A. Fraser,
San Antonio, Tex.

Miss Maria Whitmore, Petersburg, Va.,
white crape de chine, with Cadet-Lieutenant A. J. Stude, Houston, Tex.
Miss Lucle K. Dunnington, Farmville,
Va., white net, with Cadet William P.
Johnson, Petersburg, Va.
Miss Willis Williams, Staunton, Va.,
white net over silk, pearls and fraternity pin, with Cadet William R. Johnson, Crescent, W. Va.
Miss Josephine V. Steel, Petersburg,
Va., white net, K. A. badge, with Cadet
J. E. Townes, Petersburg, Va.
Miss Nan Davis, Lynchburg, Va., white
mull, lace and pearls, with Cadet Dudley
MoD. Diggs, Lynchburg, Va.
Miss Katherine Essie Gratz, St. Louis,
Mo., satin chiffon, with Cadet Murray F.
Edwards, St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Margaret Pannell, Norfolk, Va.,
white net, pearls, with Cadet Gubyon M.
Harrison, Fredericksburg, Va.
Miss Louise Haskine, Lexington, Va.,
hand-painted chiffon, with Captain
George W. Nicholls, Spartanburg, S. C.
Miss F. Armistead Tallaterro, Orange
county Va., white flowered swiss, K. A.
badge, with Cadet Adjutant C. A. y Va., with Cadet Adjutant C. A., with Cadet Adjutant C. A., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Phoobe Beckiner, Winchester, Ky., tarlatan, with Joseph E. Greer,

Miss Beatrice Morgan Gilmore, New Orleans, La., with Cadet J. Devereur C'Reilly, New Orleans, La.

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Miss Giadys Heald, Lynchburg, Va.,
white embrolidered batiste, K. A. pin,
with Cadet S. A. Charleton, Dallas, Tex.
Miss Florence Booker, Fortress Monröe, Va., white dotted swiss, K. A. pin,
with Cadet George Peek, Hampton, Va.
Among the other dancers were:
Miss Avis Grant, Richmond, Va., white
twiss, with Mr. Edward McCredy, Roanoke, Va.

saiss Avis Grain. Redward McCredy, Roa-hoke, Va.
Miss Dorothy Bach, New Jersey, white swiss and lace, with Mr. Roger Rankin, Kansas City, Mo.
Miss S. F. Patton, Ashland, Va., white net over tareta, with Mr. Willis, Gordons-ville, Va.
Miss Emily, Burnett, Buffalo, New York, tink satin tsimmed with lace,

Kansas City, Mo.
Miss S. F. Patton, Ashland, Va., white net over taffeta, with Mr. Willis, Gordonsville, Va.
Miss Emily, Burnett, Buffalo, New York, fink, satin, astimmed with lace, pearls and diamonds, with Mr. William T. Davant, Roanoke, Va.
Miss Rebecca Searles, Vicksburg, Miss, pink silk, pearls, with Cadet Hugh kearles, Vicksburg, Miss.
Miss Virginia Miller, Ashland, N. C., white chifon, with Cadet J. D. Crittenden, Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Heningham L. Ellett, Richmond, Va., white net and pearls, with Cadet Blewart E. Brown, Richmond, Va.
Miss Marie Pintard, St. Louis, Mo., blue radium silk and pearls, with Cadet C. Q. Byrd, Williamsville, Va.
Miss Bessie Winn, Alabama, blue chifon and diamonds, with Mr. H. W. Davant, Roanoke Va.
Miss E. J. McLean, Washington, D. C., plnk chiffon, with Mr. Henry V. Roelofe, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Jessie B. Hough, St. Louis, Mo., white chiffon, with Cadet J. D. Crittenden, Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Emily Johnston, Norfolk, Va., white silk net and lace, K. A. pin, with Cadet R. O. Edwards, Norfolk, Va., white silk net and lace, K. A. pin, with Ladet R. O. Edwards, Norfolk, Va., white silk net and lace, K. A. pin, with Parls muslin over baby blue silk, R. A. and K. D. pins, pearls, with Cadet A. F. Creneñaw, Richmond Va.
Miss Faris muslin over baby blue silk, K. A. and K. D. pins, pearls, with Cadet A. F. Creneñaw, Richmond Va.
Miss Neil Fawell, Onanocok, Va., white, pink silk met, With Cadet R. B. Haper, Ashland K. D. pins, pearls, with Cadet A. F. Creneñaw, Richmond Va.
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Miss Neil Fawell, Onanocok, Va., white, pink silk met, pearls, with Cadet A. F. Creneñaw, Richmond Va.

ENTIRE FAMILY CURED

Myself and whole household had suflered very much for some time with Malarial Fever. "Elixir Babek" has cured
as perfectly, so that we enjoy at present
the best of health, and are feeling
atronger than before.

JACOB PHERLY, Farmer,
Pairfax Court House, Va.
Insist on getting "Babek," the oldest
and most reliable remedy. However of
substitutes.

For sale by all driverity.

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SMITTEN CONSCIENCE.

Farmville Riding and Driving Association Elects Officers.

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FARMVILLE, VA., June 20.—Mayor W.
T. Blanton received a brief letter this
week, containing two \$100 notes. The
letter read as follows:

"This money belongs to the community."
Please see that it goes to the treasury."
The letter bore neither date nor signature. It's postmark was Farmville. Mayor
Blanton' has "delivered this \$200 to the
treasurer" of Tarmville.

Mr. J. M. "Booker, of Lynchburg, was
in town a few days this week, the guest
of his niece, Mrs. Thomas P. Robertson.
Miss Merrie Verser, daughter of our
townsmen, Mr. L. J. Verser, is home
from her school at Rocky Mouat, N. C.
Miss Bessie Wade has gone to Covington to teach in the summer normal.

Work of tearing down the Methodist
Church building has commenced, and in
a few days nothing will remain of the
familiar old structure. It is to be replaced by a house to cost \$25,000, and
when finished, it will reach the sum of
\$30,000. The congregation has been tendered the use of the Opera, House for
holding services while the church is being
erected, and the first service was held
there Wednesday night.

The Farmville baseball team, with
Captain H. H. Hunt, as manager, has
played this season with great success.
The baseball grounds of Farmville have
been nicely enclosed, a substantial grandstand erected, and now it is a pleasure
to witness the games.

The stockholders of the Farmville Ridting, Driving and Park Association held
a meeting Monday evening in the offices of Drs. Hamlet. The following offices of Dr

PEOPLE IN LANCASTER.

Temperance Rally at Whitestone and Celebration at Urbanna.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
IRVINGTON, VA., June 30.—There will
be a grand temperance rally at Whitestone M. E. Church July 4th. An interesting programme has been prepared by
the committee. Rev. E. J. Richardson,
office secretary of the Virginia AntiSalcon League of Richmond, Va., will
be among the speakers from a distance.
A free dinner will be served on the
grounds.
Mr. John R. Campbell and daughter,
Viola, are visiting the former's parental
home at Chiltons, Westmoreland county.
Mrs. Elijah Hayden is quite sick.
There will be no Fourth of July colebrations here, as this town has given over
to the town of Urbanna. In Middlesax
county, to, have the celebration this time.
Quite a large number from here will go
to Urbanna. It is expected that some of
the gasoline boats here will enter the
boat races.
Mr. E. W. Long, of this place, now
holds the silver cup, which he won at
last year's races between Urbanna and
this town.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 30.—Just thirty years ago, at the Centennial Exhibition in this city, the telephone was for the first time exhibited to the public. A few months before Alexander Graham Bell had perfected his invention in Boston, but it was not until a month after the opening of the Centennial that it occurred to him to exhibit the wonder-working device at the great fair. The managers, regarding it as rather more interesting than useful, gave the telephone an inconspicuous place. As a matter of fact, but for the interest taken in it by Dom Pedro, the Emperor of Brazil, the telephone might not have attracted much popular attention during the Centennial. Afterward, until the exhibition closed, the telephone shared with the then celebrated Corlisa engine the distinction of being the center of attraction. For Dom Pedro's benefit Dr. Bell recited over the telephone Hamlet's oft-quoted solijiquy, and this is said to have been the first public demonstration of the practical value of the telephone.

The development of the telephone system has been brought about with marvelous rapidity, but the ongineers say that what has been accomplished is only the beginning. It is predicted that the time will come when there will be one telephone to every five persons in this country. At the same time improvements in apparatus and the invention of new devices, such as the loading coils and repenters now being introduced on long-distance lines, will greatly increase the distance over which telephoning will be possible.

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Any one who has carefully followed the arbitration movement during the decade since 1805, including the work and results of the Hague conference, to say nothing of the nearly 200 cases of dispute settled by this means in the previous eighty years knows that arbitration can no longer fairly be apoken of as an experiment.

Arbitration is not any longer an experiment, nor even a series of experiments. It is now the settled practice of the civilized nations when disputes arise between them, and is universally recognized in international law. A government which will not try arbitration before resorting to arms is, in these days, scarcely considered respectable. War, instead of being the general practice of nations, as it was a century ago, when serious disputes arose between them, is no longen resorted to except in rare instances; and in most of these instances the causes run far back into the past and have created deep prejudices and deeply-rooted feelings of distrust and animosity which do not readily yield 76 pacific treatments.

During the decade of which we are speaking there have been four wars; the Chinese-Japan war, the Boar war and the Russo-Japanese war; or nine if we add in these the Boxer conflict in China, the German war in Southwestern Africa, still going on, the Venezuela blockade, the Thibet expedition and the bloodless Panama revolution. But during the same period there have been important, and some of them of the most difficult and delicate character; as, for example, the houndary dispute, the Alaska boundary dispute, the Alaska boundary dispute, the Alaska boundary dispute between Chille and the Argentine Republic, the British-Venezuelan boundary dispute between Chille and the First order.—Benjamin F. Trueblood, in the Atlantio.

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Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has twice been within an ace of becoming Speaker of the House of Commons.

Bags, each 25c 50c Laundry

Art Needlework Department, Denim in all colors good also some to be worked—others ready for Broken lots of various kinds that sold for 50c each. Boginning Monday, July 2d, our Store Closes at 5 P. M. Daily, Except Saturday. Saturday, 6 P. M. Store Closed All Day, Wednesday, July 4th.

"The Man Between" and "A Rock in the Baltic."

Two New \$1.08 Books.

\$6.50 to \$10 Values in Linen Suits, Eton, Pony, and Frock and Frill styles, in white, blue and pink linen. The trimming is

Vacation Time Means Trunk Time

Our Trunk Store Will Offer Some Wonderfully Good Values During the Coming Week.

We've gone somewhat into detail to-day as regards a dozen or so of our special values in Trunks.

You will be well repaid for a careful reading of each item, as the entire list represents the very best values in Trunks, at the various prices, to be found in the city of Richmond.

The Broad-Street windows show some of these good values.

Flat-Top Trunks, 30 inches in size, covered with canvas, heavy \$2.50 iron bottom and corners...

32-inch Trunks, hardwood slats, Excelsior lock, lined with linen, \$6.00 heavy iron bottom \$6.00 Flat-Top Trunks, 38 inches in size, capyas or versal double stress heavy canvas covered, double strap, heavy from bottom and corners, good \$6.00

Roller-Tray Trunks, 34 inches in size, wide iron centre band, hardwood slats. good lock, double \$7.50 strap 36-inch Automatic Trunks, trimmed with brass, iron bettom, double strap, a very substantial and \$7.98 convenient Trunk

84-inch Roller-Tray Trunk, fibre-bound and trimmed with brass; hardwood slats, double \$10.00 strap

84-inch Automatic Trunk, wide fibre centre band, trimmed with brass, lined with linen, \$11.50

ends: Eagle lock; lined with linen; double, strap—an \$18 Trunk, \$15:00

34-inch Theatrical Trunk, covered, with heavy duck; wrought iron corners, divided tray; also extra skirt tray, lined with \$15.00 linen

36-inch Flat Top, Duck Covered heavy brass trimmings, double strap, lined with linen; a \$20.00 \$17.50 trunk for.

38-inch Trunk, leather bound, lined with extra quality Irish linen, novelty tray, extra skirt tray, hardwood slats, double stmps; very heavy brass corners, front indiend dow-\$25.00 els; a \$30.00 value, for....\$25.00

Bleached Linen Table Damask, 75c and \$1 yd Special Values at These Prices.

There's been a big advance in the prices of Linens. We'd advise buying now for future as well as present needs, as this 72-inch Bleached Irish Damask at 75c will undoubtedly go up to a dollar, and our present \$1 Damask will be \$1.25 in the near future.

The shortness of the flax crop of Europe is sending raw material skyward.

Yesterday's Sale of Toilet

Articles Was a Big Success.

Remember that the Special Prices

Hold Good for Two Days More--

The articles in this sale are all staple, and will

Face and Toilet Powders and Creams, Toilet

be sold much under their regular price during the

Waters, Toilet Soaps, Mouth Washes, Hair

China Dinner Sets at Reduced Prices

Cleaning Up Our Stock Before Mid-Summer.

it's always our policy to clean up one season's merchandise

ner Set, prettily decorated; a few

small pieces short in

a 102 piece set; was

*16.50

ward at reduced prices for your consideration.

\$25, now

We're making preparations now for fall business, and

First-class Dinner Sets are thrusting themselves for-

Thin China Din- | pieces; was \$50,

Monday and Tuesday.

Tonics, Brushes, Deodorizers, &c.

A SALE OF NAPKINS AT 98c DOZEN THAT'S WORTH YOUR ATTEN-

About one hundred dozen Linen or Finely Mercerized Napkins, worth up to \$1.25 a

Fine Bleached Mercerized Napkins

next two days.

before another comes in.

Thin Imported China Dinner Set, 102 pieces, gold lined; was \$18, now

\$10^{.89}

Haviland Dinner Set, 102 pieces, green decorations;

was \$35, now

Medium Size All Pure Linen Napkins. Doz.

Extra Heavy Half Bleached Napkins ...

Huck Towels, 121/20 Best Value We've Had for Some Time.

Extra good quality, 19x38, inches, hemmed, all white or red borders. An especially good Towel for hotels. or boarding houses.

A Big Bath Towel, 25C

Six hundred Large and Heavy Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, equal in quality to the best 35c Towel sold; special for the coming week, 25c.

Bargains in Basement Cottons on Monday. 25c Hemstitched

Pillow Cases, 19c Made of the best grade bleached cotton, with spoke-

stitch ends. We only have 300 of them for this sale—19c each, or \$2.25 per dozen.

33c Bleached Sheet 271c ing, 21-2 yds wide, yd 272C Two hundred and fifty yards

of it were secured to sell at 27 1-2c yard—one of the best makes of Bleached Sheeting; and a regular 88c value.

Atlantic Mills Sheets.

75c values for 55c, 31/2. 85c values for 65c. 95c values for 75c.

The Atlantic Mills use the best grade of cotton, and the finish of their work cannot be surpassed.

These high-grade Sheets are sold at the price usually paid for flimsy articles. 63x90-inch Sheets, 50c.

72x90-inch Sheets, 55c, ... 81x90-inch Sheets, 65c, 90x90-inch Sheets, 75c,

A Dressing Sacque is a Hot Weather Necessity.

Might as well be comfortable, especially when it costs so little, and you can look neat at the same time.

Kimono Jackets, in White, Lawn, with colored border, or in Figured Lawn with white border; good quality lawn and well made, 50c.

Fine Quality Lawn Dressing Sacques, in white grounds with small colored, figures, 89c.

Fine Quality Percale Wrap-pers, in dark blue, gray and red; full skirt, yoke effect; a splendidly made garment, at

A Nice Wrap for Trolley or Any Outdoor Vacation Wear

s a Pretty Jacket made of fine imported wool, in white with pink, light or red borders, also blue with white border. It's cheap at \$2.50.

Thin, Light-Weight Trolley Shawls

Don't weigh but three ounces, and you can fold the shawl up in a hand-bag. Big enough, however, to protect the head, shoulders and chest. Fine, soft material, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$3. Fascinators, hand-crocheted, in pink, blue and black, 25c and 50c.

neat effects. All sizes up to 44. These suits have been very popular this season at from \$6.50 to \$10but closing out time has come. Your choice to-morrow, \$4.95 each.

in various styles of lace and embroidery-all

Some Additional Good Values

Added to the Wash Suits, at Many a woman went away from here last week the happy possessor of a high-grade Wash

Suit at a very low price. In addition to the Linens and Lawns already advertised, we will offer a lot of Black and White Check Suits, trimmed with white pique or white rep; Eton and pony styles. These garments are made of serviceable wash materials, and have been selling up are made of serviceable wasn materials, attended to \$15. Blight charge for any needed alterations.

at a Special Price of Seach 40 Serge Skirts Regular Prices have been up to \$5.98.

Sun plaited Shirt Waist Skirts of medium weight serge, cut circular, Black, and white stripes and checks. One-inch band of velvet around the bottom. All sizes in this lot. Slight charge for

We're cleaning house early in this department, hence the cut in prices.

Cannon Cloth Skirts: Special Values

Without question they're the greatest value in a 98c Cannon Cloth Skirt ever seen in Richmond—and they're made right here in Virginia. Eleven gore flare, with a three inch turn up; side gores trimmed with stitched folds. Some Skirts now in the 98c assortment are taken from our

Wash Coats of Cannon Cloth and Linen **\$1.98** and **\$9.98**

Actually worth more than that, but they happen to be odd coats for which we have no skirts, and of course must suffer in price.

All this season's styles in Eton, bolero and pony styles. Some All this season's styles in Eton, other and party styles so have a velvet collar, some a light blue rep collar, while others are trimmed with lace and fancy braid.

You can't invest the same money in Coats to any better advantage than in these garments.

Short Pieces of 25c White Nainsook

Six hundred yards of Fine, Soft-finish The regular price was 25c yard—the remnant price, 12 1-2c.

Century Cloth--a Suiting With a Linen Finish, Tyd.

1,200 yards of an Extra Quality White Linen-Finish Suiting, which looks, feels and wears like linen, but at one-quarter the price. A great value at 12 1-2c.

White (4½c, 6½c, 10c, 15c) Per Lawns 5c, 8c, 12c, 20c Yard All Under Price

The mills can't make the goods to-day to sell at the same prices. Cotton has been going higher and higher for months.

These goods were contracted for long ago.

45-inch White French Lawns,

We consider ourselves fortunate in securing another case of the Fine Sheer Quality French Lawn, 45 inches wide, that we've been selling at 15c yard, though it's practically a 25c quality. Come early on Monday.

10c and 12 1-2c Batiste Lawns, 64c and 72c yd.

About 4,000 yards for the coming week's selling. All this season's goods. We secured them at low prices by taking all the goods the jobber had. We make a profit—so do you. Don't fail to avail yourself of the opportunity on Monday morning.

Fine Printed Organdie, I2 I-2c yd

Great values these—the latest floral designs and colorings, printed on an extra fine cloth. Looks very much like the French Organitie, except in price, New arrivals every day keep our stock complete.

12 I-2c to 25c Wash Goods,

About two thousand yards, consisting of Voiles, Silk effects and Nub Panama Suiting, The entire lot consists of portions of pieces

The former prices have ranged from 12 1-20 to 25c. Now, 8 1-3c.

Haviland Dinner Set, of 102 pieces; border pattern, gold *32.89 stipple; all large

Haviland Dinner

Set, open stock pat-

tern, 103 pieces,

decorated in pink;

was \$39.89, now