

EDUCATORS MEET IN CAPITOL CITY

INTERESTING ADDRESSES HEARD

By EUGENIA H. OSBORN

With the largest attendance in its history, the ninth annual conference of the Virginia State Teachers Association met in Richmond during Thanksgiving week.

In the addresses by Dr. Payne, Dr. Smith and Mr. Pollard the main note of the conference was struck with great power—education as a preparation for social service.

Another of the main themes developed was the need of reducing the large amount of illiteracy of the State. Mr. Stearns declared that the wiping out of illiteracy was now the slogan of the State's educational work.

Sup't. Glass, of Lynchburg, who was to have spoken on compulsory education, was called away, but its importance and the need of co-operation on the part of the citizens with the schools, were urged by Attorney General Pollard, who said that there are now 100,000 illiterate white children in the State and over that number of colored ones.

Another pressing need before the State was the betterment of the rural schools, said Mr. Bedford, the secretary of the Co-op-

erative Education Association, in his address on the subject. A glooming picture was painted of the condition of many of them, through the want of trained teachers, the lack of business methods in their administration, and the need of more supervision.

But, if your educational needs were pressing, a powerful instrument to aid them had been found in the Co-operative Educational Association, said Mrs. Munford, president of that organization, in her annual report.

work. Agricultural and technical education, night schools, music, kindergarten, school sanitation, all had their active conference, with earnest and sometimes heated discussions going on.

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Local Manassas who attended the Knight Templar Banquet at the Plaza on Thanksgiving evening were Messrs. I. E. Cannon, C. E. Nash, R. S. Hynson, Hon. C. J. Meester, R. T. Davies, Wm. H. Brown, G. D. Davis, T. F. Coleman, E. W. Merchant, H. P. and J. R. E. Davis.

It seems that some excitement was created in Frederickburg last week when an eloquent romantic in every detail took place. The young couple were R. L. Hinton, of Frederickburg, and Miss Mary Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks.

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BELGIAN RELIEF MEETING HELD

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evening President and Mrs. Roop sang an appropriate duet and Prof. Mosher gave a violin solo with an accompaniment by Miss Hopkins.

Rev. I. A. Miller pronounced a closing prayer, after which the meeting adjourned.

The following committees have been appointed:

For Prince William County—George C. Round, chairman; C. J. Meetze, secretary; G. Raymond Ratcliffe, treasurer.

Ocequan District—Tyson Janney, chairman; L. Ledman, Mrs. Corbin Thompson, Sherwood Stonnell, M. T. Glasscock, William Clark, James M. Barbee, assistants.

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It is understood that all school teachers and clergymen are to be ex-officio members of the committee. As to the best method of raising money, the committee-men will have to judge what is best. It was suggested that where neighborhoods were not canvassed for subscriptions, that collectors be taken up in the churches some time in December. The members named on the list of committees who cannot serve, are asked to provide a substitute

and the chairman of each district is asked to add to the committees as they deem advisable. Acknowledgements will be made through the Manassas newspapers weekly.

G. Raymond Ratcliffe, treasurer of the Belgian Fund for Prince William county, hereby acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions in money to date:

G. C. Round	\$10.00
A. W. Sinclair	1.00
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Mrs. Coles	.25
Miss Rixey	.25
Mrs. Sotton	1.00
Mrs. A. W. Sinclair	1.00
Miss Flora Lion	1.00
Mrs. Henry Roberts	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Lebere	1.00
Total	\$26.00

HAYMARKET

Joe Tulloss spent Thanksgiving at his home here.

Patrons Day will be observed here on Friday. All patrons are invited to be present.

Misses Mary and Belle Price and nephew, Bowman, have moved into town for the winter.

Miss Bessie Watts and Mr. Tyler, of Hamilton, spent the weekend with Miss Watts parents.

Misses Francis and Josephine Jacquette, of New Jersey, spent the weekend with Mrs. W. M. Jordan.

Miss Rebecca Garnett, of Fairfax, who has been visiting at Bell Haven, returned to her home Saturday night.

Miss Mary Walter, who has been visiting Misses Louise and Nellie Rector, returned to her home in Washington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton Price, who spent Thanksgiving at Sonoma, returned home on Monday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Price.

The Haymarket Library room has been much improved by the addition of the beautiful curtains which were so kindly donated by the Misses McGill, of Washington. The association greatly appreciates this gift.

Miss Mary Jordan and Herman Shirley, both of this place, were married on Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the Rev. Green, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley left immediately for Norfolk, returning Monday afternoon to Haymarket where they are now at home to their friends.

AL-KAL TOWSER

"Towser," that faithful friend who always met us at the door with a cheerful wag of his tail and a look in his eyes that said, "Tell me your troubles," was rushed into the canine heaven—if there is one—Thanksgiving morning by a dose of strychnine administered by one who is not worthy of having his name printed in the same paper with "Towser's." At first it was thought that he died of acute indigestion, but when a newspaper man can't even raise a wee bit of a "tummy ache," how can his dog be expected to have any kind of indigestion? But "Murder will out." The man who will stoop so low as to poison a dog would steal the pennies that were laid upon his dead mother's eyes to close them, he would maim a child in order to witness its agony, he would—but there is no crime of which he would not be guilty.


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MANASSAS, VA., Dec. 2, 1914.
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Picture the Owner: "You seem to know your business. I'll give you the job."

Picture the Electrician: "Yes, please, you shall see me get a job in the next few days. I'll be back in a week."

Picture the Owner: "You're very sure? What you think you can do that job—any other job?"

Picture the Electrician: "I didn't say anything about other jobs."

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