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EDITORIALS

THE eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, should ever be remembered. For the first time in four years, it marked a general cessation of that carnival of death which, involving the whole world, has ravaged the continent of Europe.

When it was authoritatively learned, that the first step for peace were taken, a thanksgiving went up from victors and vanquished that was heard around the world.

To the schools of the country, it meant a return to normal conditions; a laying aside of recently adopted martial characteristics for the resumption of activities more in consonance with an era of peace; a further continuance of the attempt to educate the citizenry that it may prove the most valuable asset for the prosperous existence of the state.

If we have learned anything from the means adopted to end this

orgy of murder and destruction, it must dawn upon us that some of our well established ideals must be reconstructed. Perhaps, a greater opportunity, to begin such reconstruction, can arise in no more fitting places than our schools.

We are convinced by the Hun's acknowledgment of defeat, that the most efficient educational system of the world means but temporary ascendancy, if the principles of justice are disregarded.

In the height of the evidence that confronts us, no rational being will contest our proposition. Is it going beyond proper bounds then, to urge more persistently that change in the life of the schools, which will assure such efficiency and character in the lives of their product, that greed will be minimized, and "Right will make might"?

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The addresses of Reverend Johnson, and Professor Pickens were among the high lights of the joint

teachers association meeting at Huntington the 28 and 29 of November. It is hoped that each teacher was especially inspired by the appeal for loyalty to the Negro Church.

A rise to worth has no more stability than the vapor that covers the crest of some lofty peak, if that rise rests not upon some virtue that, reaching down thru the ages, finds its footing in the teachings of the lowly Nazarene.

The message of the divine's address ought to fall with great impressiveness upon every teacher who heard it.

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We are aware that the prevalence of the flu in some sections, prevented the attendance of a number of teachers, yet there were many, to whom the time was granted, who did not think enough of their work to make the journey.

We do not deny the right of an individual to dispose of his time as he sees fit; but we do hold that teachers should avail themselves of every opportunity of improvement.

It should not be forgotten, that school officials are more and more observant of those teachers who are alive.

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The War is over, and our boys are returning home. Let us accord them the recognition due

their loyalty and heroism. May all who have fought and bled for Democracy abroad find true Democracy at home on their return.

The adoption of the school Code by our Legislature would be a progressive step in school law making. The proposed new Code contains much of the best there is in present day school practice and should be adopted.—*B. P.*

"GOLDEN THOUGHTS"

My name for every true man in these United States will be the honorable name of "American."

My reference to all new Americans born in other lands shall never be dishonored by slurs, nicknames or hyphens.

My purpose shall be to discourage in the native born the love for titles, to help every immigrant to forget his hyphens and to be proud of the name American and to stamp out the use of such nicknames as words of derision of the foreign-born.—*American Youth.*

A LETTER FROM MR. SHAWKEY

Charleston, W. Va.,
December, 11, 1918.

My dear Mr. Prillerman:

I have received your school

calendar. It is a neat piece of work and is a very appropriate and useful means of advertising your institution. I was pleased to note that the Board of Control has a copy of the calendar in its office.

Thanking you for calling attention to the publication, I am

Very truly yours,
M. P. Shawkey.

A LETTER FROM MR. MARSH

Charleston, W. Va.,
December 10, 1918.

Byrd Prillerman,
Institute, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for a copy of your artistic school calendar which came to me a few days ago. This will be a pleasing reminder of your institution, and will doubtless serve a good purpose among the alumni and friends of the school.

Very truly yours,
J. F. Marsh.

A LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Charleston, W. Va.,
December 6, 1918.

Dear Mr. Prillerman:

I appreciate very much, indeed, your thoughtfulness in sending me

the very pretty calendar for 1919 with the compliments of your College Institute. It is unique and artful.

Wishing your work a great success, I am,

Very truly yours,
J. H. Stewart,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

A LETTER FROM MR. HARTSHORN

85-89 Broad Street,
Boston, Mass.
Oct. 17, 1918.

My dear Mr. Prillerman:

Enclosed please find a folder setting forth some of the work done by the "Committee on work among the Negroes" of the International Sunday School Association.

Results accomplished in the last seven years demand yet larger activity and by master minds.

The next quadrennium should witness wonderful advance in the christian education of the Negro through trained teachers.

Will you serve on the Committee that is to have this work in charge for the next four years?

We do not know where you can earn larger dividends.

Yours cordially,

W. N. Hartshorn,
President Priscilla Publishing Co.

Kindly reply by early mail.

The W. Va. Teachers' Association, and The Teachers' Association of Northern West Virginia Hold Rousing Meeting at Huntington, November, 28-29

FOR the first time in the history of the two associations, a joint session was held November 28 and 29 in the Carnegie Library, and Douglass School, Huntington, West Virginia. The presidents of the two associations, Professors A. W. Curtis and J. Rupert Jefferson, had formulated a program for the occasion that was rich in essentials so desirable for a progressive teacher.

Since there are about five-hundred Negro teachers employed in the state, it was anticipated that a joint session would induce a bumper enrollment; but the prevalence of flu in parts of the state prevented the attendance of many.

The total enrollment was one hundred nine, of which twelve came from Northern West Virginia, and ninety seven from other sections of the State.

Fourteen teachers of the West Virginia Collegiate Institute and thirty-two of its graduates were enrolled.

The absence of familiar faces from the Kanawha River, and the

Norfolk and Western Valley was very noticeable.

Among the important topics considered, were steps to advance Negro education in the state by legislative enactment, and to standardize the high schools and grade schools.

Resolutions were adopted commending the people of Huntington for their courteous treatment, pledging anew the allegiance of the teachers to all that stands for loyalty and the conservation of resources, and recommending to the State Boards the standardising of salaries in the state schools.

A permanent state organization, of the principals of West Virginia's Colored High Schools was effected. The purpose of this organization is to develop the Colored High Schools to the standard of the best secondary schools and to formulate and disseminate plans that encourage large attendance in the grades.

The following officers were elected for the year: West Virginia Teacher's Association, J. F. J. Clark of Charleston, president; C. Ruth Campbell of Institute, recording secretary; Mrs. Ida M. Whittico,

of Keystone, corresponding secretary; J. W. Robinson, of North Fork treasurer.

Association of Northern West Virginia; H. D. Hazlewood of Parkersburg, president; Irene Chilton of Parkersburg, secretary; W. O. Armstrong of Fairmont, treasurer.

Parkersburg was chosen as the convention city for the next session of the North State association.

Summer School

At the West Virginia Collegiate
Institute

June 16-July 25, 1919

FIRST RECITAL

Under the supervision of Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, the vocal and piano students rendered a creditable selection of musical numbers in the first recital of the scholastic year.

The vocal numbers lilting, and attuned to delightful harmony, were sung by the girls' chorus with vigor and expression. Their vanity was such as to show decided phases of the musician's art shading from the simple melody to compositions of a complex nature.

The work of the youthful pianists showed the result of patient and careful instruction. This part of the program contained compositions from the old masters, and

standard modern composers. Verdi, and Burleigh featured as composers of the vocal numbers sung.

THE PROGRAM

In The Fields.....	Russian Folk Song Girls' Chorus
Spanish Dance (piano duet)...	Moszkowski Eloise Lovette Mrs. Mitchell
Harp Sounds.....	Mayer Ardell Gregory
The Shower.....	Verdi Girls' Chorus
The Spinning Wheel.....	Stojowski Lillie Mosby
Papillons.....	Schuett Margaret Jones
Merry Maids of Spain.....	From the Princess Bonnie Girls' Chorus
In the Canyon.....	Dennee Mary Cundiff
Wedding Day.....	Grieg Marie Robinson
Good Bye.....	Tosti Girls' Chorus
Barcarolle.....	Dett Ednora Prillerman
Allegro (piano duet).....	Diabelli Thelma Brown Mrs. Mitchell
A Talk on Negro Folk Songs	Cleopatra Whittico
My Lord, What a Morning.....	Arranged by Mr. Burleigh Miss Daniels
Oh, Peter Go Ring dem Bells.....	Arranged by Mr. Burleigh

ATHLETICS

For the first fall in many years

there has been no marked activity in athletics around the Institute.

The installation of the S. A. T. C., here, the uncertainty of student life tenure the draft entailed on the eligible young men, and the unsettled condition of affairs generally completely rendered the formation of any athletic schedule impossible.

Out of the young men who composed the S. A. T. C., enough raw material could have chosen to build up a respectable team with Holland, Bartlett, Morgan, Spriggs, and Hamlin of the old guard as a nucleus.

The requirement of the military unit however offered no time for the necessary practice, if a competent coach could have been secured.

If no change alters the world's program, normal conditions will establish themselves here, and the school will resume her high place in athletics.

Since the end of the foot-ball season, intra mural basketball contests have been staged between the S. A. T. C. and the civilians. Up to this point the civilians have had honors at their mercy.

The civilians composed of Dallas Brown '19, Wm. Drewery '21, Higginbottom '21, Adams and Parish '20, with other high grade subs, overcome the best of last year's basketball stars.

The games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the court.

DOUGLASS VANQUISHES SUMNER

One of the gamest fought contests ever witnessed, was the championship foot ball argument between the elevens representing Sumner High of Parkersburg, and Douglass High of Huntington.

The game was staged on Marshal Field November 29, at 3 p. m. The faculty of Sumner and a few impartial spectators rooted for the up-river team but their gallant efforts frightened, but could not stop the eleven of Douglass.

The teams were about evenly balanced in weight, the odds slightly favoring the Douglass eleven. In team work there was little to choose between the two. Douglass was stronger on offensive work, in which the onslaughts of the backfield stood out prominent; and the Sumner eleven had developed the open system of play better, in which the aerial route proved very advantageous.

The final score was Douglass 19, Summer 13. Coaches, Davis for Douglass and Harris for Sumner are to be highly commended for the clean manly game that their respective teams put up.

By winning this game, Huntington won the championship of the state for 1918.

"Live and learn."

Y. M. C. A. HOLDS FIRST PUBLIC PROGRAM

Membership Campaign Successful

On the evening of November tenth, the local Y. M. C. A. celebrated the close of its fall membership campaign, by presenting the appended program to the assembled student body and visitors in the chapel.

The President, Ballard Early had given much effort to words advising his various committees, to the end that every young man of the school who knew not the salutary qualities of the Y. The presence of a crowded stage was conclusive evidence that his efforts had not been in vain.

Prizes were offered to those who would be responsible for the greatest addition of new members and Mr. Daniel Scott of the Collegiate department was the successful one.

The program was impressive and interesting.

Much benefit is expected from the Y this year, on account of the wholesome influence, that the great association is exerting on the lives of men thru out the world.

The following program was rendered:

Song—The Lord is my Shepherd.....School
InvocationMiss Eubank
Song—Christian Soldier's March.....Chorus
The Negro in the Y.M.C.A. Instructor Lewis
Address.....Prof. W. D. Johnson
Presentation of Prizes.....Prof. S. H. Guss
Remarks.....Pres. Prillerman

Violin Solo—Accompanied by Chorus.....
Rupert Rolls

Benediction.....Prof. Wm. Spriggs

SENIOR ENGLISH RHETORICALS

Piano Duet.....Canzonetta

Marie Robinson

Mary Cundiff

Recitation.....The Launching of the Ship
Jeanette Cross

Recitation.....The Revolutionary Rising
Mabel Palmer

Essay.....Learning to Fly
Walter Jackson

Vocal Solo.....Rose in the Bud
Maud Rice

Reading
The Escape of a Canadian Prisoner
Nevada Satterfield

Declamation.....Graute Strategy
Lourine James

RecitationMother
W. S. Abbott, Charleston W. Va.
Georgia Hill

Vocal DuetHark to the Mandolin
Cleopatra Whittico
Ardell Gregory

Recitation.....The Burial March of Dundee
Ada Washington

RecitationThe Flag Goes By
Matilda James

RecitationThe Battle Hymn
Lucy Bolling

Piano DuetFanfare
Ednora Prillerman
Margaret Jones

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NEWS FROM "OVER THERE"

Headquarters 167 F. A. Brigade,
American Expeditionary Forces,
A. P. O. 766.

Somewhere in France,
Oct. 27, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I have just received your letter of September 29th. I believe I like being at the front better than I do back, because I get my mail more quickly. Up here we get our mail from the States in about three weeks.

I expect to see Orlando Hodge to-morrow. He works in the Hospital where I am taking dental treatment. Dr. Whittico is somewhere near here also. I saw Houston Jackson two or three weeks ago. Lieut. Norwood C. Fairfax was killed about two or three weeks ago. He had just come from school and it was his first day on the front. Edward Fulks is near me, but I have not seen him yet.

Tell papa I met a white boy the other day by the name of Beckenstein from Charleston who knows him well.

Mr. Ralph W. Tyler was here to-day visiting. I am glad to know that every one is well at the school and that everything is going nicely.

Your son,

Delbert Prillerman.

P. S. You will likely be surpris-

ed to know that "Brother Fulks" was in to see me this morning. He is looking fine.

Dear Mother:

I have been trying to get a chance to write home for quite a few days, but, as you know, we are at the front now, and, of course, I am very busy.

Things are looking very favorable now with Bulgaria, Turkey, and Austria already out of the race, and Germany trying to come to terms with the Allies for an armistice. It is thought here that the armistice will surely come out of the present movement. The Allies are not taking an armistice so much for granted that the armies are letting up. However, they are still driving ahead.

I am well and living comfortably, so you have no need to worry about my safety. The most we hear where we are located is anti-aircraft guns, which, of course, are our own.

My regards to all the folks there.

I hope to be home by Easter

Your son,

Delbert M. Prillerman.

Sergeant Major.

Dear Dad:

Well, it is all over. As the French put it, "Finis le Guerre," and I am not one bit sorry. I certainly hope that the United States will never have another war.

I sent you a cablegram November 13, 1918 which I hope you have received by now. I knew that the war was over and that Mamma would be wondering whether I was dead or alive. So I thought that the cablegram would ease her mind from worry. I am well, in fact, I haven't been sick since I have been over here. The Spanish "Flu" has been on a raid over here as well as in the States, but I have been fortunate enough to escape it, although in September we were in a camp where there were several cases of it. Fairfax and Hughes were up to see me. They both pulled through without even a scratch. Carpenter, Conners, Lipscomb, Bruce, Calhoun, and Lockett also pulled through. In fact, Lieut. Norwood C. Fairfax is the only fellow from Institute who met with misfortune, and of course, you have heard about him by this time. I haven't seen any of the boys in the Engineers, but I feel sure that they pulled through in good shape. I saw Houston Jackson a day or two ago. Edward Fulks is in the same town as I.

Houston and Robert Edwards are somewhere in this section, but I have not seen them. I feel certain that they are O. K. however.

You will be glad to know that the 92 division has made good, and especially the Artillery Brigade. It is said to be equal to, if not better, than any other American Artillery Brigade which has seen

action at the front. We have had a good record everywhere we have been. The Division Inspector said that its presence in the Division made a marked change in the discipline of the remainder of the Division for the better. Our Division has been on the line for the last three months, so I believe we should be scheduled for home before many more weeks. Tell Lieutenants Hendrick and St. Clair that they do not know the fun and hard times they have missed by not coming to France.

Love to all.

Your son,

Delbert M. Prillerman.

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

Office of the Mayor of Montmorillon,
Vienne

August 12, 1918.

To Brigadier General
John H. Sherburne,
167 Field Artillery Brigade,
La Courtine, Creuse.

My dear General:

Yesterday, on returning home, I found your card informing me of your departure, and deeply regret having lost the opportunity of proffering a farewell handshake and of reiterating my regrets at your departure from our city.

Personally I shall cherish the happiest recollections of your stay, and the entire population is unani-

mous in reaching the conclusion that the attitude and behavior of your soldiers has been above reproach. They have earned our high regard by their discipline and their faultless behavior, and have likewise endeared themselves to us by their good nature and kindness toward all. The residents of Montmorillon are of one accord in saying the best that can be said of them, in regretting their departure, and are not a little surprised that colored troops have shown that they not only equal white troops, but even surpass them.

Believe me, my dear General,
Sincerely and respectfully yours,

G. de Font Reaulx,
Assistant to the Mayor.

*On Active Service with the
American Expeditionary Forces,
Co. D, 317 Engineers
A. P. O. 766, Mobile.*

My dear President Prillerman:

I had been looking for a letter from you long before I left the States, but as yet I have not received one, and if you only knew how a soldier feels when he cannot hear from the friends he has left behind you would sacrifice time to write me.

I have been under shell-fire quite a few times but have come out alright. I put it to my constant prayer and reading of the good Book, so you can see that

the war does not make me forget the Lord and the Book.

All the boys are well and are getting along fine. All send their best regards to you and family. We shall all be home for Christmas with victory and nothing else but victory. How is the school this year? How many students have you? Please give my best regards to Mrs. Prillerman and the children.

Yours very truly,
F. H. Marshall, Jr.

*On Active Service with the
American Expeditionary Forces,
Co. D, 317 Engineers,*

October 23, 1918.

My Dear President Prillerman:

Your most interesting letter was received sometime ago but I have not had time to answer. We have been extremely busy and have been so close on the front that we could not do anything other than duty. I shall tell you a few of the things we have experienced since we have been over here.

We have served on two sectors. We were in a little gas once. We have been under shell-fire; we have been in air battles; I have been in a town when it was raided by airplanes; and I have seen the wonderful tanks, as many as one hundred at one time.

I have not seen your son,

Delbert, but I have seen men who have seen him, and they say that he is getting along fine. I have heard officially that he is one of the most efficient men in his line in the division.

All of the W. V. C. I. boys are getting along fine.

President, I wish you could only see some places where the front lines have been. They are most wonderful. Many things that I would like to tell you the censor will not pass, so I shall wait until I get back to tell them.

I shall be especially glad to know about the men you sent to Howard for special military training. I understand you have a pretty large enrollment this year. Remember me to the teachers and students and especially to Mrs. Prillerman. I must close for this time.

Yours very truly,
Corp. Arthur B. Cunningham.

Somewhere in France.
November 2, 1918.

Dear President Prillerman:

I know it will surprise you to hear from me. I must ask to be excused for not writing before.

I enlisted in the National Army at Camp Dix, New Jersey, on June 17th last. I was assigned to Headquarters Company, 350th Field Artillery. I was in the service only twelve days before I sailed for France. The voyage, being made in twelve days, was a suc-

cessful one. My special training is in telephone work. All my training has been in France. I am the telephone operator for the Commanding Officers of my organization. I am now on the front in active service. This is my second week up here. No doubt you think there would be much fear, but there is no such thing with me. There is just as much joy and happiness at times here as in civilian life.

From the second week in France I have been with some of the Institute boys until I came to the front. All of them belonged to another organization is the reason why we are not together now. Perhaps it would be interesting to you to know their names. They are Sergeant Major Delbert M. Prillerman, Sergeant Charles Davis, Sergeant Leonard Hughes, Sergeant John Lockett, Corporal Elliot Fairfax, Corp. Clarence Bruce, Privates Lyman Connors, John C. Calhoun, James Lipscomb, William Carpenter, and myself, all of the 167th Brigade.

How is the school getting along this year? What is the enrollment? Are there many new teachers? I must close. My best regards to your family, the faculty, and students. Hoping you a Merry Christmas and to hear from you soon, I am

Yours respectfully,
Private Berkley Brown.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

President Prillerman attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the West Virginia Sunday School Association at Clarksburg, November 27th. The meeting was attended by Mr. Marion Lawrence, the Secretary of the International Sunday School Association.

We extend our sympathy to Dr. H. C. Hargrove whose wife died at his home in Sylvia, West Virginia, last month.

On December 12th President Prillerman received a letter from Miss S. Miluard Boulding, who is now a Red Cross Nurse at the United States Army Base Hospital, Camp Sherman, Ohio. This is one of the first instances of colored nurses being called to one of the army cantonments to do service under the authority of the American Red Cross. Miss Beatrice Cole was called with Miss Boulding.

Mrs. Frank Green died at her home in Charleston Dec. 11. She was the mother of Miss Rebecca Green class of 1914.

Mrs. Peter Jeffries died at her home in Baltimore Dec. 11. She was the mother of Mrs. Blanche Tyler and Miss Alica Jeffries. She made her home in Charleston for many years.

Mr. R. P. Scott, of Columbus

Ohio, is the local secretary of the S. A. T. C. Y. M. C. A. Mr. Scott has been in charge of the field since November 15, at which time he was stationed by the war council of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Scott is especially prepared for and adapted to this kind of work, and has fallen naturally into the system, thus supplying a much needed factor for the benefit of the social and moral uplift of these semi-martial young men.

Mrs. Minnie Hurt, Normal 1910, has been appointed primary teacher for the colored schools, in the school system of Nitro, the large government explosive plant six miles down the river from us.

Mrs. Hurt is to be congratulated for being chosen from so large a field of applicants.

Cassie Gore, Andrew Wicks, Joseph Peters—academic 1917—and Russell Hardy academic '17, ex-students and graduates of this school, visited the institution during October, while on furlough from Camp Sherman, and Humphreys.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown, normal graduates of 1898, and 1913 respectively, have moved into their new brick combined store and residence, facing the institution's grounds, on the north.

Mr. Brown is also repairman at the school, and Madam Brown is postmistress.

The building is a creditable monument to their thrift and industry.

Miss Goldie Friend, a member of the class of 1920, has forsaken single blessedness for married bliss.

Dr. T. H. Bryant, a thriving physician of Raymond City, and a business man of large resources, and she were married about the middle of November, at the residence of the bride's mother near Institute. Our best wishes go with them.

Mr. Dewitte Meadows, Normal 1910, has erected an eight room two story cottage on the county road near the institution's reservation. Mr. Meadows is an enterprising, industrious young man, and is highly regarded wherever he is known.

Miss Irene Chilton of Rendville Ohio, and at present a teacher in the Parkersburg Colored Schools, enroute to Parkersburg from Huntington, visited her cousin

Mrs. S. H. Guss of the village.

President Prillerman was called to Clarksburg the 27 of November, to attend a meeting, of the executive board of the West Virginia S. S. Association.

Mr. Prillerman, reports that among other important topics, some, touching the extension of the work of the association among the Colored people of the state were discussed.

The S. A. T. C. division of student carpenters under the supervision of their instructor, W. A. Spriggs, have completed a canteen building.

It is situated on the road in the rear of Atkinson Hall, near the arch that spans the entrance to Lakin Field. The building is a one story frame structure, about twenty by fifty feet, and is finished on the interior with plaster board, and pine wainscoting.

It will be a serviceable room, for the future needs of the school.

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