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not been the School's policy to advertise! How could we, when every year we have more students than our buildings can accommodate? For each of the past two years we have bought a new house, but even this has been inadequate. Our buildings will house 40; this year we have enrolled 57, and could easily have had 100 if we had let the people know.

When we take into consideration the fact that the many urgent appeals coming each year from our foreign mission fields, from our mountain districts, and from our large city churches for trained workers, far exceeds the number the School can supply, while there are in our churches literally scores of young women who are eager to do this work—has not the time arrived when we *must* prepare them to fill these places?

This is not a matter of speculation but facts, as evidenced by the number who have already found their way into the School, by others from whom we have heard, and by the large number of Christian Endeavor Life Work Recruits in our churches who have made the decision to put their lives into definite full-time Christian service and stand waiting the opportunity.

But this is not all. God has been working at both ends of the line. Out in the field He has shown us the great need; at home He has raised up among our young people those who are willing and eager to go! Is not this a tremendous challenge to the Church to-day to provide adequate buildings, equipment and training necessary to prepare these workers for their task? We believe it is! and that the Church is going to rally to the situation and give us the \$150,000 so urgently needed for our dormitory that workers may be trained to go out into the fields now "already white to harvest." We leave the question with YOU: "What about the building?"—*Lillie C. Bringhamst, Vice-President Senior Class.*

Sing a song of Lingle Hall,  
Of Turnbull and of Moore.  
And one would think, with all of these,  
There would be room galore.

But girls they come, and girls they go,  
From country, town and city.  
But where to put them—Oh! my friends,  
It really is a pity!

Our teachers are the best on earth,  
'Tis not for them we're pleading.  
But won't you hear, and can't you see,  
It's a building we are needing?—*Elizabeth McChesney.*

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*This bulletin, gotten out by the students of the General Assembly's Training School, makes it possible for their friends to see the School through the eyes of the students.*

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR COURSE AND OUR FACULTY.

Why is the Training School such a success? Why is it such a wonderful place in which to be? And why do we love it so? There are two great reasons—our course and our faculty.

The curriculum is one which provides for an all-round Christian education. The English Bible is the central course, and upon it are based the other studies, including Missions, Sunday School Work, Woman's Work, Christian Endeavor and Young People's Work, Christian Doctrine, Church History and Personal Evangelism. Those who complete the full two-year course are well equipped for any branch of church work at home or abroad. They are qualified to fill any position in the church—except that of a preacher!

Our faculty—may their tribe increase! I wish I had words with which to describe what they mean to us. I wish, too, that I had room to take each one by name and tell you how he, or she, is helping us in the preparation of our life work. I must say that under their instruction and leadership, yes, by their very lives, we are lifted up and drawn closer to our God day by day. They inspire us to higher, nobler ambitions in our study and in our life decisions. The fundamental lesson which we learn from them is unselfishness. When we think of these splendid men and women who, because of their love for the Master, are voluntarily giving their time and their talents to this School,

it inspires us to be less selfish and to try harder to live for others. This unselfishness leads us to a more complete surrender to our Master and makes us more fit to serve him through serving others.—*Rowena Williamson, President Senior Class.*

#### OUR PRESIDENT.

No adequate conception of our Training School can be given without an introduction to our president, Dr. Walter L. Lingle. In 1911 he accepted the McCornick Chair of Hebrew at Union Theological Seminary, and now holds the Chair of Church History and Sunday School Work.

The high esteem in which Dr. Lingle is held by the Church and his broad field of usefulness are recognized by the fact that he is president of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, Chairman of the Program Committee for the Montreat Conferences, a member of the International Sunday School Lesson Committee, and a member of the Board of Missionary Preparation.

But to us Dr. Lingle is our president and father to each girl in his Training School family. He is our instructor in Church History and Sunday School Pedagogy, an able instructor and attractive speaker. He has endeared himself to us by his interest in our personal comfort and welfare here, proved by his numerous little deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness which he is continually doing. He is one of the best all-round men we have ever known, whose fine Christian spirit is revealed in his every-day life, a thoroughly practical man of "consecrated common sense." The future students of the Training School may look forward to the privilege of knowing our Dr. Lingle—he is a great man and we all love him.—*Mary McCorn, Vice-President Student Body.*

#### ORGANIZATIONS.

*Student Government Association.*—The object of this association is to control all matters concerning the conduct of students in the Training School, to further in every way the spirit of unity among all students, to increase their sense of responsibility toward each other, and to be a medium by which the standard of the School may be maintained.—*Mary C. Glauler, President Student Body.*

*Home Service Volunteer Band.*—Many of the students in our Training School expect to go into some phase of Home Mission work when they have finished their course here. Some of us have already been in the field, others have not, but all have felt the need of being organized as the foreign volunteers, because we believe that inspiration would be gained from such unity, and in this way the conditions of our field could be better studied and understood. To meet this need "The Home Service Volunteer Band" has recently been organized, and we really are finding it very helpful as we meet together for prayers and conferences with men and women who are already in the field.—*Louise Miller, Leader.*

*Student Volunteer Band.*—The Student Volunteer Band for Foreign Mission Service has at present twelve members. Every day for a few minutes before breakfast a morning watch is held. This quiet time with God, just as the day is started, we hope to make a real benediction, not only to our lives but, through us, to others. The volunteers also hold open meetings at which we have been privileged to have several returned missionaries. Some members of the Band and others from the School are expecting to attend the Volunteer International Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, December 31st-January 4th. We are sure this convention will mean much to the students of our School and are grateful to those who are making it possible that some of the students may attend. We trust that the Volunteer Band of the Training School may not only be a blessing to us, who are members, but by God's help may be the means of stimulating greater interest in the great cause for which it stands.—*Minnie Amis, Leader.*

*Christian Endeavor and A. T. S.*—When the question of young people's work came up before the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, after a thorough investigation, they approved the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. This is an organization which provides an opportunity for expressing the impressions received in the Sunday Schools and thus training young people for leadership; one which has some place for members of the congregation from the beginners up to the adults; and one which is found in many lands and many denominations. Christian Endeavor has an important

place in our school because we believe it has the essentials necessary for interesting and training young people in Christian work and thus building up the Church. It is considered so important that we not only have a society meeting regularly here but its methods are carefully studied so as to send out efficient leaders of Christian Endeavor Work.—*Georgia McKay, President.*

#### PRACTICAL WORK.

From the above you can see that we are getting training at this school which will be beneficial to every Christian worker.

We are also getting practical experience as is shown by the following details of the different work, which our students take part in:

**Factory Work:**—The girls of our School have the privilege of doing practical Christian work in the various factories of the city, namely: the trunk, meat packing, bag, chewing gum, extract, tobacco and other factories. Every Monday, which is "free day" at the Training School, about twenty girls conduct these meetings at the lunch hour. Usually there are three workers to each factory. The first part of the hour, while the girls in the factory are having lunch, the workers are going from group to group talking with them, and in general getting better acquainted. The latter part of the period is spent in a short devotional service, which is composed of a selection from the Bible, a short talk, prayer and several familiar hymns. As often as possible the workers visit the girls in their homes after work hours, which brings them in closer personal touch with them and their home life. In the spirit of love and service for the Master they often carry comfort and cheer into many a desolate home.—*Mary Horner.*

**"Seventeenth Street Mission."**—That is the center of the Presbyterian Colored Mission Work in Richmond, and we are interested in it because of the bigness of it and the need of it. On Tuesday afternoon a sewing class is conducted by several of our students; and on Sunday afternoon others teach in the Sunday School. Our girls are helping in every way they can to build this work up. It is growing rapidly and we feel that it is going to continue to grow for three reasons: first because of prayer—all who are working in this mission are deeply interested because of the love the Master has put in to their

hearts for these people, and therefore are constantly remembering them in both their public and private devotions; second, because those who are helped are telling others; third, because of the visits to the homes which are made every week by the teachers—this is where we come into the closest contact with them, for here we learn of their daily lives, their joys and sorrows, and bring to them their one great friend, Jesus Christ.—*Cornelia Wilds.*

**The Work at the Old Soldiers' Home.**—The Old Soldiers' Home is another of the many abundant opportunities which Richmond affords to our students to engage in some helpful and profitable Christian service. This work is assigned to those members of the Junior class who desire to choose it as their definite practical work. It is their custom to go to the Home on Wednesday of every week and engage in any kind of helpful service that might bring gladness or cheer to the old soldiers. This work is confined to the helping with the singing at the chapel services, insisting upon those who are able to attend these services, and in doing helpful Christian work in the hospital. It is among the sick and infirm where the greatest opportunities for doing kindness and bringing cheerfulness are found. The workers sing hymns in each of the wards, write letters for the patients, and read to them, and do what personal work they can. The students have found this work most profitable, both in receiving a blessing from it and in receiving training in practical Christian service.—*Irene Herener.*

#### FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE GIRLS.

The very atmosphere of the Training School is one of Christian fellowship and one cannot come into its halls without feeling the presence of such a spirit. Although our girls are from all over the United States and three are from across the seas, we are all sisters with one great purpose in view, and that purpose binds us together in a peculiar way. This winter there are so many of us that we are living in three different houses and these houses are real homes. In each of the two junior houses there is one Senior who is our "Big Sister," and a group of from twelve to fourteen Juniors, among whom the house work is apportioned, and if folks think we do not enjoy this work they should peep

in on us some Monday morning when we are setting our house in order, or when our work is done and we are seated around our open fire in the sitting room. Although we are living in separate houses we have our meals together at the Senior house and it is a happy family that gathers there three times a day. But our fellowship in prayer is the best fellowship of all. We have many circles and bands of prayer among classes and organizations, but twice a day we have "family prayer." In the morning we take turns leading and at night one of our professors leads. Unless one has had the privilege of being a part of these services, she cannot appreciate what they mean to us. Never have I seen a group of women so congenial, so sympathetic, and so dear to each other as the girls of A. T. S., and the reason is not hard to find—we are one in Christ. Long ago it was said of Joseph, "He is a man in whom the Spirit of God is," and I think to-day it can truly be said of our school, "It is a place in which the Spirit of God is."—*Margaret Irvine White, President Junior Class.*

*Social Life.*—Sis—Boom—Rah—Rah—Rah.—All work and no play makes "Mary" a dull girl. So from this saying we have indulged in several glorious hikes, in which fun, frolic, bon fires, weiners, bacon, rolls and marshmallows are a grand mixture. Of course, songs and rounds, yells and stunts are never omitted as we are gathered around the camp fire, but most impressive is the quiet outdoor vesper service which is always held, thus uniting and drawing us closer in our bands of social fellowship and in the big outdoors bringing us closer to our Creator. As to athletics, we thoroughly enjoy volley ball, tennis, and soon basket ball will be added to our sports. Tennis has been the most popular game and we are anxiously awaiting the end of the exciting tennis tournament which is in process now. We have organized ourselves into a "band of boosters" and at a recent game we perfected our organization as our yells and songs enthused our side to victory. The several parties this year have been enjoyable occasions. The Seniors, through attractive invitations, invited and entertained the Juniors at the first of the year, and the Juniors returned the compliment at a Thanksgiving party. The games and good times at both will long be remembered. A "kid party" caused great excitement and amusement, as it was great to be a child once more and play children's games and eat children's refreshments. We believe that in these various phases of social life we are learning great lessons that will be valuable assets to us and make it possible for each girl to render truer service in the great work that she undertakes after leaving our dear Assembly's Training School.—*Vena McGaughey, Vice-President Junior Class.*

*A. T. S. and H. C. L.*—With the high cost of living soaring out of reach, can you picture yourself surrounded by all conveniences, living in a room well heated for winter, eating good, wholesome food, and plenty of it, and for it all expending the sum of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) each week? We are doing it here at the Training School, and the students help to make it possible. We did have a maid once upon a time who washed the dishes, but maids evidently disappear as the high cost of living soars, so on the days when there is no maid in the kitchen we roll up our sleeves and go to work. We do our housework, sweep the porches, the halls, the parlor, the rooms, dust and scrub vigorously and energetically. The spirit of the happy hearts and willing hands that prompts the performing of these duties has made the School our home. The work in no way conflicts with our regular school duties, for in between the periods of study we find minutes to be used in brightening the dusty corners. The individual work is not heavy, no one is ever over-burdened, the assignments are shifted periodically, and all work together whole-heartedly in tasks assigned. So we live happily in our home, never losing sight of the goal of our training, schooling ourselves in every way to serve.—*Elizabeth Thornton.*

#### ADVANTAGES AFFORDED BY LOCATION.

The Training School is ideally situated. Richmond is not only centrally located, but it is a typical Southern city—noted always for its culture, refinement and Southern hospitality. The School is located near the Union Theological Seminary, and our students are privileged in having as their professors the members of the faculty of the Seminary, who are recognized as the foremost ministers and scholars of our Southern Church. The students also have the opportunity of attending all the lectures given at the Seminary. This fall we had the privilege of hearing Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the greatest expository Bible teacher of the day; and next spring we expect the pleasure of hearing William Jennings Bryan in a series of lectures.—*Bess Scales.*

#### BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT.

If you had as many good things to offer as we have in the Training School would you not wish that every girl who has heard the call of the world's great need and wants to answer it with her life might know that she can find here the very preparation she needs for her work—especially when you remember that this is the ONLY agency in our whole Southern Assembly which gives such training?

We do. Yet do not be surprised when we say that up to this time it has