

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

THE opening of the school year of 1931-32 was a source of much gratification to the administration of the college. It was feared that the general economic condition of the state would cause a decided reduction in our student body. We find, however, that there has been no appreciable decrease in the number of students and the registration of 747 students at this time probably represents the largest registration of any woman's college in Virginia.

*Faculty Appointments*

The alumnae will be interested to know that Dr. Wayland has given up, for the present, active teaching at the college and is devoting his entire time to writing and research. Dr. Wayland, however, keeps actively in touch with the college and is, in reality, a member of our staff. Dr. Wayland's teaching assignment has been taken over by Dr. O. F. Frederikson, Ph. D. of the University of Kansas. Dr. Frederikson is a very able teacher and we feel certain will fill Dr. Wayland's place, as far as that is possible, in an acceptable manner.

Mrs. Annie Bailey Cook, who for a number of years was social director of girls at the State Teachers College at Hattiesburg, Miss., has taken the position of Associate Dean of Women. Mrs. Cook is an A. M. graduate of Columbia University.

Last year we had an epidemic of marriages in the college staff. Mrs. Amy Good, Assistant Dietitian; Miss Lulu Coe, Assistant Dean of Women, and Miss Alice Fowler, a member of the training school staff, were all married. The alumnae will please take note and govern themselves accordingly.

*Student Teaching in the Field*

Many students from Harrisonburg who have not completed the requirements for the normal professional diploma will be interested in the fact that the college is continu-

ing a practice which it began last year, namely, of allowing students to complete the requirements for student teaching while being actively engaged in teaching in the public schools. This work is being done in counties adjacent to the college that can be readily reached by the training school supervisors. Work last year was done in Rockingham County and for the present fall session is being done in the counties of Clarke and Warren.

*The Alumnae Association*

All alumnae are very urgently requested to attend the alumnae reception to be held in connection with the Educational Conference in Richmond at Miller and Rhoades's on Wednesday afternoon, November 25, from 4 to 5:30 p. m.

The financial condition of the college at this time has necessitated curtailment in many of our expenditures. This has come about from the necessity of defraying a large amount of the additional \$50,000 authorized by the Governor for the construction of Wilson Hall. In the sums we had to eliminate was the amount that we had tentatively provided for the salary of the alumnae secretary. This appropriation was secured from the State with the distinct promise and pledge that if it were made for two years this would be sufficient time to make the Alumnae Association self-supporting and that the appropriation would not be again asked for. The Association has not been able to place itself upon such a self-supporting basis. I am undertaking therefore to assist the local alumnae organization to put on a campaign to provide for our alumnae expenses for the current year. This is the time for every loyal alumna of the college to help the Association and the college by paying the annual dues of \$1.00. Do not fail us in this campaign.

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