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Unusual Tombstone Near Hollins, Which Forms Link with Pioneer Days.

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THE TOMBITONE The tomb of Robert Denton

Non mihi __m, quo olim pritio aut amore, conducit;

Quamvis __e minima quidem ex parte obliti parentes.

Letho sepultus manendum est mihi in domo pulveris

Usque ad archangelus covocet numerosam catervam.

Esto quietus, suavissime puer, nam dies accedit

Deus ut te vocarit ad domos caelestes

Sedem beatam tu spectabis in mundis supernis

Et apud deum manebis in secula seculorum.

These crude and ungrammatical Latin lines with their sentiment repeated in equally bad English and German verse, are carved on what is probably the most unique tombstone in Southwestern Virginia, that of one Robert Denton, which lies in the Tombstone Graveyard, within a mile of Hollins College. Its strangeness of design, its antiquity, and general remoteness from any of its surroundings necessarily evoke in those who see it, an interest in its origin and those who placed it there.

Aside from this stone and a few scattered records, the Denton family has left no trace in this part of Virginia. From the family register carved on the north side of the tomb, it appears that Benjamin Denton, the father of Robert, was born on the 9th of April, 1769, but we have no clue as to the place of his birth, nor do we know when he came On to the Tinker Creek community. the 24th of July, 1793, he was married to Peggy Anderson, a woman, as we learn from the register, about five years younger than himself (1). Six years after this marriage, in 1799, he secured a grant of a hundred acres of land (2),



Southwest corner of tombstone, showing the valley beyond and Tinker Mountain in the distance.

and it is on this land that the Tombstone Graveyard is located (3).

To Benjamin and his wife were born, as far as we can make out from the records, nine children, Robert being next to the eldest and the second son. Of the nine, five of the children were born before the erection of the tombstone: John (4), Robert (5), Peggy (6), Dallas (7), and Matilda (8). For the

- (2) Such information derived from land records has been obtained from Mr. Joseph A. Turner of Hollins College and from Mr. F. B. Kegley of Wytheville, Virginia.
- (3) A little later he obtained seventy-five additional acres from Thomas Madison, Jr., who was of the family of President Madison.
- (4) August, 1794.
- (5) 6th of November, 1796.
- (6) 15th day of March, 1799.
- (7) 19th day of May, 1801.
- (8) 15th day of October, 1803.

Peggy Anderson was born on the 18th day of January, 1774.



West end of tombstone, showing the setting sun on the west face, and the design of the whole and broken heart on each of its adjacent sides.

names of the remaining four, Benjamin, Rebecca, Elizabeth and William, we rely on the notice of the issuing of a patent to the heirs of Benjamin Denton.

There is apparently no obtainable evidence as to when and why the Dentons left Roanoke County, or as to when the father, Benjamin Denton, died. It has been hinted, on no sufficiently satisfactory grounds, I believe, that Indian raids played their part in the migration of the family. The tombstone, in all probability, was erected shortly after the death of Robert on September 9th, 1805, as the last birth recorded in the family register there is that of Matilda on the 15th day of October, 1803-almost two years before Robert's demise. How much longer the Dentons continued to dwell on their lands in Roanoke County after the death of Robert, it is difficult to conjecture. The next available record, a grant of Power of Attorney from Benjamin Denton, the son, then of Pittsylvania County, to John Anderson, "to confer all right and title in the tract of land on Tinker's Creek, adjoining the lands of Charles Johnston, William R. Johnston, Gilbert Coleman, and David Myres, being the tract of land of which my father, Benjamin Denton, died possessed and a part of which I am entitled to as legatee," is dated August 15, 1826. We may with some degree of certainty assume that

the death of the father, Benjamin Denton, had occurred not very long before this attempt at settling his estate, and it is not improbable that he died on this land on Tinker Creek.

But whatever the further facts in the history of the Denton family in Southwestern Virginia may have been, the tombstone of brown sandstone which they left behind them is an interesting memorial. It marks by far the oldest of the scattered graves in the cemetery in which it stands, and it is so unique in design as to appear to be almost An eight-sided base, about foreign. nine inches high, is topped by a mummy-shaped figure-a child lying asleep, its face exposed to the weather, its features almost effaced by continued contact with the elements and the passage of time. Miss Matty Cocke has told me that she can remember when there was a movable cover of stone which fitted down as a protection over the head and shoulders of the figure of the child, but this later disappeared, due to the depredations of children playing in the neighborhood. One can only wish that some far-sighted person in the community might have been sufficiently aware of the value of the stone to have brought about its placement in some museum.

It stands raised eight or nine inches above the ground, supported at either end on limestone supports, obviously to prevent its sinking into the earth. Its octagonal base is not equilateral, its north and south sides measuring three feet; the east end one foot seven and three-quarters inches: the west end one foot six and a quarter inches; while the four shore connecting sides, adjacent to the west end each bear carved upon their surface a conventional pattern representing a whole and a broken heart, while the corresponding sides adjoining the east end are decorated with simple floral designs. The west end has carved upon its face a setting sun; the east end a new moon-a symbolism, no doubt, of the beginning and the end of life.

The stone has chisselled on its west end the name of its maker, Lawrence Krone, whose principal business seems to have been that of stone cutter. Land records are available showing that he was in the vicinity of Wytheville as early as 1815, and there he appears to have made a specialty of carving tombstones from the so-called mountain marble, brown sandstone, which he quarried at the foot of the mountain six miles north of Wytheville (9). It is believed that the tomb of the Reverend George Daniel-Flohr in the burial ground attached to St. John's Church, Wythe County, is a sample of Krone's A sketch of the Reverend work. Flohr (10), dated 1840, speaks of the monument in this fashion: "As a lasting memorial of private friendship, we would not omit to mention the simple. though beautiful and costly tribute, to the worth of Mr. Flohr to be seen in the burial ground attached to St. John's Church, Wythe County. A rock called (among us) the mountain marble, has been most tastefully hewn and chisselled into the form of a coffin, and the surface of the earth being level at that place, it lies on Mr. Flohr's grave. The tombstones of the same material, massive, tastefully carved, and bearing on them the usual tribute, seem all portions of the same unbroken marble. This work was accomplished by the late Mr. Crone, of Wythe County, a member of the German Reformed Church, at his private cost."

There is a story current in the neighborhood of Hollins that Lawrence Krone, the designer and cutter of the tombstone of Robert Denton, was travelling through the country on foot, and while on his journey he fell ill and was taken in and cared for by the Denton family. It was during his stay with them that the death of Robert occurred, and upon his recovery, in gratitude for their kindnesses to him, Krone carved the stone for the deceased child.

The design, as has already been pointed out, is unique, and apparently



South side of tombstone, showing mummyshaped top and the exposed face of the image of the child.

highly original. The workmanship, however, shows marks of crudeness. For instance, there are irregularities in the cutting of some of the letters, the inartistic arrangement of the inscriptions on the tomb, and some quite startling cases of mis-spelling. Not the least interesting things about the tomb are the inscriptions which pass down over the south side of the top and the base. These are three in number -written in English, German, and Latin-each having almost precisely the same childlike sentiment, rhythmically poor, and displaying on the part of the author, whoever he may have been, a lack of complete familiarity with the German and Latin languages. They are at present, due to the wearing away of the stone and the constantly accumulating debris, legible only after much scraping and rubbing and close observation. I have quoted the Latin at the beginning of this article. I transcribe the English and the German here as I have been able to decipher them. The similarity of thought in all three will be apparent to any reader.

⁽⁹⁾ This is near a tract of land which, according to the land records, Krone bought in September, 1815, and later sold to Jacob Feity in March, 1826.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Flohr came to Wytheville from Culpeper in 1799, and died in 1826.

⁽¹¹⁾ Illustrations of this are to be found in ston mason and rigester.

One loved, once valued, now avails me not, Though my relations have not me forgot, Sleeping in dust, still I must here remain Till the archangel calls his numerous train.

Sleep on, sweet babe, the day draws nigh, When God will call thee to the sky, There to behold his blest abode And dwell forever near thy God.

Einst beliebt, einst gedieht, hilft mir nun zeitlich nicht,

Doch den Freunder noch, bin ich in Andacht's gesteht

Schlafend in der muss ich noch bleiben _____ hier

Bis der Evzengel sonne zahl _____ herfur.

Schlaf fort, o susser Kind, der Tag kommt schnell hervor

Wann Gott wird dich rufen in den Himmel hervor,

Dort seine Herrlichkeit ewig anzuschauen Und dich ihm unendlich, nahe vertrauen.

Such, then, is this curious tombstone, situated on a lonely hillside, apart from the monuments of much later date which are gradually dotting the cemetery of which it was in all probability the beginning. About it legends have been woven, and it will, no doubt, continue in the years to come an unsolved mystery, yet an object for speculation to any who may care to investigate it (13).

E. MARION SMITH.

- (12) See the Euzelian Album, May, 1878, page 6.
- (13) John H. B. Latrobe makes an interesting reference supposedly to the Tombstone Graveyard. In a letter to his intimate friend, Charles Carroll Harper, written from Natural Bridge, Virginia, on August 30, 1832, he says: "At Botetourt the Tinker Mountains terminate in front of the house. I have a sketch of the place to show you in my sketch book. A pleasant walk, which I shall long remember as connected strangely enough with my future destiny, was one to a graveyard, romantically situated on the wooded brow of the little knoll." See James E. Simmes' John H. B. Latrobe and His Times, 1803-1891, p. 262 f. It is obviously on the walk here referred to that Latrobe became engaged to Miss Claiborne. Botetourt is Botetourt Springs, now Hollins College.

INTERESTING LETTERS

2163 Post St., Jacksonville, Fla., August 3, 1928.

Alumnæ Office, Hollins College, Hollins, Virginia:

In reply to your invitation in the April Quarterly, I am sending you my name as one of the original thirty-nine members of the "Fairies of Freya" in May, 1903. I do not recall being one of the original thirteen. In 1904 (my senior year) we gave "Alice in Wonderland" when I was "Little Alice." I think Gertrude Armistead was "Big Alice." I have some pictures packed away and when I can get to them I'll write you about them so that you may use them if you wish to.

I am glad that "Freya" still lives! With best wishes, I am,

> Sincerely yours, ANNIE CLARKSON DAVIS, '04.

507 Hallroot Ave., Danville, Va., Sept. 1, 1928.

Mr. D. D. Hull, Jr.,

Hollins College Corporation,

Hollins, Va.

My dear Mr. Hull:

I am enclosing my check for \$100.00 . . . Every year I realize more and more the debt I owe to Hollins. There is so much bogus education—so many degrees that have no real worth in them, that I am increasingly grateful to my Alma Mater for her sincerity, her strict adherence to truth. . . .

Sincerely yours,

MARY STUART HARRISON.

Listening In on the Staff and Others

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KEEP IT SWINGING, ALUMNÆ!

On the campus the Class of 1932 is singing, "the Freshmen are a-movering, a-movering, a-movering." And so are we! Feeling "growing pains" last June the Alumnæ Board reorganized our alumnæ work.

The Endowment is still the great objective before the Hollins alumnæ, and the Board felt that we should make every effort to finish our campaign this For effective campaigning, vear. however, expert field organization is The Campaign Committee necessary. of the Board of Directors of Hollins College wanted a field worker who knew our alumnæ organization intimately and who had also had expe-rience in field work. Their hopes, of course, were centered on Kitty Settle Vaughn, '11, who worked both in the field and in our office here last year. The Alumnæ Board, therefore, asked Mrs. Vaughn if she would undertake the work of field secretary for us under the management of the Campaign Committee, who would finance and direct her trips. We could not put into our campaign work a more finely

equipped secretary than Mrs. Vaughn with her rich experience in alumnæ operation and her contagious interest in the Endowment and in the future of Hollins.

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However, sending Mrs. Vaughn to the field left our alumnæ office empty. It is impossible for one secretary to carry on the business here and at the same time to be out of the office from three to eight weeks on long field trips. If our alumnæ organization is to keep "a-movering," the office here must function efficiently. Chapter letters and organization, the editing and financial managing of the Alumnæ Quarterly, contacts with other alumnæ organizations, the handling of the directory, the answering of continuous individual inquiries, the daily correcting of our alumnæ files, the advance publicity for the field secretary, to mention only the most obvious duties of our executive secretary, are activities which require full time in our office here. The Alumnæ Board found that the strongest alumnæ associations have organized their work for an executive and a field secretary and have found the plan conducive to growth. It was, therefore, decided to follow the example of these successful associations. The Executive Committee was asked to find a secretary for the office here and is happy to introduce Camilla McKinney, '19, as the new incumbent. We know that her friends among the alumnæ will appreciate the love for Hollins which brought her back from Oklahoma to our campus.

We hope, too, that every alumna will co-operate with her in making this year "top-hole" in the office. The secretary is here. Call upon her, and work with her in your own field. Out on the campus the Freshmen are singing another song which goes, "the Freshmen are swinging along, keep it swinging!" Shall we, too, keep it swinging?

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS By Mr. M. Estes Cocke to the Class of '28

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Young Ladies :-

You will presently leave us and embark upon a new stage in life's adven-Your destiny is in your own ture. Up to this time you have had the sympathetic help and guidance of your family, classmates and teachers. Henceforth your success will depend, even more than heretofore, on your own ingenuity and will-power. You must now consciously assume the directions of your own lives-you must furnish your own steam and your own rudder. A final, brief word of advice I would leave with you-not the whole doctrine-only one point which the solicitude of the moment urges to the front.

When you were little children, life centered largely about self. What you wanted, you took without regard to the rights of others. Your little world was bounded by your own personality. As you progressed in life you developed the social instinct; the realization that your life and happiness were bound up with those of others, and must be shared to be enjoyed.

For many years men believed that the sun, moon and stars revolved around the earth. The knowledge that the sun was the center of the Solar System around which the lesser members revolved, was not only a great step in science; it marked a revolution in human thinking. Our own outlook on life will be as greatly changed when we think of it, not in terms of ourselves alone, but in its proper relation to God and our fellowmen.

A large part of your training in College has required you to enter, with appreciation and understanding, into the thoughts and point of view of other people—whether of those older and more experienced than yourselves or of men and women of other times and conditions, or even of your own student associates. The study of language and literature, of history and economics, of philosophy—each has this a distinct aim. The whole history of human thought is one long struggle against prejudice and intolerance, and the narrowness that arises from a onesided view of life and human relations. The interpretation of art as well, requires, I am sure, a spiritual understanding achieved only through the solvent of human sympathy.

Not only so, but the relationship which you have sustained, one to another, outside the classroom individually and in relation to the larger, as well as the smaller groups to which you have belonged, has brought into play this same faculty. We cannot associate with others as closely as we do here at Hollins, drawn together from various places and conditions, without realizing that there are other points of view than our own. It is one of the most difficult of human tasks to learn to see things as the other person sees them, but fundamental both from the standpoint of your own happiness, and your ability to help others. It is to my mind one characteristic of a liberal education.

Some of you will be teachers. Surely here the ability to assume the point of view of others, and enter into their experiences, is a fundamental requirement. The difference between a poor teacher and a good teacher is mainly this: the one is interested primarily in setting forth her own knowledge, the other is drawing out from the students their own latent abilities—in helping them to discover themselves.

It will be clear, moreover, on a little reflection, that the ability to see through the eyes of other people, and to enter through the power of human sympathy into their thoughts and feelings, is necessary to the highest usefulness in all business and professional

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life. The lawyer must not only know the law—he must know his client. A doctor needs to add to the skill of the physician, the sympathy of the friend. And even good business demands a consideration of the rights of others and a recognition of their interests.

But it is on higher ground that I would make my appeal to you. The biggest problems today are the problems of human adjustment-whether in the home, in the community, in the state or in world relations. We have enough machinery and agencies for the welfare and happiness of all. Yet maladjustment, superstition, unhappiness-even dire need and actual want are the lot of millions of our fellow creatures. Moreover, even the good will that abounds everywhere does not find adequate expression in relations between larger groups. War is still, at this good hour, the legalized method of settling international difficulties.

But there is not time, nor is this the occasion, to discuss these questions. I simply want to point out that the only approach to the solution of such problems is through human understanding and sympathy—and especially the elementary fact that we are not going to accomplish this except as we shall learn to look at the questions and differences that arise from the standpoint of other people.

This requires an imagination which unfortunately few people possess. You should be among these chosen few. Your responsibility is, therefore, obvious, and I will not enlarge further upon it. May you enjoy to the fullest extent the deeper satisfaction which comes from permanent and worthwhile achievement.

A SUGGESTION

Concerted action is often the most effective, and with this in mind, we of the Alumnæ Office pass on this suggestion which we hope will be adopted by all the Alumnæ chapters. We suggest that one day be set aside as Alumnæ Day, at which time all Hollins Alumnæ Chapters will meet. The occasion may be a tea, a luncheon, a benefit bridge, or whatever may be decided on as best for your particular group—the main idea being that Hollins Alumnæ everywhere are meeting on a day designated as Alumnæ Day, when you will be thinking and talking of Hollins.

And for this what day could be more appropriate than Founder's Day, February 21st? While we at Hollins are celebrating that lovely occasion, which is always so beautifully done, we will be so happy to know that you in Texas, Georgia, New York or wherever you may be, are also honoring the birthday of our founder.

We think the idea is a splendid one. What do you think of it?

MISS FILLINGER PUBLISHES A TEXT BOOK ON GENERAL CHEMISTRY

A laboratory manual, **Experiments in General Chemistry**, was published during the summer by Miss Fillinger, head of the Chemistry Department at Hollins.

The book is not used in any other college at the present time since it necessarily must be first tried out here. When Miss Fillinger, however, wrote to Dr. James Kendall, of Edinborough University, Edinborough, Scotland, for permission to use several of his tables, he asked that a copy be sent him and seemed interested in the plan. Other eminent chemists who are now looking over the manual are Dr. H. J. Schlesinger, University of Chicago, and Dr. Gerald L. Wendt, Pennsylvania State College. If the experiment works successfully here, as we are sure it will, then the book will be in circulation throughout other colleges.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee for 1928-29 submits the following report, including the budget of expenses for the Alumnæ Office, and the Chapter Assessments We urge the Chapters for this year. to accept this obligation most seriously, as the work in the Alumnæ Office is absolutely dependent on the funds thus raised. We ask that you give this work your sincere interest and support.

MARY MASTERS TURNER, Chairman,

AGNES SANDERS, JEAN REYNOLDS FERGUSON, RUTH CRUPPER REEVES. CAMILLA McKINNEY.

Estimate of Expenses of Alumnæ Office For 1928-29

Secretary's Salary	\$1,000.00
Quarterly	. 800.00
Postage on Quarterly	. 250.00
Directory	. 300.00
General Postage	. 100.00
Traveling Expenses	175.00
Alumnæ Day	
Miscellaneous	

Total ... \$2,775.00

Chapter Assessments For 1928-29

Triangle	\$500.00
Richmond	200.00
Norfolk	200.00
Columbus, Ga.	150.00
Lynchburg	150.00
Philadelphia	100.00
New York City	100.00
Kansas City, Mo.	100.00
St. Louis	100.00
Charlottesville	50.00
Raleigh	50.00
Chicago	50.00
Huntington, W. Va	50.00
Winston-Greensboro	50.00
Washington, D. C.	50.00
Harr'sonburg	50.00
Charleston; S. C.	50.00
Dallas	50.00
Danville and Pittsylvania County	50.00
Blueheld	50.00
Boston	50.00
Louisville	50.00
Charlotte	50.00
Knoxville	50.00
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Greenville, S. C.	50.00
Atlanta	50.00
Eastern Shore, Va.	50.00
Urbana, Ohio	50.00
Bristol	25.00
New Orleans	25.00
Lexington	25.00
Memphis	25.00
Montgomery	25.00
Charleston, W. Va.	25.00
Hamilton, Ohio	25.00
Birmingham	25.00
South Boston	25.00
Baltimore	25.00
Newport News District	25.00

A WORD ABOUT THE SONG BOOK

You Hollins Alumnæ have been wondering what has happened to the song book, to which you subscribed, for every day we have been receiving communications from some of you concerning it. You wonder if it has been lost in transit, or if it has evaporated into thin air. You have waited a long time for it, but when it finally reaches you, you will realize that it has been well worth the waiting, for the songs contained in the book are every one that has ever been sung at Hollins, from the dining room jingle through Red and Blue, Odd and Even up to the beloved Green and Gold.

I would say, by way of explanation that, because of six months delay in starting the work, due to the difficulty of locating and securing various permissions for the songs, and to a defective copy sent to the publishers, the Hollins Song Book has not yet appeared. It is now in the hands of the engravers; every possible means of hastening its completion has been taken.

We hope that the delay will not be prolonged indefinitely, and when you really receive the book you will re-echo with the Hollins spirit which bursts into song at the slightest provocation.

I am sure you will love it!

VIRGINIA EGOLF,

President Hollins Music Association.

ALUMNÆ OFFICE ANNOUNCES SECOND EDITION OF THE ALUMNÆ DIRECTORY

After a summer consumed in listing, checking and correcting the names of some 8,500 Hollins alumnæ, the second edition of the Hollins Alumnæ Directory has come from the publisher and is ready for distribution.

Alumnæ, would you like to know how the Directory was made? Here briefly is the routine which will give you some idea of the time necessarily involved in this task. Kate Brosius Hull, '11, started work on the maiden list in 1926, compiling it from the old directory and card file she had set up in the Alumnæ Office. Work was necessarily discontinued during the strenuous campaign period and not taken up again until January, 1928, when the maiden list was completed. Corrections as they came in were noted and the entire maiden list was checked with the catalogs in Miss Matty Cocke's office. These catalogs date back to 1852. From the reconstructed list were worked out the geographic and married lists. The geographic list contains only names of alumnæ whose addresses have been verified within the past year. The married list contains names of every alumna whose married name is on file in the Alumnæ Office. The three lists appearing in the directory were checked against the card files in the Alumnæ Office and then typed for the printer.

This work of necessity must be incomplete and will not be free from mistakes. Therefore, the Alumnæ Office urges you to send in corrections at once, to add to the list names that through error have been omitted and to notify the secretary of changes in addresses that they may be recorded on the mailing list as well as in the permanent files.

Hollins Alumnæ all over the world will welcome this new roster and from its pages will learn the names and addresses of college associates whose acquaintance it will be a joy to renew.

Mary Van Turner worked faithfully on the lists assisting the Alumnæ Secretary in every possible way. I cannot close this outline of directory development without expressing appreciation to Mrs. Carolyn H. Boon, assistant in the Campaign Office, whose efficiency and co-operation made it possible to carry through the directory work at this time.

KITTY SETTLE VAUGHN, '11.

MARGARET SCOTT, '12, CHAIR-MAN OF RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE

At its meeting last June, the Alumnæ Board appointed a committee to work on the securing of recognition of Hollins College by the American Association of University Women. Lucy Duke, '02," Marguerite Hearsey, '14, Margaret Scott, '12, Emma Mertens Thom, '04, Mary Williamson, '97, and Rachel Wilson, '12, constitute this committee.

The members of this group resident at Hollins held their first meeting on October 18th to discuss plans for bringing Hollins to the attention of the A. A. U. W. The committee is hoping to be able to bring to Hollins some members of the A. A. U. W. who serve on its committee on the recognition of colleges. The committee plans also to send a representative of Hollins to the national headquarters of the Association of University Women in Washington to discuss the status of Hollins. In the third place, it proposes to try to arrange for some representative of the Alumnæ Association to attend the meeting of the A. A. U. W. in New Orleans in April, 1929.

As the members of the committee develop their tactics and strategy, they will describe their campaign to their fellow alumnæ through the Quarterly.

CAMPUS CRUMBS

Opening exercises for the year 1928-1929 at Hollins were held on September 21, with Dr. Francis Gaines, president of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, as the speaker of the evening. Since that time, several interesting events have marked the school calen-One of especial importance was dar. the announcement of the first Honor Group to receive recognition on the campus. Its basis of membership is 2.3 merit points per hour of work over two semesters. This year it is com-posed of nine Seniors, three Juniors, and nine Sophomores. Membership includes extended freedom in class cuts and week-end permissions, thus entailling an increased responsibility. It is felt to be a decided advance.

October was ushered in with the annual Senior Deference Week, during which the unsuspecting freshmen were required to do strange and unusual things. This, however, was followed by an entertainment of far different nature when Miss Louise Stallings, mezzo soprano, gave a concert in the Little Theatre on October 12. Just a week later, the event of the month occurred when Mr. Turner, in his habitually effective manner, declared that great holiday known as Tinker Day. Although the weather was rather warm, it could do nothing to spoil the fun. After the steep climb up Tinker and the various class songs, an excellent picnic dinner was served by the Seniors and thoroughly enjoyed. Then stunts presented by the four classes and a few individuals became the center of attention. These, however, were followed by speeches somewhat political in nature, and finally the group disbanded to return to school. Such days are the kind that remain vivid in One remembers them imagination. for a long time.

MARGARET BOWLES, '29.

Correction.—On page fifteen of the July Quarterly, Emma Merton Thomas should read Emma Mertins Thom.

RESUME' OF SURVEY ON DISTRIBUTION OF HOLLINS STUDENT'S TIME

Last spring a joint committee of students and faculty made a statistical survey of the distribution of students' time, over a period of two weeks, March 7 to March 21. It was discovered that out of a total of 168 hours the college averages 19.3 hours in class and laboratory, 27.6 hours in music practice and preparation for class, 8.5 hours in non-academic activities, 20.5 in recreation, 59 hours in sleep, and the rest in miscellaneous activities (including meals). The Juniors had the highest average hours in preparation for class; the Seniors had the highest average of time spent in non-academic activities and recreation; the Freshmen had the highest average for sleep.

In comparison with studies made at other colleges it was found that the average total time spent in academic work (class, laboratory, preparation, and music practice) at Hollins in 46.9 hours. This is considerably higher than the Vassar average of 38 hours and the Mt. Holyoke average of 39 hours and 40 minutes, although it is but little higher than the Bryn Mawr average.

There was a wide range in the amount of time spent in class preparation—from 5 to 55 hours a week, the average variation being as much as 5.5 hours. The question as to whether or not students worked "under pressure" was answered in the affirmative by 164 students and in the negative by 106 students.

Copies of this report giving fuller details are on file in the college and Alumnæ Association offices.

The members of the committee were Betty Becker, Nancy Lea, Mary Agnes Snyder, Fanona Knox, Charles N. Dickinson, and Gladys L. Palmer (Chairman).

TINKER DAY

The night before. Stars in the sky. Rumors. Speculation. Unopened books. Arguments. Theories. High hopes. Opinions. Denials. Disputes. Doubts. Bets. Troubled sleep. Tinker?

An autumn morning. Breakfast. Breathlessness. All eyes on Miss Mattie. Questions. More speculation. Undercurrents. More discussion. Mr. Turner in knickers. Uncertain certainty. Mr. Turner standing up. Hushed silence. Suppressed excitement. A speech. Tinker!

Shrieks. Řelief. Gurgles. I-told-yousos. Plans. Tinker songs. Gypsy blood astir. Uneaten fried apples. Announcements. Unrest. Chatter. Enthusiastic youth. Sliding chairs. Clattering feet. Smiles. Messages. Tumultous excitement. Done with knives and forks and libraries. Tinker!

Knickers. Kodaks. Unmade beds. Borrowed clothes. Golf socks. Noise. Bare knees. Tam o'shanters. Abandoned books. Forgotten cares. Song practice. Stunt practice. Teeming halls. Gay victrolas. Laughter. Elation. Tinker!

Ten o'clock. Front campus. Everyone out. Radiant girls. Smiling teachers. Miss Mattie. Mr. Turner. Directions. Words. Chewing gum. Whispers. Shouts. Miss Bessie. Hurry. Delays. Straining. Go! Mad dashes. Through the posts. Scrambling. Numbers. Off campus. On the trail. Tinker!

The open road. The world ahead. Happy hearts. Swinging shoulders. Noisy tumult. A lean, brown path. The scrunch of leaves underneath quick feet. Ragged brush. Ripe grasses. Wide, blue skies. The common earth. Freedom. Vagabonds. The mellow wind. Unstumbling progress. Ahead— Tinker!

Now up! Heaving chests. Strong thighs. Crags of chalk. Brambles. Gates of rock. Nothing halted. Yellow, purple, crimson leaves. Second wind. Evergreens. Wooded knolls. Mossy roots. Ragged shale. Healthy strides. Afoot and unfearing. New desires. Tinker! At last—the summit! Bated breath. Quick delight. The first one up. Hallooing. The soon populated crest. Sophomores. Juniors. Freshmen. Stragglers. Cheers. Enthusiasm. Finally, the singing Seniors. Welcoming songs. Answering melodies. White happiness. Tears. Tinker!

A rapturous view. The open air. The smell of pines. Transfigured girls. Sharp exultation. The land below. Distant mountains. Purple hazes. Plowed fields ten miles away. Blue massing clouds. Gaunt crags. Windblown hair. Knotty trees. Bright cheeks. Cameras clicking. More songs. A boisterous wind. Tinker!

Famished girls. An open space. The solid ground. Food! Eager hands. Empty stomachs. Training rules off. Wobbly paper plates. Good smells! Handsome, golden-brown beans. Pudgy buns. Crunchy peanuts. Tasty bugs. Mysterious salad. Virginia ham. Munching girls. Second helpings. Doughnuts. Yellow, smooth bananas. Firm apples. Snowy marshmallows. Chocolate cookies. Spring water. Sudden pains. Dampened enthusiasm. Necessary inaction. Tinker!

Stunts! An eager audience. The complacent Sophomores being sardines. The capable Juniors taking off the dining room. The Superior Seniors flaunting their names. Excited Freshmen counting endlessly. Enthusiastic applause. Individual extemporaries. Hidden talent. The Five-and-Dime. Bashful talent. Tinker!

Tired girls. Homeward. Lingering glances. Pilgrim feet. Spacious skies. The downward path. Russet leaves. Tumbling stones. Dragging steps. Persimmons. Gathering shadows. Gray that is purple. A lean and supple wind. Heart free. Mind free. Gradual descent. A dead pine tree. Daisies. A circling bird. Space. Foothills. Familiar red brick buildings. Familiar rooms. Satisfying fatigue. Steaming baths. Scattered clothes. Lazy bodies. Gradual silence. Quiet. Peace. Contentment. Home. Memories. Next year—TINK-ER!—Student Life.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Pledges - - - - \$423,614.91 Total Paid on Pledges - - - \$181,556.65 Total Number of Alumnæ Subscribers, 887 Amount Subscribed by Alumnæ - \$167,551.70

PERSONALS

'61—Hill. There died recently in Martinsville, Virginia, Judith Parker America Hill. Her age was eightysix. She had taught in the public schools of Henry County for fifty-two years. Miss Hill was a student at Hollins for several years, and Mrs. Hayward, now at Hollins remembers her well. She was the author of a History of Henry County, a copy of which is in the Library at Hollins.

'82—Cousins. Hollins has learned with regret of the death of Mrs. Nina W. Latham (Nina Cousins), in San Antonio on April 28, 1928.

Ex.-'88—Scott. Mrs. Elizabeth Scott Crawford of Greensboro, N. C., was the first to respond to the call for old silver sent out by the Philadelphia Alumnæ Chapter. All of the proceeds from the sale of the articles will go to the Endowment Fund.

'o6—West. Lily West (Mrs. Charles Townsend), is teaching at the Phoebe Anna Thorne School in Bryn Mawr. This school is the lower preparatory school for Bryn Mawr College.

'15—Moore. Mr. and Mrs. A. Moore, Jr., have announced the engagement of

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their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Moore, to Charles Fleming McIntosh, of Norfolk. The wedding will take place late this fall at Berryville.

Ex.-'20—Leavell. Imogene Leavell (Mrs. Paul O. Moore) is the mother of a baby boy, Tom Holland Moore. Her daughter is five years old.

'21—Crawley. Katherine Crawley is teaching Spanish and French in the Roanoke High School.

'21—Hadaway. Announcement has been made of the marriage of Edna Hadaway to Cornelius Eugene Kene, which took place October 4th, in New Rochelle.

'22—Rath. Gertrud Rath will be in Boston this winter where she has the position of Secretary to Mrs. Edward L. Gulick of the Aloha Camps.

'22—Vaughn. Martha Vaughan (Mrs. De Witt Parker), is spending the year abroad accompanied by her husband.

'23—Huger. Louise Huger had an interesting article in the New York Times Magazine Section during the past summer entitled, "Modern Hair Styles from the Dim Past."

²3—Moore. Virginia Moore (Mrs. Louis Untermeyer), has recently written two books, one "Sweet Water and Bitter," a book of poems, and the other "Rising Wind," a Civil War novel of rebellious young Virginians. The last mentioned is the E. P. Dutton & Co. Book - of - the - Month for September. Nancy Moore, sister of Virginia, is a

Senior at Hollins this year and is Editor of the new student publication. "Student Life."

Mary McKin-Ex.-'23-McKinney. nev is Assistant Editor of a newspaper in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

'24-Staples. On October the 2nd, Olivia Staples was married to Mr. Geo. Emerson Smith, at "Tilikum," Hollins, They will be at home after Virginia. the first of November at 172 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass.

Ex.-'24-McClellan. A son, John Watkins Gillespie, was born July 18th. to Margaret McClellan Gillespie.

'25-Atkinson. Mary Atkinson (Mrs. Harry Henson) has a son, born October 4th.

Ex.-'25--Brown. George Watts Mauze was born March 15 to Mrs. George Mauze (Elsie Brown).

'26 — Frances Thompson and Mary Van Turner, '27, have sec-

retarial positions in New York City.

Mrs. Albert Hurst '26 — Gore. (Hazeltine Gore), has a daughter.

Blanche Bell writes: "I '28—Bell. am feeling very business-like at present as I make my debut into the business I am going to be the executive world. board (teacher, principal, supervisor, etc.) of an American School in a Mex-To be exact I will ican mining town. have ten children in six different grades. Also, I am expected to be the shining social light of the place as I will be the only unmarried girl there (there are about sixty whites and three Mexicans in their latest thousand census)."

Helen Bruce's article '28-Bruce. on the Little Theatre, which was ac-cepted by McCall's Magazine, will appear in one of the Spring issues of that magazine. The exact date will be published in the Quarterly as soon as the Alumnæ Office has been notified by the McCall's Editorial Department. Helen is at present serving as Foreign Correspondent for the Y. M. C. A. in New York. As a side line she is writing book reviews for The New York Times.

'28-Hildreth. Frances Hildreth was Senior Councillor this past summer at Camp Swannanoa, Ridgecrest, N. C. She is now in France, where she is studying for a graduate diploma in French at Chateau de Dommartin in Toul. She is teaching physical educacation in the afternoons. She plans to spend Christmas on the Riviera, Easter in Paris, and to take several

trips on the Rhine.

'28-Matthews. Myra Matthews is acting as private secretary and general manager of the United Parents Association of New York.

The following have been visitors at Hollins during the summer and fall:

Mrs. Frank Bell (Nellie Mapp).

Mrs. Randall Elliott (Gladys Berry).

Mrs. Hall (Minta Pleasants).

Mrs. J. T. Garnett (Irene Garnett).

Mrs. J. S. Powell (Dorothy Jones).

Mrs. D. L. Wilson (Emily Thompson).

Mrs. R. A. McGuire (Macon Hall).

Mrs. George Lawson (Julia Kern).

Mrs. Wm. E. Garnett (Jane Winfield).

Mrs. Augustus Simpson (Elizabeth Darlington).

Alberta Gary.

Mrs. R. A. McCoy (Susie Hundley).

Mrs. W. S. Simons (Annie Crew).

Mrs. T. D. Warner (Lucy Carney).

Mildred Barr. Mrs. John T. Chambers (Lydia Bramlitt).

Mary Campbell.

NEW ALUMNÆ DIRECTORY

The second edition of the Alumnæ Directory is now ready. You are urged to secure your copy at once by writing to the Alumnæ Office and enclosing fifty cents, which may be sent in stamps. This charge has been made to cover the cost of publication.

Mrs. Wm. Kent Ford (Bernice Green).

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Biedler.—Hollins' has learned with deep regret of the death of Anna Mary Biedler (Mrs. W. C. Bitting) on Tuesday, November fourth, at her home in St. Louis. Mrs. Bitting succumbed to paralysis after a two years' illness. She was sixty-nine years old.

Mrs. Bitting's death is a distinct loss to Hollins for she was an outstanding alumna, prominent in St. Louis society and actively interested in the future of her Alma Mater. Hollins girls who were present at the alumnæ tea last April will recall the delightful, impromptu talk she made on the Hollins of her day. The Quarterly regrets that it is unable to reproduce this delicate bit of reminiscence for the body of the alumnæ. Mrs. Bitting is survived by her husband, the Rev. Dr. William C. Bitting, former pastor of the Second Baptist Church, and two sons, William C. Bitting, Jr., and Kenneth H. Bitting.

Miss Parkinson is organizing her annual Long Summer Tour of Europe for the season of 1929.

FREYA HONORS SIX OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Freya, the campus honorary academic organization which has as its chief object the recognition of achievement in college activity and scholarship, on Saturday, October 6th, invited six outstanding and well known students into its organization.

These girls are as follows:

Julianne Butler, '29. Margaret Baker, '30. Dewar Gordon, '30. Alice Fairfax, '29. Virginia Egolf, '29. Elsie Griffin, '29.

Any Junior or Senior, who has attained distinction in one or more fields of college activity, together with average scholarship, and who has interest in the progress of the College at heart, is eligible for membership in this organization.

TO HOLLINS

When first I saw your columns white, They loomed through bleak gray rain; I felt the cold wind of the night And wondered why I came.

Next morn, from up on third floor East I saw your pillars gleam,

The sun had touched your campus leaves—

And you've fulfilled my dream.

-Ruth Pruett, '32, in Student Life.

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