

WHEN PROSPECT BECAME REALITY

A question often asked many of the Faculty of Freed-Hardeman College, during the summer was, "What are the prospects for the opening?" With great anxiety its patrons and friends put this question again and again. Of course only those bearing the immediate responsibility, who were working and praying for its future usefulness and success, could have any definite idea of what to assert relative to the opening attendance. As September 19th approached an increased interest was manifested by the citizens of Henderson.

A certain prominent business man on the morning of the 19th was in a barber shop at the same time that one of the Faculty members was there. He repeated the question, "What are the prospects for your opening?" The immediate reply was, "The thing is not a 'prospect,' it is a reality." We have more young men than have been present at the opening for many years. We have more reservations in the girls' home than at the opening of any previous year since its erection. We have here to greet us a very large proportion of last year's student body. We have two years' college work with enough students for all classes in both years to be most enthusiastic.

At 10:30 A. M. a splendid and representative audience assembled in the Auditorium of the College for the opening. A thoughtful address of welcome was given by Mr. Baldy, City Recorder. A number of shorter speeches were made by other citizens. The principal address of the occasion was delivered by Prof. E. P. Smith, Superintendent of Martin City Schools, and President of the Board of Trustees. This address, which set out the relationship between the State Schools and Bible Schools was most able and fitting.

Having these realities set forth, the next prospect was what will be the realities for the ensuing nine months. To our friends and patrons we shall make known those for the first month of the nine.

First. It is a reality that the student body has been increasing so rapidly that management have been unable to handle it. Mr. R. E. Black, who did in-structing, to

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WHO ARE WE?

With colors streaming the Senior class of Freed-Hardeman College is beginning its pilgrimage toward that much sought goal, graduation day.

Tuesday, October 2nd, the class met for organization, and, by unanimous vote, chose Knox Summit president. The other officers elected were:

Sidney Campbell, Vice President
Mary Elizabeth Jones, Secretary
Mary Campbell, Treasurer
M. E. Jones, Class Reporter

The colors selected were: green, for the fresh bud of youth; white, for its innocence and purity. The class flower is the white rose. Motto, "Inveni viam" (I have found the way).

Many brilliant achievements are predicted for this class; which will cause the graduates of '24 to be remembered as outstanding landmarks of Freed-Hardeman College. Our class is standing for quality, not quantity. It is to our credit that one of our number, Mary Nell Hardeman, has been chosen as editor-in-chief of the Sky-Rocket.

Here is our number with a prominent characteristic of each.
Sidney Campbell

The Desert Monkey
Mary Nell Hardeman

Prof. of Bashfulology
Knox Summit... Lofty but Lowly
M. Elizabeth Jones... Just Beth
Mary Campbell... Mama's Baby
More Anon.

Reg. Class Reporter.

J. E. Green, a former student of F. H. C., visited us a few days ago and gave us a very interesting talk.

girls' home had to be equipped in order to accommodate the increased attendance.

3rd. The Library of Freed-Hardeman College is growing out of its old quarters into a larger space for the 2000 new volumes to be added.

4th. The space in the exterior of the buildings is being converted into tennis courts and places of recreation for the student body.

5th. The last reality, but not the least is the "Sky-Rocket," a fruit of student activity and the hearty support by the business men of the City of Henderson is going

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AMONG THE SOCIETIES

Philomathean

The Philomathean Literary Society has, since the establishment of the school in 1908, been one of the leading literary and debating societies connected with Freed-Hardeman College and its predecessor the National Teachers' Normal and Business College. Many of its former members are numbered with the coming men and women of the nation. They are found in every walk of life and to say that one was a Philomathean means that he is a success.

The society contains some of the very best material in Freed-Hardeman College this year and, as ever, promises strong competition to the other societies in the school.

This organization has a charter, granted by the State of Tennessee during the administration of Governor Tom C. Rye, being the only society in school that has a charter, and we are justly proud of it.

In every matter of prominence and progress the yellow and white banner is to be found, waving proudly in the front rank. Outstanding features of P. L. S. are that it is wide awake, up and coming.

Sigma Rho

Of all the departments of this institution, perhaps the Societies are decidedly the most popular with the student body. And with several pioneer members and quite a number of new ones, the Sigma Rho loomed into full view of the present session Monday; Sept. 23, at 1:30 P. M., for the greatest year's work in its history.

For the last few years the Sigma Rho has been recognized as one of the most popular societies of the school, and a leader in many respects of its two great rivals. Not only is this evidenced by the large number of medals it has won, but back of all has been the unified spirit of its study, energetic, and talented members in a desire to excel, in all lines of worthy endeavor, which policy shall also continue throughout the present school year.

Plans are being put into action for the improvement of the girls' recreation grounds. A tennis court is already completed and we hope to organize a basketball team soon.

STUDENTS WHIP FACULTY IN HEATED CONTEST

The male members of our faculty, in order to prove that they are only boys, leaped before they thought and challenged the college boys to a game of volleyball. The boys very promptly and gladly accepted the challenge.

On Wednesday, October the tenth, at four thirty P. M., the stage was set. Professors Hall, Roland, Cuff, Black, Rivenbark and Sikes met face to face with Goodgoin, Campbell, Summitt, Kennedy, Biggerstaff and Lynch.

Out of the class room and on the volleyball court, the students met the faculty and the faculty met defeat. Four games were played before a large and interested crowd.

Although "Our Boys" brought "Our Faculty" to the earth to the tune of three games out of four, "Our Faculty" proved to be the highest type of sportsmen. After the game they left the court smiling, beaten but praised, lost but loved.

President Absent

The President of the school, W. C. Hall, has been called West to the bedside of his sick father. A wire informs him that his father is in a serious condition. Professor Hall will be gone all next week, and we regret very much to have him away; but there are some things that cannot be prevented.

Our best wishes go with him and hope that he will find his father much better and well along on the road to recovery.

The students were favored with a visit by Hon. J. S. Price on last Tuesday. He gave us a very interesting talk while here on co-operation. We are always glad to have visitors and appreciate the things they have to say.

Just a Moment, Please

As everybody knows, this is the first number of the Sky-Rocket. We do not want to brag about what a fine paper it is, but we do want to make it a good and substantial one. When you read this paper please hand it to someone who has not read it. Tell them to send a dollar's worth of cents and their names to Freed-Hardeman College and they will receive one of the greatest values they have ever known.

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Our Friends

In order to have friends, one must be one. The business men whose advertisements appear in the columns of this paper have proven to be our friends. It is they who have made it possible for us to publish this paper. We cannot hope to have them as friends long, unless we return the kindness that they have shown us. Let us trade with them, and prove to them that we appreciate the assistance they have given us.

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Improvement

With the splendid cooperation of the entire student body, the Study Hall is giving a wonderful opportunity for earnest workers. The hearty response that each one gives toward keeping order, and applying themselves to diligent study, is highly appreciated, and very commendable.

A continuation of such efforts, coupled with the good spirit, and harmony that prevails between the Student body and Faculty at large, means time, money, sacrifices and labor spent to great profit.

Under the supervision of the President, and the Library committee, additional space will soon be installed, and card index system used, in the Library. The supply of books is rapidly increasing, and we solicit the help of every friend of the school, to send in at least one copy

of some good book to further the growth of this particular part of work.

Several good magazines have been added, together with daily papers, all of which give the students an opportunity to keep apace with current events, an important part in education.

A Call

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You'll be glad you made the start,

None of their duties the students shirk,

Each works with a willing heart.

Our school is one that stands for the right,

Wrong standards would bar the way,

Of a band that is climbing with all its might

To a greater and better day.

The future seems bright as old Sol's ray

On the early morning dew;

Since we have this thought to light our way,

The shadows are but few.

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To come now before it's too late.

Clark Burns.

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Like the kind of a school you like,

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And go on a long, long hike;

You will only find what you left behind,

For there's nothing really new—

It's a knock at yourself when you knock your school,

It isn't the school—it's you!

—Ex

We have been informed that Mr. S. H. Biggerstaff has been warned by the Ku Klux Klan to remain in his room at night.

We understand that Miss Verna Wright entered school at Nashville at the beginning of this semester but due to the magnetic qualities of the bill of fare she has been drawn back to Freed Hardeman.

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Base Ball

A number of the boys are interested in Base Ball. Every afternoon after school they are found at the base ball field. There is some fine material in F. H. C. which looks promising for a champion base ball team in the spring.

There are more girls in the ladies' home this year than ever before, we have enthusiastic representatives from various states, and we feel sure that the school this year will be a great success.

Miss Mary Watson arrived here the 9th, to attend school.

Miss Florence Gray Patton of Birmingham, Ala., spent a few days here last week. Miss Patton is a former music teacher of Freed-Hardeman College

The young ladies entertained the young gentlemen of Freed-Hardeman College in the reception room of the ladies' home on September 30th from two to five. The rooms were lovely with a profusion of fall flowers, the one in which the guests were assembled being unusually attractive. During the first part of the afternoon the guests were entertained with several musical selections by Mr. Leon Holland. Miss Ethel Mai Jones and Mrs. Richard Crawford assisted Mrs. Elizabeth Sneed Bell in further entertainment. Delicious icy drinks were served throughout the afternoon.

William Shotts says that he can not keep from making ugly faces. That it is his misfortune and not his fault.

Sidney Campbell was forced to be away from school one day last week on account of sickness, but fortunately he was able to be at the show the same night.

The boys of the school have put in an order for some belt buckles, on which will be the name Freed-Hardeman. This shows that they are proud of their school and are glad to wear it's name.

Program of Photoplays High School

Friday, Oct. 19. "Lora Doone," R. D. Blackmore's Classic, with John Bowers and Madge Bellany. Pathe News.

Saturday, Oct. 20. "The Five Dollar Baby" with Viola Dana. "The Gown Shop" comedy.

Saturday, Oct. 27. "An Old Sweetheart of Mine." An adaption of James Whitcomb Riley's poem, with Elliot Dexter. Pathe Comedy.

Friday, Nov. 2 "The Bright Shawl" with Richard Barthelmess and Dorothy Gish. Pathe News.

Saturday, Nov. 3. "Headless Horseman", from "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" with Will Rogers. Educational reel.

Friday, Nov. 9 "Skin Deep" with Milton Sills. Patriotic Numbers.

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Jokes

All right in its place. Mrs. Bell "I hope all the jokes in The Sky-Rocket will not be about kissing. I thinking kissing is all right in its place, but I think its place is not on paper."

Sees work for some preacher. — Every Sunday afternoon the boys and girls talk about something And from the external appearances and general indications, we have a "lingering suspicion" that some preacher will soon have a job that will be neither a protracted meeting nor a funeral.

For amusement in this issue look at the names of "The Sky-Rocket Staff".

Out of the heart the mouth speaks—Some sent to town by Mr. Ricketts for some potatoes, beans and cabbages. Being afraid he would forget some of the order he called over the various articles while walking along the street, and unexpectedly he met a lady, who said, "Good morning, Mr. Ricketts," Ricketts replied, "Potatoes."

"How are your people," she asked.

"Beans and cabbages," replied Ricketts.

Albert Holland: "Say boys, I am in love. What would you do if you were in my shoes?"

Bruce: "I would polish them."

Mr. Sikes to class: "What is laziness?"

Murray Anderson: "Laziness is a cheap invention for saving work."

Mrs. Bell to class: "Boys, be in your seats when the second bell rings."

Cleo: "How can I when J. D. is already in my seat?"

A new antonym—Prof. Hall, after defining "connoisseur" as one who is a critical, just, judge in matters of art and taste, asked, "What is the name of the person having the opposite characteristics?"

Bruce: "It would be ignoramus."

Immediately after J. R. Endsley was elected joke-editor of The Sky-Rocket, it was suggested by Bruce Myers that we get him a bicycle, because all jokers ride.

Several boys have enrolled with us during the past few days and Freed-Hardeman College extends to them the warmest of welcomes and the heartiest of friendship.

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