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F.H.C. Enters College Association

F. H. C. NOW FULLY ACCREDITED

Th time has been when private schools paid but little or no attention to standards set by the state in educational work. This was true of the F. H. C. for quite a while. The fact that it did not conform to the standard in all respects does not mean that her work was not thorough; measuring the work by the ability and success of the students turned out her standard would have but few equals. For years, credit, hour for hour, has been given to students in other schools, though the institution had not sought entrance into the Association.

The time has been when this did not mean much but we are now living in an age of standardization; everything must be organized. Though there is much formality and red tape in some of the standardized school work of today, yet we must have some criterion. And the present seems to be about the best that has been suggested so far. I do not believe the modern credit system is conducive to real scholarship, yet it would be suicide to try to maintain a school today without conforming to the state requirements.

So with this situation before them the friends, board of trustees, and faculty decided some time ago that to enter was best.

The high school inspector paid us a visit some time ago and after a thorough investigation said "it is good". So with his approval the academic department is now on the accredited list of the state.

But even more important was the entry of the college department into the Tennessee Association of Colleges. The day of private high schools is largely past but the day of colleges is just dawning; the enrollment of all colleges has grown by leaps and bounds during the past five years. Last year we were placed on the deferred list because of a few minor deficiencies. But at the last annual meeting of the Tennessee Association of Colleges, Freed-Hardeman College was accepted as a full fledged junior college. So we are glad to announce to the friends of the school that it is now on a fully recognized basis and that its graduates will be entitled to all the honors and privileges given to graduates of any junior college.

This means that the graduates from here will be admitted into higher colleges without examination; that work here will be recognized by every other school. It means that you will get what the best of educators call standard courses of work. Graduates will receive life time teacher's certificates without examination. It

FREED-HARDEMAN COLLEGE SENDS OUT QUARTET FOR THE SUMMER

Freed-Hardeman College is sending out a male quartette for another season. During the past summer of the F. H. C. Quartet, composed of Albert Holland, 1st tenor, Eural Williams, 2nd tenor, Nathan Thompson baritone, and Leo Greene basso, traveled over North Alabama, North Mississippi, West Tennessee and West Kentucky, giving programs of vocal selections and soliciting students for the college. The same quartet has been retained and will begin work early in June. If you are interested in having these boys visit your town or community, address Eural Williams, Manager, F. H. C., Henderson, Tenn.

F. H. C. WINS SECOND PLACE IN JACKSON MAY MEET

On May 1, the Sixth Annual Jackson May Meet was held in Jackson, Tennessee. All the high schools in West Tennessee were invited to take part in the various contests held. It was decided that our academic department should make her debut in this circle. So the high school department was one among the forty-two high schools represented.

Entries were made in the boys declamation contest, the girls reading contest, the piano solo contest, the vocal solo contest, the boys quartet, the mixed quartet, the chorus contest and also a few representatives in the track events. We won third place in the girls reading contest, second place in both the boys' and mixed quartet and the silver loving-cup in the chorus contest.

Though this was our first time to participate, our academic department rather limited in numbers and some of our best talent debarred by the regulations, yet, when the final counting of points was made it was found that F. H. C. held second place, being surpassed only by Jackson.

School was dismissed that day and most of the whole student body went along to enjoy the day and cheer for our representatives. The day was a very pleasant one to all and will long be remembered by those who went.

will mean a larger enrollment next fall, numbers of students have gone elsewhere yearly who would have come here had the school been in the Association. So, now, come ahead, you have no excuse; you cannot beat it anywhere.

F. H. C. FACES A BRIGHTER DAY

As the year closes it is natural for the friends of Freed-Hardeman College to ask: What are the prospects for next year? Listen, and I will tell you. Never in the history has the future been as bright nor her prospects so promising. Next fall will open a new era in the history of this school.

The first and most essential element in making a great school is a strong faculty. Next year's faculty will be the strongest and most thoroughly equipped that ever assembled in these halls. We regret that we cannot give all the names here but the following will give our readers some of the coveted information. H. L. Calhoun, Mrs. H. L. Calhoun, N. B. Hardeman, Mrs. N. B. Hardeman, L. L. Bragance, C. P. Noland, I. N. Roland, Miss Mary Nelle Hardeman, Joe T. Rivenbark, Miss Katherine Rainey, R. E. Black, Miss Lula Allen, Miss Annie Douglas Moultrie, and Mrs. B. G. Swinny. In addition to the above at least two, and probably more, able instructors will be added. As to the degrees held and what each shall teach the writer cannot say at present. But suffice it to say that they will more than measure up to all the requirements for a standard and fully recognized faculty. Each will be especially fitted for the work in his department.

Students and parents of students are desiring to know what work will be offered next year. Now that the College is on a fully recognized basis, be assured that all the work is standard and fully accredited. Courses will be offered in: English, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Spanish, French, Bible, Mathematics, History, Sciences, Psychology, Education, Home Economics, Music (instrumental and Vocal), Voice, Expression, Business, Typewriting and Shorthand. A full course of standard high school work will be offered; also thorough primary and intermediate departments will be maintained.

There will be considerable improvement made on the buildings, equipment, and campus. Three or four new class rooms will be provided; the library will be further enlarged. Some new equipment will be added to the laboratories. Inside work that will add comfort and attractiveness will be done in Oakland Home, which will make it one of the best and most comfortable buildings of its kind in the South.

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE JUNIORS ON PLEASANT OUTING

Monday, April 20th, was one of the most pleasant days of the year to many Freed-Hardeman students. The first grey streaks of dawn found the members of both the twelfth grade and the college junior classes, together with several invited guests ready for a trip to the famous Shiloh battlefield. A dozen cars were necessary for the fifty or more students and teachers of whom the party consisted, all of whom were soon on their way. Several of the students were from distant states and had never visited this park which always holds an especial interest for lovers of history. After registering at the National Cemetery Headquarters, the party proceeded to view the most important scenes of the field. At the noon hour, delicious lunches were enjoyed at Shiloh and Rhea Springs. Afternoon drives, kodaking and other sports completed the program, and at 7:30 p. m., a tired but happy party reached the college campus.

LYCEUM PROGRAM

One of our many pleasures this school year has been the splendid Lyceum numbers which have been brought to us. The last of the numbers was given on the evening of May 4 in the college auditorium. The Baldi-Seabury Company presented a clever program in four acts. Youna, the magician, whom we had expected, was unavoidably detained, but his place was satisfactorily filled by Mr. Seabury. Mr. Baldi entertained us with various musical selections played on his piano accordion. Mr. Seabury entertained us first as a magician and last as a juggler. The program was well attended and highly enjoyed by all present.

prepare to do better and for a better position can fit you for it. Young men, don't you want the best to fit you for your great mission? There is no school in the brotherhood that can offer the splendid courses that we will next year. You lovers of the fine arts, you want the finest that can be had; our work cannot be surpassed. With standard work; strong faculty; well equipped buildings; a quiet town; moderate cost; and Christian atmosphere; what else could you want? Then why go elsewhere? Be sure to investigate further before you do.

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TO OUR ADVERTISERS

In this, our closing issue, we wish to thank the business men who have been such liberal patrons in advertising through our columns. We assure you that this has been very highly appreciated, for without your assistance we could not have successfully maintained our paper. With one accord we join in wishing each of you a prosperous year in your business. Of course some of us will never see you again but many of us hope to meet you next fall; whether we return or not we will long remember your kindness and courtesy.

A RETROSPECTION

As this issue of The Sky Rocket goes to press only a few more weeks remain of the 1924-'25 session of Freed-Hardeman College. The year will soon be brought to a close. Any marks that have been made will be recorded, and the books closed to await a reopening next fall. We sigh to think that the year from which so much profitable enjoyment has come will soon be gone and as is natural with most people, we like to look backward and recall the pleasant incidents of the past. We not only look to the past for the purpose of recalling enjoyable happenings but we use the past as an inspiration to press on to higher heights.

In looking back and reviewing the things of the past we also love to look forward and contemplate the things of the future. It is by looking into the future that we forget the mistakes and disappointments that have caused us sorrow. Contemplating the brightness of tomorrow, we forget the gloom of yesterday.

Viewing the present fleeting session from where we now are, the first thing that comes to our mind is the question: What progress has Freed-Hardeman made since the beginning of the present session, last September? How far have we travelled on our journey toward the goal of perfection? In many things that have place it is easy to see that progress has been made.

One most highly prized achievement that has been attained this year is the gaining of membership in the Association of Colleges. This is, as everyone will recognize, a real achievement.

Next in importance, and really a necessity for obtaining recognition, is the giving of credit to the high school department by the state. Henceforward all school diplomas awarded will have the approval of the state of Tennessee. Improvements on the campus and buildings are steps forward as is the enlargement of

the library, improvement in the science department, and the introduction of a more highly trained faculty in the college department. Countless other steps of progress could be enumerated but space forbids at the present.

In looking into the future we are elated at the prospect. Things seem to be taking on a brighter aspect and everything seems to indicate a prosperous year for the future. With the addition of new members, the faculty for next year promises to be the best in the history of the College. Further improvements are promised on the buildings and campus, as well as further enlargement of the Library. The brightness of the future adds interest to the march that Freed-Hardeman is always making toward higher, nobler and better things.

THIS IS THE JUNIOR ISSUE

The columns of the Sky-Rocket have always been open to all the student body, i. e., every student had a full right to prepare and offer anything he might wish to see published. But this month the whole paper has been turned over to the Junior English class. This class is responsible for the preparation of all material and editing.

COMMENCEMENT PLANS

The school year of 1924-'25 is rapidly drawing to a close; the closing rush is already here; preparations are being made for a great time. The exercise will begin Saturday evening, May 23; the primary and intermediate departments will give their entertainment.

Monday evening, May 25, the Music and Expression Recital will be given.

Tuesday evening, May 26, an Operetta, "The Crimson Eyebrows."

Wednesday morning, May 27, high school graduating exercises.

Wednesday evening, May 27, declamation and reading contest.

Thursday morning, May 28, college graduation day and class address.

Thursday evening, May 28, the annual play, "Come Out of the Kitchen."

All our friends and readers are cordially invited to be with us during these happy days.

TO OUR DEPARTING

TEACHERS

As the readers will notice in another article, the faculty for next year is a comparatively new one or at least, different from that of this year. We regret very much to see many of our present teachers leave us. But interest and duty's call seems to have become imperative. We have learned to love you and though separated far from us, you shall not be forgotten. We wish you the greatest of joy and success in your new fields of labor.

Murray Anderson and Miss Eva Jones were recent visitors to their homes at Waverly, Tenn. Miss Jones was accompanied by her friend, Miss Lorene Spain, of West Point, Ga.

Loyd Leath was the guest of homefolks at Corinth, Miss., April 25-27.

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**FREED-HARDEMAN
ARTISTS BROADCAST**

On Saturday, April 25th, some of the talented musicians of Freed-Hardeman College, under the direction of Leonidas Holland, broadcasted a radio program from station WMC at Memphis. Two of the numbers rendered were original compositions of Mr. Holland. "Fantasie", a piano solo, was dedicated to his old teacher, Emma Van Hooser of Oklahoma City; "My Rosary," a vocal solo, was dedicated to his wife; and "A Barnegat Love Song" was dedicated to his mother, Mrs. J. J. Holland, of Greenfield, Tenn.

The excellent program created much interest and we were sadly disappointed that weather conditions were so unfavorable that we were unable to hear all of the numbers clearly here.

The numbers rendered were as follows:

One Fleeting Hour, Lee-Fuhrmann—Freed-Hardeman Trio.

Robin, Robin, Sing Me a Song, Spross—Narine May, Soprano.

Believe Me and Garry Owen Op. 25, Pape—Lynelle Baker.

The Life of a Rose, Garshwin—Homer Royster, tenor; Leonidas Holland, tenor.

Fantasie Op. 25 o. 1, Holland—Leonidas Holland.

I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen, Westendorf — Freed-Hardeman Trio.

(a) Dreaming of Love and You, Tate

(a) The Night Wind, Ball —Narine May, soprano; Leonidas Holland, tenor.

Un bel di vedremo from Madame Butterfly, Puccini—Narine May, soprano.

(a) My Rosary, Holland

(b) A Barnegat Love Song, Robinson

—Leonidas Holland, tenor.

Traumeri, Schumann - Field — Freed-Hardeman Trio.

Lynelle Baker, Accompanist.

A NEW TENNIS COURT

Recognizing that some play and recreation are necessary, this part of school life has received more attention than usual. Various games have been played during the year, but the coming of Spring awoke the dormant desire for tennis in more than one. A meeting of the boys interested in tennis was called, at which Joe Rainy was elected president and Leck Fraley secretary of the Boys Tennis Club; in a few minutes sufficient funds were raised to buy the needed materials to make a new court. A splendid court was soon prepared.

Now every afternoon sees a goodly number of racket wielders on the ground. Several are displaying unusual ability.

Some of the high school boys have become so confident of their skill that they challenged the faculty for a match game Friday, May 15th. Of course, we are looking forward with much interest to see what the outcome will be. The college team has challenged the winners of the tournament, which each of the former teams have accepted in case they win.

Wanted: "One proposition that we can all agree upon." H. S. Seniors

"AM I INTRUDING?"

One of the peppiest plays of the year was the one presented by the High School Seniors on Tuesday night, April 28th, entitled "Am I Intruding?" The characters were well fitted for their parts and Joe Rainey was especially good as a rich young man masquerading as a country rube. The comedy was very clever, amusing and scored a big hit. The cast was as follows:

Mrs. Hastings, the housekeeper —Katherine Ledbetter.

Blair Hoover, the adventurer—Verser Miller.

Earnest Rathburn, Jane's secretary—Murray Anderson.

Marjory Vare, the elder daughter—Carrie Neal Hardeman.

Dickie Waldron, a romanticist—Paul Summit.

Mona, the maid—Frances Abernathy.

Horace Vare, the father—James Shelly.

Violet Vare, the younger daughter—Mary Ward.

Peter Stone, devoted to Vi—Fred Segerson.

Dora Deans, "Vi'th Deareth Friend"—Eva Jones.

Jerry, From Sage Creek—Joe Rainey.

Jane Harbison, Vare's Niece—Laura Rogers.

The Peerless Four entertained with several quartet numbers between the acts.

VISITORS AT CHAPEL.

We are always glad to have visitors at chapel, especially when they make as interesting talks as Bro. Dave Mitchell. He has been with us twice lately and gave us an interesting description of his trip to Washington and the inauguration of President Coolidge. We enjoyed his talks very much and learned many interesting facts from them.

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out the truth is by a good education. We enjoyed his talk very much.

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LOCALS

Prof. W. C. Hall was a recent business visitor to the meeting of the Tennessee College Association at Jefferson City, Tenn., April 23-25.

Miss Sarah Neely spent the week-end of May 3 with home folks at Neboville, Tennessee.

Miss Marion Wright was the guest of her parents at Fulton, Tenn., last week-end.

Miss Edna Long visited her parents at Tupelo, Miss., on the week-end of the 3rd.

Leek Fraley spent a recent week-end with his parents near Corinth, Miss.

Bro. C. P. Roland delivered the baccalaureate sermon for the Dyer High School Sunday, May 3.

James Shelley visited his parents at Rogers Springs last week.

Miss Thelma Vowell of Sharon, Tenn., was a recent guest of Miss Mary Thomas Burton.

J. E. Nichol of Union City was a recent guest of his brother, Randall, of this school.

The Freed-Hardeman College Quartette entertained a large audience at Mason Wells Church on Wednesday evening, May 6.

W. C. Hall preached the Commencement Sermon for the Central High School, Eaton, Tenn., at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, May 10.

Miss Ruth Johnson spent the past week-end with homefolks at Eaton, Tenn.

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Down where the pants should be a little longer,
That's where the vest begins,
Down where you wish you were a little sligher,
Where the shirt that shows is a little whiter,
Where each day the buttons grow a little tighter,
That's where the vest begins,
Down where the pants are in the making,
And each heavy meal will soon start it aching,
That's where the vest begins,
Where each added pound is the cause of sighing,
When you know in your heart that the scales aren't lying,
And you just have to guess when your shoes need tying,
That's where the vest begins.

This poem discusses the beginning. But here is the last word in pressing.

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Miss Lillie Mae Galyean of Corinth, Miss., was a recent week-end guest of Misses Pauline and Irene Anderson.

Misses Bettie Lou Ballard and Thelma Threadgill of Lambuth College were the guests of Miss Osa Smith recently.

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