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F. H. C. HAS A GREAT OPENING

The Greatest Opening In The School's History

Knowing the interest of our friends in the school we feel that they will be interested in a brief account of the opening. Especially are we glad to give this, as many from a distance could not be with us.

Nine o'clock Wednesday morning, September 16, found a large number of students, visitors from a distance not a few, and many of the people of Henderson assembled in the college auditorium.

The house was called to attention by the well known Prof. N. B. Hardeman. Then the whole audience joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," led by B. G. Swenny. Prof. Hardeman then read the beautiful and familiar twenty-third Psalm. The prayer was led by Prof. H. L. Calhoun.

The audience was delighted with a piano duet by Miss Katherine Rainey and Mrs. C. M. Foy.

With his usual ease and pleasing manners Prof. Hardeman made a brief introductory speech in which he concisely reviewed the seventeen years of the school's history. He mentioned many of the changes that have taken place, among which, one of probably most importance was that this is the first time for it to open with all of its departments in full accord with state standards and regulations. He called attention to the improvements that have been made on the buildings, mention of which will be found in another article. He expressed his satisfaction with the goodly number of students and commended the town of Henderson for its splendid support. Passing from this he spoke of the necessity for a three fold education. And closed his remarks by speaking of Prof. Calhoun, his unusual qualifications and unquestioned character, whom he also introduced as the next speaker.

Prof. Calhoun began his speech by calling attention to how we admire the art of the sculptor who by skilled hands takes the shapeless blocks of marble and forms it into a beautiful image, and the painter who can produce such life-like pictures as to deceive the eyes of the lower animals and even man. "This is wonderful" he said, "but the forming of the mind and character of young is far

greater than these. He pointed the dangers of developing the intellect without refining the spiritual side of man's nature. The great objective and purpose of this school is to not only give the best training for intellect but to also develop a full, well rounded character. We are not opposed to science, that is science. But science at most can only deal with and bless in this life. Following this he spoke of the advantages of co-educational institutions.

The next in the order of the program was a vocal duet "In the Garden of My Heart" by Miss Mary Nelle Hardeman and Edwin Harwell. Mrs. H. L. Calhoun gave two short readings, "It Takes a Heap of Living in a House to Make It Home," and "The House with Nobody in It."

Ex-Governor T. C. Rye, the principal speaker of the day, was then introduced by Prof. Hardeman. Judge Rye began by telling of a young sculptor who had an angelic dream then set about to reproduce this dream with mallet and chisel. He urged the students to dream then to make those worth while a reality. "School is a workshop," not a playhouse but a place where men and woman are made. "At home you have been sailing on a placid lake prepared by mother's love and father's skill but soon you must launch out on the stormy ocean of life in barks you have prepared for yourselves."

In speaking of opportunity he quoted from the poets who have taken such opposite views of the subject but he said he believed the optimistic view taken by Judge Malone to be the correct one.

The Judge says that one of the brightest pictures of the present generation of students is that there are more of them paying their own way by working than ever before. They will make successful men and women in life he declared. From this he passed to a brief review of the life of the late W. J. Bryan and stated that Mr. Bryan's greatest work had not been as a leader of his political party, or as a statesman but in his defense of the Bible. He pictured him at Dayton, where he fell, as saying "you shall not press a crown

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The Outlook For The Coming Year

When one becomes sad, lonely, and depressed at the dark aspect of the past, a good tonic for him is to awake and look to the future. In the future, even a person of pessimistic disposition seems to lose at least a little of his burden of cares, and his load becomes lighter. It is by looking to the future that we are cheered to press forward. Just so with Freed-Hardeman College.

Whatever may have been the work of the past one can but be highly elated with the prospect the future holds forth. Everything seems to be "hittin', on all six" and the gas being stepped on heavily.

The first thing that encourages us is the great improvements effected on the grounds and buildings. The grounds have been thoroughly cleaned, some of the light-obstructing small trees removed, and some fine playgrounds are promised at an early date that will make the grounds equal to any. The administration building has been reworked inside and out, some new classrooms made, others rearranged, blackboards repaired, office space enlarged, stairways newly furnished, and minor repairs too numerous to mention. In fact everything is practically new and of the best. Oakland Home has been improved to the extent of painting most of the inside of the building, refurnishing some of the old rooms, and newly furnishing some rooms that had not been used. For comfort, convenience, and good food Oakland Home cannot be beaten anywhere.

For a corps of teachers Freed-Hardeman has among the best to be had. The faculty is, all things considered, the best the college has ever had. Especially is it strong in the Bible Department. In this department it is our boast that we cannot be surpassed, and the facts bear us out; where can better teachers of the Bible be found than we have in Brethren Calhoun and Hardeman? Equally strong instructors, supporting these in literary work, have we in professors Roland, Rivenbark, Briggance and others not quite so well known but equally efficient. Freed-Hardeman is especially fortunate in securing the services of such a strong and able faculty.

But after all students are one of the main factors in a school of any kind. In this, our college is richly blessed with the very choicest of students from ten states. From Michigan to Florida, and from Texas to North Carolina, the very flower of youth has cast its lot with Freed-Hardeman College. No finer gathering of boys and girls can be found than those enrolled this year. The number of students is on the increase, especially in the college department. Within the past four years, according to Dean Roland, this has increased more than eight hundred per cent which he says is the fastest growing college department within the range of his observation. With such growth as this in a few short years the college will be taxed to capacity with college students only.

With such an outlook as this can anyone be blamed for feeling encouraged? Having the best of buildings, grounds, faculty, and students what can keep us from having a greater future? Tomorrow's prospect is brighter than ever before but the end is not yet, for Freed-Hardeman is in the line of progress and offers its students the best that can, be had in everything.

SENIOR DOINGS

The Senior College Class of F. H. C., met Sept., 23, for the purpose of organization. Melvin Phillips, President of the Junior Class of 1924-25 presided and the following officers were elected: F. C. Sowell, Jr., Pres., Eural Williams, V. Pres., Mary Tom Burton, Sec'y., Osa E. Smith, Assistant Sec'y., and Marian W. Wright, reporter to the Sky Rocket.

We are exceedingly proud of this year's class. It is the largest class of college students that has been in F. H. C. The majority of us are older students, and the new ones have brought with them much interest and talent. Four of our class are members of the Sky Rocket Staff.

All in all we have a very happy and prosperous year before us, and are looking forward to it with happy anticipation.

Seniors! Let's make the class of 1925-26 the best class in the history of F. H. C.

FALL BASEBALL SEASON
NEARS CLOSE
Basketball Soon To Be
Order Of The Day

By
Sports Editor

The short fall baseball season, which takes the place of football at Freed-Hardeman, has just about closed after three weeks of play and practice. Some good work has been done which will be of much value to the players when the spring season opens.

The major game was played on Tuesday, Sept. 29, when two teams, drawn from the student body and placed under the captaincy of Leck Fraley and Joe Rainey respectively, locked horns on the local diamond. The entire school was invited to witness the game and it attended en masse. Even presidents Hardeman and Calhoun, and several other members of the faculty, were to be seen in the bleachers.

Rainey's outfit snowed under Fraley's aggregation by a score of 10-5, the winning team having run up six tallies in the final frame to clinch the victory. The game was rather slow with the exception of the first and last innings when most of the scoring was done. However, it was counted as no mean game considering the brief term of practice previous thereto.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the approaching basketball season which bids fair to be a success in every detail. Though the games will be confined wholly within college limits and will be staged between the various societies and classes, it is anticipated that much enthusiasm will be aroused over these games. There is an abundance of material on hand for the composition of some good teams, and many spirited contests will no doubt be staged among them.

AN ATHLETE

Some fellows think it only takes a big muscle to make a full-fledged athlete. Others think that swiftness of foot, the ability to pitch a ball, or to throw a goal entitles one to that immortal realm of sportsmanship. Let it be considered that all these things are very necessary toward attaining a desired end in athletics. Indeed, we might even say that such abilities are essential in many departments of sport; but does the possession of these essentials automatically manufacture an athlete out of a human being? Most certainly not! And let us explain why this is not true.

The whole thing has its center in the definition of the word "athlete." An athlete is one whose principal aim in life, at least for the time be-

ing, is to develop his physical body to as high a degree of perfection both in form and efficiency as may be possible through the proper training and perseverance. There is a great deal more in the training of the body than the average boy realizes. The human body in order to be healthy must not only be worked on from the outside but the inside as well. A house may be beautiful on the outside, yet have a very uncouth interior due to slovenly house-keeping. So it is with our bodies. We may outwardly appear to be in perfect health, our muscles may be large and supple, while at the same time our interior organisms may be falling into decay.

The objective then of an athlete, we might say, is, the attainment of a healthy body, from center to circumference, and from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot. This means a good pair of lungs, a strong heart, a steady nerve and a healthy stomach. The recipe for acquiring these requisites is a simple one and easily filled. All there is necessary for us to do is simply to omit from our program all things that might bring harm to these organisms and let nature take care for the rest. Cigarettes are extremely harmful to the lungs and should therefore be left off. The writer is reminded of the case of a peerless football player of magnificent physique who held the attention of the multitudes some few years ago but now lies in death because the thousands of cigarettes he smoked turned to "coffin nails" and sent him into a tubercular's grave. Coca-cola, and all other drinks containing dope, is extremely injurious to the heart and nerves and excessive use of such will permanently weaken these organs. Misuse of the stomach by consuming an overabundance of trash will tend to weaken the body throughout and bring about an untimely death. These things being true, we are led to wonder why so many young men will deliberately live in defiance of the most important rules of health.

If an athlete we wish to be, let's be one in one hundred per cent fashion; not exercising one part of our body to the neglect of another. In other words, if we're going to pull the wagon, let's do it with the brake off—not on.

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LOCALS

Prof. L. L. Brigance preached in Bells, Tenn., Sunday and Sunday night, September the 27th.

Prof. and Mrs. N. B. Hardeman were visitors to Booneville, Miss., Sunday September the 20th.

The dormitory girls enjoyed the privilege of attending the show at the High School Saturday night, September 26th.

Miss Lear Durbin from Shiloh Tenn., has been added as a new teacher to the high school faculty.

Mrs. Stacy is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hall L. Calhoun in Oakland Home.

Cleo Blue, a former student of F. H. C. from Arkansas, was a visitor here last week.

Aubrey Farris spent the week end September the 29th. at his home in Selmer, Tenn.

J. R. Endsley preached Sunday September the 27th. at Tiplersville, Mississippi and Middleton, Tennessee.

Clark Burns spent Sept. 29th. in Jackson, Tenn.

G. A. Dunn of Dallas, Texas made an interesting talk at chapel Tuesday morning Sept. 29th.

Prof. L. L. Brigance is absent from his classes holding a meeting in Smithville, Tenn.

Edwin Harwell led the song service for a meeting in Corinth, Miss., recently.

We are glad to have Bro. R. L. Colley back in school again with us. He has been a former student in F. H. C.

Miss Martha Robert's father, Mr. Will Roberts of Humboldt, Tenn., was a visitor in Oakland Home, Sunday Oct. 4th.

The trip to Shiloh Monday Oct. 5th., was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wilson, former students, now of Union University, were visitors here last Saturday.

WITH THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Another of the many good things that students of Freed-Hardeman have is the opportunity to take part in the work of a fine active congregation of the Church of Christ. The congregation at Henderson is especially strong and gives the students the very best in the way of good Sunday School teaching and the very best of preaching each Lord's day.

Parents generally will be glad to know that most of the young ladies and gentlemen that are in Freed-Hardeman are attending worship each First Day. The young people's advanced class alone for the past few Sundays has been attended by more than a hundred persons.

As an added feast on last Sunday Bro. Calhoun began a protracted meeting that is to last for two or

three weeks which the boys and girls are attending faithfully and profiting by the strong clear, Scriptural discourses that he is delivering.

SIGMA RHO

One of the liveliest organizations in Freed-Hardeman this year is the Sigma Rho Society. But that is nothing unusual, for such has been characteristic of it for years. It has ever stood for the highest degree of accomplishment among our students and possessed some well recognized qualities that are rare indeed. Scores of students all over the Southland attest to its merits, for in it have they received some of their most valuable training. Its talents are not surpassed in any other, in either literary ability or love of the fine arts.

Many new students entered the Sigma Rho at our first meeting September 21st. and cheered as its banner was brought to view. These came from Michigan, Kentucky, Missouri, District of Columbia, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. In them we are finding splendid response and congratulate both ourselves and them in their choice.

Officers for the first month are as follows:

Clark Burns, President.
Eural Williams, Vice-President.
Lucille Dobbs, Secretary.
Alma Randolph, Ass't. Secretary.
Albert Holland, Sergeant-at-arms.
J. R. Endsley, Critic.
Lula Cummings, Reporter.

TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

The value of time.
The success of perseverance.
The pleasure of working.
The dignity of simplicity.
The worth of character.
The power of kindness.
The influence of example.
The obligation of duty.
The wisdom of economy.
The virtue of patience.
The importance of talent.
The joy of originating.

Anon.

STUDENTS, A DEBT YOU OWE

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of unbelief upon the common people, and thou shall not crucify christianity upon a cross of science." Continuing he said a man may acquire all the learning to be had, yet he is a failure without a knowledge of the Bible. Wishing each the Eldorado of his hope and the Utopia of his dreams he closed by reminding us that a man is known by the company he keeps.

The regular college quartet composed of Albert Holland, Eural Williams, Nathan Thompson, and Leo Greene sang, "Smile a Little."

Another speaker of the morning was Mr. J. W. Stewart, superintendent of the public schools in this County. The main points of his speech may be summed up in the following: A welcome to the students by the town and an assurance of the friendship of the people. He reminded the students that we are all on review before the rest of the world. Expressed his love for young people and his confidence in the rising generation. The work of the state along educational lines yet it is short on the most important of all phases of education, the spiritual and moral. This great work he said was left to the religious schools. He said the country would be better off without some of the largest schools in it for they are destroying the faith and morals of their students. No use to worry about evolution, it is but a transient fad he declared.

Prof. Hardeman then stated that time forbade a hearing of other speakers present. The quartet he announced would favor the audience with their number, which it did, singing "Jesus My All in All".

Mrs. N. B. Hardeman played a march as the audience passed from the hall.

The writer has been present at six openings during the past seven years and considering it from every view point feels that he can safely and conservatively say it is the greatest opening it has had.

CHAPEL EXERCISES IN FREED-HARDEMAN COLLEGE

Most all of the schools and colleges over our land and country have chapel exercises and as the larger percent of the people are better acquainted with the exercises in secular institutions, they cannot, as a whole, appreciate what is implied in the word "chapel" when used in connection with such institutions as Freed-Hardeman College. Inasmuch as this college differs greatly from our public schools, we naturally expect chapel exercises to be of a

different nature. Of course, all, who are acquainted with this school, know that the primary purpose of it is not to teach history, mathematics etc., as in the state schools, and if it were, there is no earthly reason for its existence. But as the purpose of the college is to hold up the Bible as the inspired Word of God and to train boys and girls for usefulness here and for a better world "over there," the chapel services are naturally of that nature.

At 8:25 each morning the students together with the faculty assemble in the Chapel Hall for the regular services which consists of singing, prayer, reading of God's word, and the comment thereon. In the exercises, the faculty alternates with each other, and some very fine lessons from the Bible are impressed upon the mind of the student body. In addition to the things that are taught from the Word of God, the great problems of life that the students must sooner or later meet are discussed very carefully, and the importance of spending every moment of time while here in school is especially emphasized. Besides the faculty, who usually conducts chapel, there are many visitors from different parts of the country who are glad to speak at that hour; the college has had the honor of having some of the greatest men of our land visit it. Then we, the students body, ought to congratulate ourselves that we have such splendid opportunities and remember our parents and others who almost envy us.

Only a few days ago, brother G. A. Dunn of Dallas, Texas, accompanied by some citizens of Corinth, Mississippi where he was holding a series of meetings, visited our school and spoke at the chapel hour. The need of a christian university with men at the head of each department who are fully prepared was the theme of his talk. He said, "as practically all who attend secular schools are ruined, we need a university to which boys and girls can go when they complete the course which is offered at such institutions as Freed-Hardeman College, for some have their mark set higher and are going to go some where to school." Then, on October 2, brother A. B. Barrett spoke for us, and it is useless to say to those who are acquainted with him that he gave a splendid address. Brother Barrett is a great friend to Freed-Hardeman College. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of "service." He said, "some people earn more than they collect, while others accumulate more than they earn." He further said, "that it is better to earn more in life than you collect than to collect more than you earn."

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