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Alumnae.

Names. Residences.

1857.
Miss C. M. E. Golding, Laurens, S. C.

1858.
Miss Nannie N. Anderson, Laurens, S. C.
  " M. Lizzie Anderson, " "
  " Eliza J. Barber, Chester, S. C.
  " Sallie S. DuPre, Spartanburg, S. C.
  " Nannie L. Foster, Louisville, Miss.
  " Julia A. McIlrath, Spartanburg, S. C.
  " Rebbecca E. McSwain, Cadesboro, S. C.
  " N. Clementina Moore, Spartanburg, S. C.
  " Judith W. Ruff, Fairfield, S. C.
  " Eliza O. Sanders, Colleton, S. C.
  " Emma V. Shaw, Laurens, S. C.
  " Henrietta M. Sullivan, " "
  " Fannie A. Sullivan, Greenville, S. C.
  " Mary Anna Sullivan, " "
  " F. Matilda Sullivan, Laurens, S. C.
  " E. Addie Sullivan, Columbia, S. C.
  " Mary S. Walker, " "

1859.
Miss Mary E. Bivings, Spartanburg, S. C.
  " Maria E. Cockerell, Fairfield, S. C.
  " Mary E. Humbert, Laurens, S. C.
  " Mattie L. Henkle, Chester, S. C.
  " Ellen L. Mitchell, Rutherford, N. C.

1860.
Miss Laura J. Hamilton, Marietta, Ga.
  " Rosalie N. Hardy, Anderson, S. C.
  " Mattie G. Humbert, Laurens, S. C.
  " M. Emma Fooser, Orangeburg, S. C.
  " Kate M. Smith, Cumberland, N. C.

General Remarks.

Spartanburg Female College,

Under the patronage of the South Carolina Conference, was opened for the admission of Pupils on the 25th August, 1855. The site of the College Buildings is one of the most pleasant and desirable locations that could have been selected. The Campus encloses fifteen acres of wood land, on the summit of a hill, overlooking the Town of Spartanburg, and a half mile, or more, distant from it. Secluded from the excitments and attractions of the town thoroughfares, with a pure atmosphere, excellent water, and rural quietude, the Pupils enjoy every facility for mental and moral culture. Efforts are making to repair the loss sustained by fire on the 14th April.

One of the new buildings was completed and used during the past Session. A large central edifice, embracing a commodious Chapel, has been commenced and will be prosecuted with as little delay as possible. The present buildings will be remodeled; and
on the completion of the general plan of improvements adopted by the Board, few Institutions will equal SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE in the beauty and comfort of its arrangements.

Spartanburg is accessible, daily, by the Spartanburg & Union Railroad.

ADMISSION.

Each Pupil is examined and assigned to the Class for which she is prepared. Pupils are received at any time, and charged only from the time of admission to the close of the Session.

It is exceedingly desirable that Pupils should enter at the commencement of the Session, as Classes are then formed and new Studies commenced.

SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTION.

The plan embraces the Primary and Collegiate Course; commencing with the rudiments and passing up, systematically, to the highest grade of scholarship required at the best Female College. Special effort will be made to train Pupils to think for themselves, and to teach them that the chief aim of education is to develop, discipline and strengthen the mental and moral faculties. In addition to the use of the most approved Textbooks, Illustrations and Lectures will be employed as helps to instruction.

Every necessary attention will be given to the study and cultivation of the Ornamental Branches, but not to the neglect of the more useful and practical studies.

GOVERNMENT.

But few Rules, simple and necessary, make up our Discipline. Strict conformity to rule, promptness in duty, propriety of deportment, and regular habits of study, are cardinal requisitions. These will be enforced mildly but firmly. Young ladies will be taught and persuaded to do right, because it is right.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

This department will continue under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. BETHUNE, whose experience and uniform kindness peculiarly fit them for their responsible position. The young ladies boarding in the Institution will be cared for as at home.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

In addition to Morning and Evening Prayers, the Pupils are required to attend Church on the Sabbath, and in the afternoon recite lessons on the Bible.

APPARATUS AND LIBRARY.

The Institution is provided with a new and valuable Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus. Efforts are also making to form a College Library and a Geological and Mineralogical Cabinet.

Donations for either, from the friends of education, will be gratefully received and labeled with the name of the donor.

LECTURES.

Lectures, illustrated by experiments, will be given on Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, and other subjects embraced in the course of instruction.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

Connected with the College is the DE STAEL LITERARY SOCIETY, in which the young ladies assemble weekly for mutual improvement. The Society is furnished with a valuable Library, together with weekly and monthly Religious and Literary Periodicals and Papers.
TEXT BOOKS.

Books, Stationery, &c., can be obtained in Spartanburg at the Book Store of REV. ALEX. W. WALKER.

GRADUATION.

Diplomas are awarded to those young ladies who have finished the Regular Course, and stood an approved examination.

REPORTS.

Quarterly Reports on Scholarship and Department are sent to Parents and Guardians. We ask the attention of Parents to these Reports, and earnestly solicit their co-operation, by admonition or encouragement, in carrying out the design for which their daughters are committed to our care.

SESSIONS AND VACATIONS.

The Scholastic Year commences on the first of October, and continues forty weeks. It is divided into two Sessions of twenty weeks each.

The Examination and Commencement Exercises will be held at the close of the second Session in July, when the Vacation begins.

REGULATIONS.

Young ladies are not allowed to leave the premises unattended by some one officially connected with the College; nor to visit in town without permission from Parents or Guardians.

No young gentleman will be allowed to visit any Pupil unless he be so related to her as to preclude the idea of a matrimonial engagement.

No correspondence by letter or note, or exchange of presents between young gentlemen in the Town and any boarding Pupil, will be allowed; and any Pupil being the medium of such correspondence, will be liable to expulsion from the Institution. All letters must be put in the letter-box; and all books, papers, drop letters, or notes of invitation to or from Pupils, must pass through the hands of the President.

It is necessary that each Pupil have her clothing distinctly marked, and that she be provided with table-napkins, towels, umbrella and over-shoes.

Indolent and disobedient Pupils will not be allowed to remain in the Institution after faithful efforts to improve them have failed.

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EXPENSES.

PER SESSION OF TWENTY WEEKS.

BOARD, including Furnished Rooms, Fuel, Lights and Washing, --- $60 00
TUITION IN COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT, --- 20 00
" " PREPARATOR " --- 10 00
CONTINGENT FEE, --- 1 00

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EXTRAS -- (OPTIONAL WITH PARENTS.)

MUSIC ON PIANO OR GUITAR, --- $20 00
USE OF INSTRUMENT, --- 2 50
DRAWING, --- 10 00
OIL PAINTING, --- 20 00
GREEK PAINTING, --- 10 00
EMBROIDERY, --- 10 00
FRENCH, --- 10 00
WAX WORK, --- 10 00
NEEDLE, LEATHER, HAIR and CONE WORK, (each) --- 10 00

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Payments are required in advance. If a Pupil is removed on account of sickness, or other adequate cause, the money prepaid will be proportionately refunded.

We ask the attention of Parents and Guardians to the fact that $81 per Session, or $162 per year, will cover the entire cost of Board and Tuition in all the Branches of the Regular Course. Add to this the thorough and extensive course of study—the location, its close proximity to the mountains—the health of the Pupils, and the moral advantages enjoyed, and we feel assured that no Institution presents superior inducements for the education of young ladies.

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The Diary of William Kennedy Blake, which is now in the possession of a daughter, Mrs. May Lily Blake Hodges, shows that in 1859 he tendered his resignation at the school where he was teaching to accept the Presidency of Spartanburg Female College. He says that he had a letter from Dr. Nightman, who was President of the Board of Trustees of the Spartanburg Female College, notifying him of his unanimous election to the Presidency. He made a visit to Spartanburg in June, 1859 and after consultation with the trustees accepted the position of President.

Mr. Blake evidently continued as President through the early part of the Civil War and until the college was closed. This was apparently sometime about the middle or latter part of 1865. The exact date of the closing is not given in the Diary of Mr. Blake, but before referring to the closing of the college, he mentions the fact of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth which he sets as April 14, 1865.

Mrs. Hodges has in her possession considerable other data with reference to the affairs of Spartanburg Female College. Her mother was a student there who was married by her father after he came to assume the Presidency.