

Nottingham, Mary E. '01 = Smith, Mrs. Robert L.

Marriages

Mary E. Nottingham, '01, was married on November 6, to Robert L. Smith, Trade Class, '09.

S. W. Dec. 1912

Mary E. Nottingham, '01, whose marriage was chronicled in December, writes as follows of her school work: "I have been teaching here at home for the last eight years in a one-room schoolhouse which has been standing for thirty years. We organized a school improvement league and began to raise money for a two-room schoolhouse. We have succeeded in getting this building and are now teaching in it. It cost \$650, the school board giving \$150, and the patrons the balance.

"My brother John, (Hampton Trade School '06) built the schoolhouse, which the superintendent says is the best arranged one for colored students in the county. John is kept very busy at his trade. This summer he contracted to repair two school buildings for white children which cost over \$2800; he also built several houses. He has worked from two to eight carpenters daily."

S. W. Feb. 1913

Mrs. Robert L. Smith (Mary E. Nottingham), '01, is the industrial supervisor in Vidalia, La.

S. W. April, 1915

Remarks made by former pupils of Mary Nottingham who Hampton in the fall of 1913

"I love her to death." Keron Banks

"She's real nice, I loves her." Cherry Willow Spady

Two of our graduates who are seeking to carry the influence of Hampton to the far South are Mr. Robert L. Smith of the carpentry course of 1909 and Mrs. Smith (Mary Nottingham) 1901. There are now four representatives of Hampton in Louisiana and two of this number are Mr. and Mrs. Smith who formerly lived at Cape Charles, Va. While they lived on the Eastern Shore Mr. Smith was a contractor, and Mrs. Smith was teaching. When Mrs. Smith was offered a position in Louisiana as industrial supervisor of Concordia Parish she immediately accepted, and this year Mr. Smith is also there, and is now teaching in Wildsville. He is seeking to raise money for a new school building, and as he found no Sunday school in that community he has organized one. Mrs. Smith is working hard to teach better methods of living in Concordia Parish, and in several communities has established clubs among the parents.

H. S. April 15, 1916

THE only Hampton graduate teaching in Louisiana is Mrs. Mary Nottingham Smith, '01, who taught at her home on the Eastern Shore from her graduation until the fall of 1914. She then went to Vidalia Parish, La., as industrial supervisor, from which place she wrote in January:—

"We are improving the school buildings in many ways. We keep them clean, ceil them to make them warmer, clean the yards, and put in windows, for in most of the churches (in which many of the schools are held) they have board window blinds, which have to be kept closed when the wind blows too hard or it is cold.

"We have about six schools that are raising money to extend their school terms. Only three schools have five months' terms, the others have two or three. In one community we have raised almost enough money to build a new school building, with the help of the Rosenwald Fund. It is to cost \$700. The colored people had to raise \$200, a land firm that owns the plantation gave \$100 and deeded two and a-half acres of land to the school board. The school board gave \$100. We are working hard to raise the balance of the money. The people in this parish are very poor. They have been flooded three times since 1912 and in some cases lost all they had."

S. W. April, 1917