

West Virginia University

-AND ITS

Picturesque Surroundings

DEPARTMENTS OF WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

The University comprehends the following departments:

II. The College of Engineering and Mechanic Arts.

III. The College of Law.

IV. The College of Agriculture.

V. The School of Music.

VI. The School of Pharmacy.

VII. The Commercial School,

VIII. The Preparatory Schools.

IX. The Premedical Department.

X. The Department of Drawing and Painting.

XI. The Military Department.

XII. The Department of Domestic Science.

XIII. The Department of Physical Training.

XIV. The Department of Instruction by Correspondence.

XV. The University Library.

For catalogue and full information write to the President, Morgantown, W. Va.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSITY.

FOR nearly a hundred years there has been an institution of higher learning in Morgantown.

In 1814 the Legislature of Virginia passed an act incorporating the Monongalia Academy, and locating it at Morgantown. The first building was a one-story brick structure, divided into two rooms. In 1828 this building was sold and a two-story brick building erected. As a further endowment, the Virginia Legislature passed an act authorizing the trustees of the Academy to raise \$20,000 by a lottery, and the drawings for this lottery were conducted January 26, 1832. In later years the Monongalia Academy became an institution of wide reputation, drawing students at one time from fourteen States. For more than fifty years it was the leading school in Virginia west of the mountains.

On July 2, 1862, Congress passed an act donating public lands to the several States to establish "colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts." In 1864 this act was extended to the new State of West Virginia, and in 1867 the West Virginia Agricultural College was founded. The trustees of the Monongalia Academy gave to the State all of the real estate and personal effects of the Academy. The building and grounds of Woodburn Seminary, a school for girls in Morgantown, were also donated, and the new College succeeded the old academy and seminary, inheriting an honorable record and much good will. The first faculty meeting was held August 20, 1867, and on September 2 of that year the school was formally opened. In 1868 the name of the new institution was changed by act of the Legislature to the West Virginia University.

THE FACULTY.

The faculty is composed (1900) of sixty-five members. They are graduates of the following institutions: Leland Stanford Junior University; University of Halle, Germany; Harvard University; Johns Hopkins University; University of Minnesota; University of Berlin, Germany; University of Chicago; University of Wisconsin; West Virginia University; Smith College; University of Marburg, Germany; University of Michigan; Northwestern University; New England Conservatory of Music; Kentucky University; Dickinson College; Princeton University; Cornell University; Emory and Henry College; Bethany College; University of Cambridge, England; Victoria University, England; Indiana University; Worcester Polytechnic Institute; University of Leipzig, Germany; Bellevue Hospital Medical College; Tufts College; Drake University; Hampden-Sidney College; University of Nashville; Union College; Ohio State University; University of Upsala, Sweden; Columbia University; University of Göttingen, Germany; University of Vienna, Austria; Yale University; Clark University; and the American Veterinary College.

UNIVERSITY FELLOWS.

There are ten University Fellowships, one in each of the following departments: Mathematics, Physics, French, German, English, Latin, Economics, Agriculture, Elocution, and Domestic Science. Each Fellow is paid \$300 a year, and is excused from the payment of all University fees.

THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

What is known in colleges and universities as the elective system has been adopted at West Virginia University. Every student elects some subject as his "major study" or specialty, and with the advice of his class officer groups other studies about it. An effort is made to develop the individuality of every student. To some students the study of zoölogy or history, for example, may be much more useful than the study of Greek or mathematics. Modern life is so complex that to meet its demands men and women can no longer be trained according to mediæval methods. The degree of Bachelor of Arts is conferred upon any student who satisfies the entrance requirements and satisfactorily completes forty-two college courses. At least nine of these must be in his "major subject." The remainder of his work is elective.

For meeting the requirements for admission to the Freshman class, candidates are offered a choice of seventy-seven courses in thirty subjects. A "course" represents the amount of work done by a class meeting five times a week for one quarter (twelve weeks). The entrance subjects are all reduced to the unit of a course, and placed on exact equality. Thirty-nine courses will be accepted for admission in full standing, and these may be selected by the candidate from a published list of seventy-seven courses.

IN SESSION ALL OF THE TIME.

The University has four terms, or quarters, of about twelve weeks each. The Summer Quarter begins June 21, the Fall Quarter September 17, the Winter Quarter January 1, and the Spring Quarter April 1. The work done in the Summer Quarter is the same as that done in any other Quarter, and counts toward a degree. It is possible for young men and young women to

teach school for five or six months every year, and still attend the University that year for six months, entering April 1, and remaining for the Spring and Summer Quarters. The first Summer Quarter brought 188 students, the second 250, and this rate of increase is expected to continue. The Summer Quarter offers unusual opportunities. A pamphlet about it is sent to those who want it.

UNIVERSITY PRIZES.

The following prizes are open to students in various departments of the University:

The John W. Wiles Prizes in Oratory — First prize, \$100; second prize, a gold medal.

The N. B. Scott Prize in Declamation - \$100.

The S. B. Elkins Prizes in Greek — First prize, \$60; second prize, \$40.

The G. W. Atkinson Prize for the best all-round man student, \$25.

The Mrs. G. W. Atkinson Prize for the best all-round woman student—\$25.

The James F. Thompson Prize in Anatomy and Physiology - \$25.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union Essay Prize - \$25.

The Regents' Inter-Society Prizes - \$115.

The Regents' Essay Prize - \$25.

The Regents' Prizes in Declamation — First prize, \$15; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5.

The Edward Thompson Company Prize in Law—A set of the American and English Encyclopædia of Law.

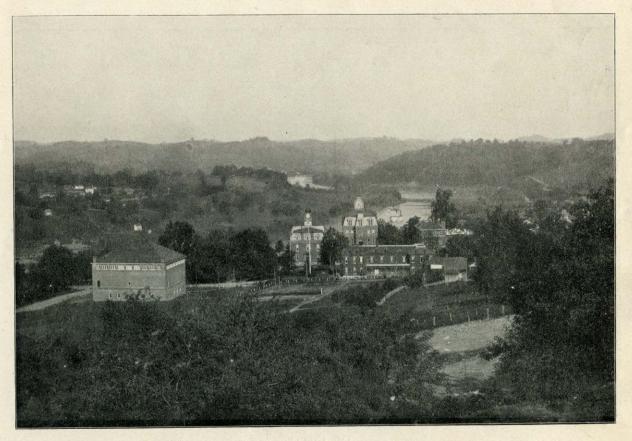
The James O. Thompson Prize in English - \$10.

The Alston G. Dayton Prize in Domestic Science - \$25.

Motto of the University: Add to your faith virtue; and to your virtue, knowledge.

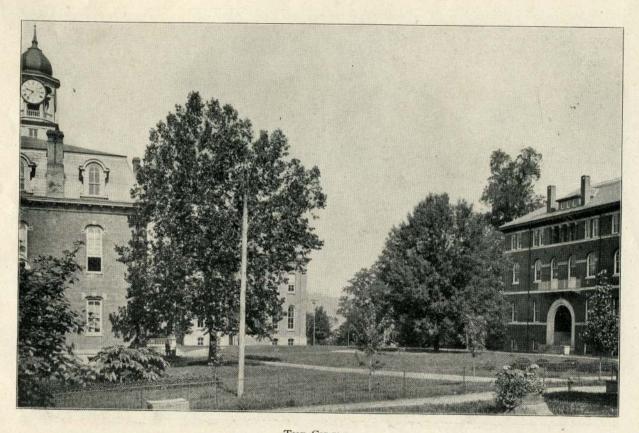
Colors of the University: Old gold and blue.

Yell of the University: Rah! rah! rhu! Old gold and blue! Whoop'er up! whoop'er up! W. V. U.!



A GENERAL VIEW.

This view from the hill above the University shows five of the buildings, and the Monongahela River in the distance.



THE CIRCLE.

This part of the campus shows the circle and corners of Martin Hall, Science Hall, and University Hall.



SCIENCE HALL

Is a four-story building containing Lecture Rooms and Laboratories for the Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Geology, and Drawing and Painting, and also the President's Office. The Department of Civil Engineering has rooms in Science Hall until the completion of Engineering Hall.



Science Hall — Drawing and Painting Studio.

The studio is large and well lighted, containing china kiln, casts, models, drawing stands, etc.



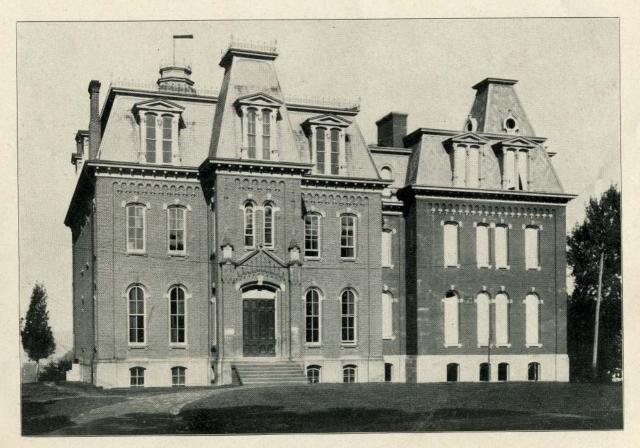
Science Hall — One of the Chemical Laboratories.

The Chemistry Rooms are located on the second floor of Science Hall, and consist of two large Laboratories, a Lecture Room, a Darkroom, a Weighing Room, and a Preparation Room. The Laboratories are equipped with modern apparatus, and afford working space for fifty students at a time.



Science Hall—The Geological Rooms

Consist of two laboratories and a lecture room on the third floor of Science Hall. This picture is a view of a corner of one of the laboratories.



UNIVERSITY HALL

Is a four-story building containing the Lecture Rooms and Library of the College of Law; the Lecture Rooms and Laboratories of the Departments of Zoölogy, Botany, and Bacteriology and Pathology; and the Lecture Rooms of the Departments of English, the Romance Languages, and the Germanic Languages. University Hall contains thirty rooms. The north wing has just been completed, and the south wing will be built in the near future.



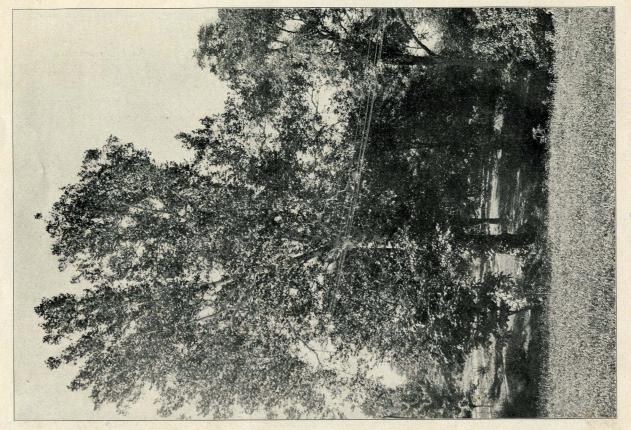
UNIVERSITY HALL - THE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES.

The entire third floor of the main part of University Hall is devoted to the Laboratories of the Departments of Zoölogy and Botany. These Laboratories are being equipped with the most modern apparatus. Other Biological Laboratories are in the basement of the same building.



OLD WOODBURN SEMINARY

Was a popular school for young ladies until it became the property of the University, in 1866, when it was used as a dormitory for young men. It stood where University Hall now stands, and was used as a dormitory until it was destroyed by fire in 1873. This picture was taken in 1865.



It stands directly in front of This old sycamore is the monarch of the campus. Commencement Hall. THE CAMPUS.



This view of the campus shows a grand old tulip tree, and the beeches in the rear of Science Hall.

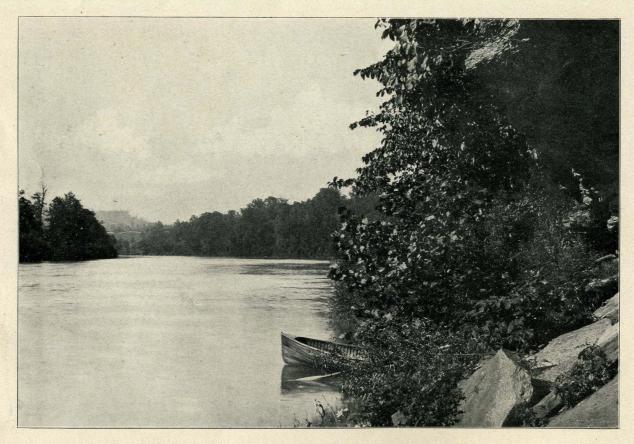


THE BEECHES.

This is a view in the northwestern part of the campus and shows the fine old beeches near Falling Run. There is no more beautiful spot on the campus than this.



THE SOUTH END OF THE CAMPUS. — An attractive view down by the Monongahela.

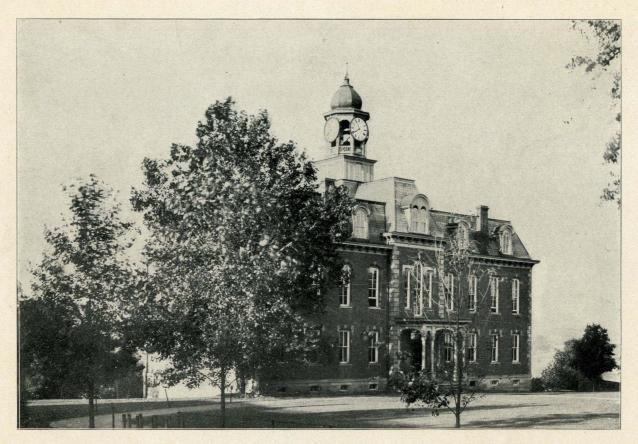


THE MONONGAHELA.

The campus extends down to the edge of the river, which presents a beautiful expanse of slack water, and offers exceptional facilities for boating.



THE CAMPUS.— This is another fine view of the south end of the campus.



MARTIN HALL,

So named in honor of Dr. Alexander Martin, the first President of the University, is the oldest building. It is a three-story building containing Lecture Rooms and the Literary Society Halls; also the Library until the completion of the new Library Building.



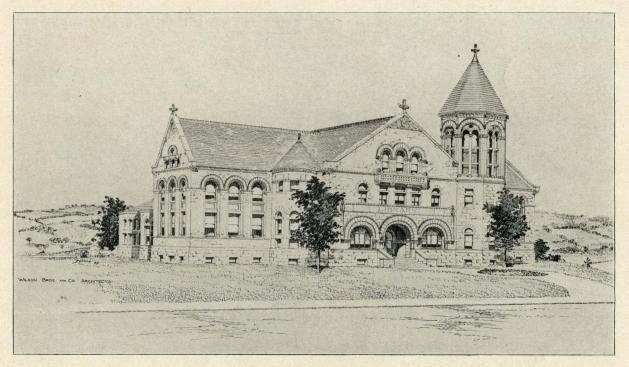
MARTIN HALL—THE LIBRARY.

As soon as the New Library Building is completed, the Library will be moved into it. At present two rooms in Martin Hall, one on the second and one on the third floor, are used as a Library. There are about 17,000 volumes, besides all of the leading literary and technical magazines, and many newspapers.



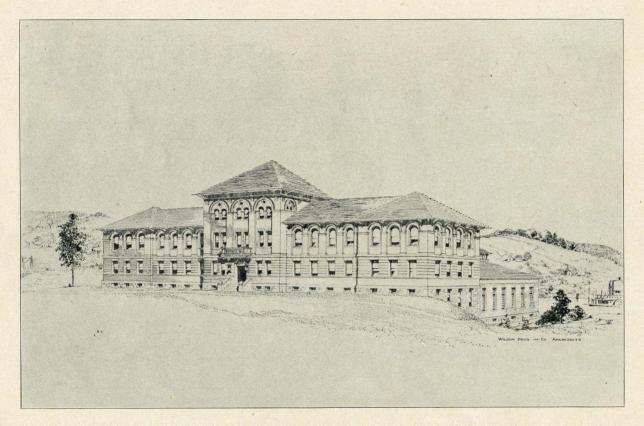
MARTIN HALL - ANOTHER VIEW OF THE LIBRARY.

The Library is arranged according to the Dewey Decimal System of classification, and is open from 7:45 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. every day, except Sunday, throughout the year. It is open Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. for reading only. Students have free access to the shelves, and the Library is the busiest place about the University.



THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

This will be the handsomest building on the campus. It will be constructed of stone and will be well adapted to library purposes.

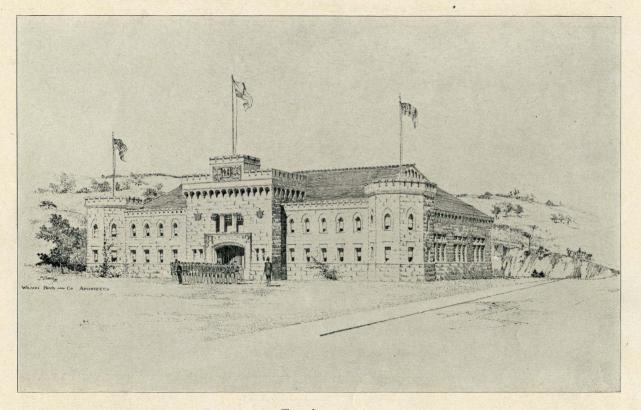


Engineering Hall.

This is the new building for the College of Engineering, taking the place of the one destroyed by fire in 1899.

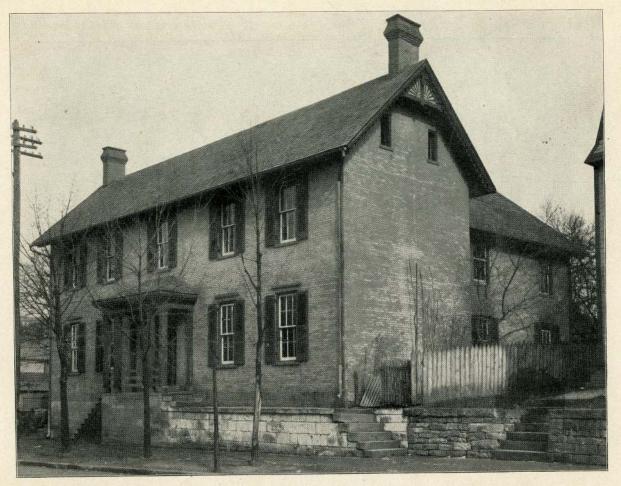


THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY.



The Armory.

To be built of Stone, affording Offices, Drill Space, etc., for the Corps of Cadets.



School of Music Building, Containing eight large rooms, furnished with pianos and all necessary equipments.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC. THE MEN'S GLEE, CLUB.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC.—THE WOMAN'S GLEE CLUB.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC.—THE CHORAL SOCIETY.



School of Music.—The Guitar and Mandolin Club.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC.—The Men's Glee Club and the Mandolin and Guitar Club.



School of Music.—The Orchestra.

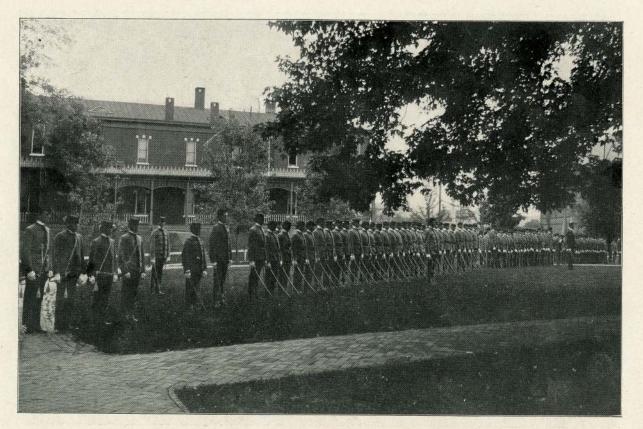


INTERIOR OF COMMENCEMENT HALL,

Showing the new pipe organ which has just been erected (1900), a gift to the University from two generous friends, who decline to permit their names to be made public. The organ was built by the Austin Organ Company, and is constructed according to the latest principles of organ building. It adds greatly to the facilities of the School of Music and the attractiveness of general University life.



WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM OF 1900.



WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY CADET CORPS.

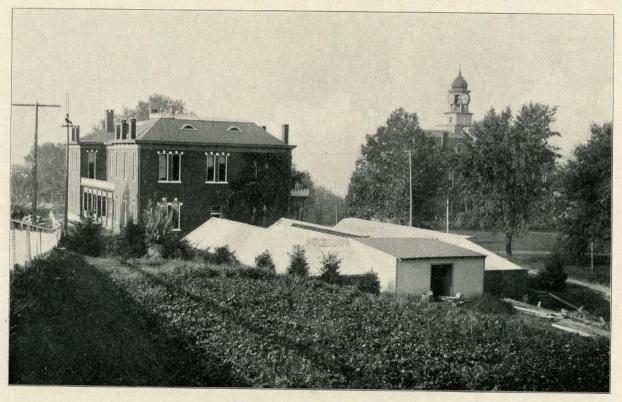


Episcopal Hall.

A University Dormitory for Boys, founded by Bishop Peterkin of the Protestant Episcopal Church.



AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.—Supported by the United States Government.



Experiment Station and Greenhouses, Showing the rear of the Experiment Station Building and the Greenhouses.



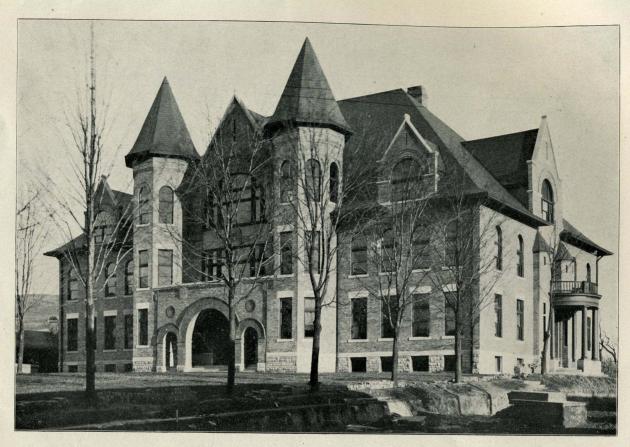
EXPERIMENT FARM RESIDENCE.

The Agricultural Experiment Farm contains about one hundred acres, and the farmhouse is a model country residence.



OLD MONONGALIA ACADEMY.

This honored old institution was founded in 1814, and was the direct predecessor of West Virginia University. The first sessions of the University were held in this building, which stood where the Morgantown Public School now stands. It was later used as the Morgantown Public School, until it was destroyed by fire in 1896.



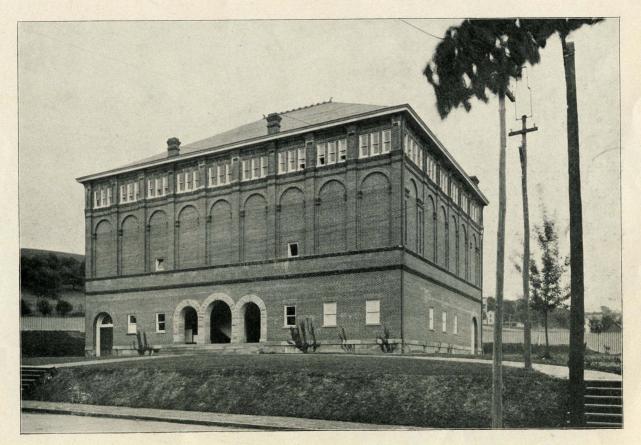
Morgantown Public School Building.



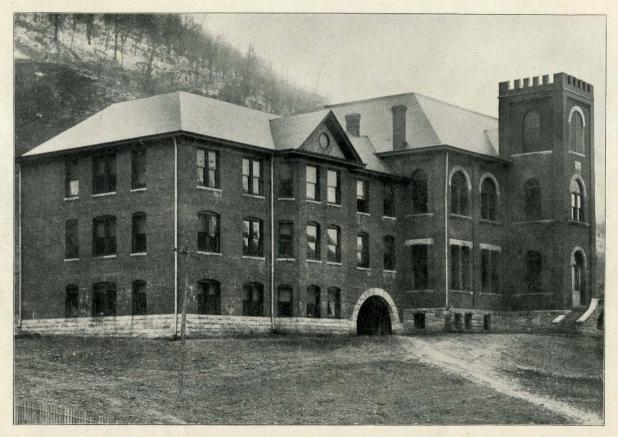
A PICTURESQUE VIEW ON DECKER'S CREEK IN THE REAR OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, SHOWING A SECTION OF THE MORGANTOWN & KINGWOOD RAILROAD NOW BUILDING.



A magnificent view seven miles from Morgantown. The drive "over Cheat" is enjoyed by everybody about the University.



COMMENCEMENT HALL.



THE MONTGOMERY PREPARATORY SCHOOL OF WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

Located on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. Young men and young women are prepared for admission to the Freshman Class.



A GENERAL VIEW.

The University Landscape and Five of the Buildings.



