



SILAS N. BERRY AND HIS WIFE L. ALICE BERRY

SCHOOL LIFE *and* *Other* INCIDENTS

In the Life of

SILAS NASHPY BERRY





BAND OF SCHOOLMATES

1 We are a band of schoolmates,
We are a band of schoolmates,
We are a band of schoolmates,
From the Old School Yard.

Chorus— (See verse one).

2 We will not go home a fighting,
We will not go home a fighting,
We will not go home a fighting,
From the old school yard.

CHORUS—We are a band of schoolmates, etc.

3 But we will go home a singing,
But we will go home a singing,
But we will go home a singing,
From the old school yard.

Chorus—

4 We have plucked the tree of knowledge,
We have plucked the tree of knowledge,
We have plucked the tree of knowledge,
And have eaten the golden fruit.

5 We are friends to education,
We are friends to education,
We are friends to education,
From the old school yard.

Chorus—

6 We will tell you what we've studied,
We will tell you what we've studied,
We will tell you what we've studied,
From the old school yard.

Chorus—

7 There's reading, writing, spelling,
Which is always so inviting;
With arithmetic, astrology,
Botany, Philosophy, Geography, and
History—and also many more.

Chorus—

8 We are a band of merry schoolmates,
We are a band of merry schoolmates,
We are a band of merry schoolmates,
And the names of some we'll tell.
There's Millie, Willie, Fannie,
Edward, Tommy, Martha, Carrie,
Mary, Hattie, Ella, Johnnie,
and also Little Nell.

Chorus—

9 We will try to learn our lessons,
We will try to learn our lessons,
We will try to learn our lessons,
From the old school yard.

Chorus—

10 We will try to obey our teacher,
We will try to obey our teacher,
We will try to obey our teacher,
From the old school yard.

11 We are linked and tied together,
We are linked and tied together,
We are linked and tied together,
From the old school yard.

Chorus—

12 When we've spent a short vacation,
And enjoyed our recreation,
Then to gain your approbation,
We will seek, but now farewell.
Chorus.

Composed by SILAS N. BERRY,
Teacher.

BIG TIME

PROGRAMME OF

OLD SCHOOL REUNION

AT THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

On July 14, 1915

10 O'CLOCK A. M.

1. Devotional Exercises.....Dr. R. D. Merchant and Rev. H. P. Goode
2. Welcome Address.....Dea. Smoot Pettyjohn
3. Response.....Miss Lotta L. Merchant
4. Music.....First Baptist Choir
5. Biography of Ex. Teacher (Silas N. Berry).....Mrs. Nellie Hutcherson
6. Response to Same.....Prof. Geo. E. Clarke
7. Collection and Recess.....

EVENING

9. Song Praise "I Surrender All".....Vocal and Instrumental
10. Roll Call, 400 names.....Mr. M. B. Taylor
11. Expressions.....from Honorary Guest
12. Names of Departed Mates.....Mrs. Sallie Tucker
13. Eulogies opened by Mrs Nannie Violet Davis followed by Mrs Louisa Taylor.
14. "When He Cometh".....Sung by Mrs. Mary Ellen Tyler
Vocal and Instrumental.
15. General Expressions of Old School.....Mr. Saint Jones
16. Dress Parade.....Berry's Drum Corps

SONG, "BAND OF SCHOOLMATES" REV. PAUL ROSE

8 P. M.

17. SERMON—"Old School Reunion".....Rev. H. P. Goode
18. COLLECTION.

DEACONS THOMAS RICHARDSON, AND GEORGE W. REYNOLDS.
SILAS N. BERRY, Ex-TEACHER,

JULY 14, 1915.

PREFACE

In the preparation of this book, the writer is forced to think back on by-gone days. I was quite young when I entered the educational work. I had no idea what a great responsibility I was about to undertake. Of course I did not possess the material of experience. I was lacking in many things. This history of my school life, and other incidents of the same, may be read or looked upon with critical examination. It may be asked why such an idea entered into my mind. In reply to such an idea, should every minister of the gospel, every teacher of a public or private school, in fact any man, or woman, simply jot down the incidents of their life, we could have a splendid idea as to how, when and where to place our future steps and actions, thereby developing into better citizenship. Therefore, such an article ought to be put into readable form so that those of public life and also those of the negro race who are yet unborn, could profit by example. So, then, it is a source of pleasure to me this 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, to begin this work. You will, in this little book, find many very interesting little notes, and in fact some real truths of a man who followed up the public school life for thirty-three years. I shall not quote from speeches of other men or women, but from the thoughts of Silas Nashpy Berry. If *all* of the good of a school teacher were placed or written in a volume, one could write or compile for twelve months and then something would be left unwritten. I shall try, in the following, to give the names of the young boys and girls who have been tutored during my administrations. Some of those dear names, however, may be left out on account of misplacing the list, however they are thought of with just as much interest as those whose names appear. This little book may be a trifle condensed, but will certainly (after having been put into book form) give vent to the feelings and ideas of the writer as well as create new life in each one who may read its contents, especially those of my pupils who were members of my school at different times and places.

I am yours for higher education and moral training,

SILAS N. BERRY,
January, 1919, 9:55 P. M.

NAMES OF PUPILS

(Those marked (*) dead.)

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Walter Burford.* | 41. Nancy Richardson. |
| 2. Ann McIvor. | 42. Erna Saunders. |
| 3. Willie Monroe. | 43. William Johnson. |
| 4. Lucy McDaniel. | 44. Rufus Edwards. |
| 5. Jessie McDaniel. | 45. Silas Ferguson. |
| 6. Nannie Turner. | 46. Willie Green. |
| 7. Elnora Turner. | 47. Thomas Anderson. |
| 8. Aubrey Stephens. | 48. George Anderson. |
| 9. Willie Wells. | 49. Herbert Turner. |
| 10. Office Bowling. | 50. Charlie Wesley. |
| 11. John Bowling. | 51. Joshua Wesley. |
| 12. Lucy Ann Euille.* | 52. Seldon Wesley. |
| 13. Mary Goff.* | 53. Florence Green. |
| 14. Frederick Smith.* | 54. Edward Dickerson. |
| 15. Henry Smith. | 55. William Bowling. |
| 16. Archer Watson. | 56. George Rucker. |
| 17. Sam Hill. | 57. Wesley Rucker. |
| 18. Ellen Hill. | 58. Martha Rucker. |
| 19. Charles Mathews. | 59. George Richardson. |
| 20. John Terry. | 60. Lillie Carter. |
| 21. Elizabeth Terry. | 61. Susie Bowling. |
| 22. Mildred Hollins. | 62. Lula Bowling. |
| 23. Minnie Shrader. | 63. William Henry Randolph. |
| 24. Lewis White. | 64. Robert Wright. |
| 25. Andrew White. | 65. Clara Morse. |
| 26. George White. | 66. Mottellus Broady. |
| 27. Joe Tyler. | 67. Dandridge Broady. |
| 28. Homer Jones. | 68. Lucy Carter. |
| 29. Hope Broady. | 69. Delia Carter. |
| 30. Phelin Jones.* | 70. Lewis Jackson. |
| 31. Chesley Reid. | 71. Mary Taylor. |
| 32. Shadrach Page. | 72. Willie Eubank. |
| 33. Ernest Page. | 73. Lillie Eubank. |
| 34. George Hopkins. | 74. Victoria Eubank. |
| 35. Mary Willie Johnson. | 75. Lewis Jackson.* |
| 36. John Burford.* | 76. Susie Jackson. |
| 37. Minnie Pierce. | 77. Robert Euille. |
| 38. Dabney Jones. | 78. Nannie Sparrow. |
| 39. Andrew Jones. | 79. Julia Sparrow. |
| 40. Willie Dickerson. | 80. Johnnie Sparrow. |

81. Mary Belle Peters.*	129. Ida Martin.*
82. David Clark.	130. Ella Martin.
83. Simpson Sparrow.*	131. Mary Morris.
84. Fannie Jones.	132. Sallie Rose.
85. Mary Beasley.	133. Ann Rose.
86. Mary Tucker.	134. Mag Stephens.
87. Aaron King.	135. Julia Stephens.
88. Peach Miller.	136. Sarah Scott.
89. Clarkie Miller.	137. Joseph Scott.*
90. Allie Hargrove.	138. Blanche Watson.
91. Louvenia Walla.	139. Susie Wright.
92. Paul Walla.*	140. Harriette Dickerson.
93. Lou Franklin.	141. Harry Dickerson.
94. Abraham Dickerson.	142. Elsie Dickerson.
95. Ann Irvine.	143. Jessie Dickerson.
96. Bland Rose.	144. Lucinda Dickerson.
97. Mary Eglerson.	145. Belle Dickerson.
98. Benjamin Eglerson.	146. Sammie Dickerson.
99. Anderson King.	147. Mary Dickerson.
100. Olivia Watts.	148. Howard Dickerson.
101. Leslie Watts.	149. Ivanhoe Dickerson.
102. Fannie Stephenson.*	150. Willie Dickerson.
103. Annie Davis.	151. Jessie Hutcherson.
104. Reuben Turner.	152. Thomas Hutcherson.
105. Jennie Turner.	153. Jack Hutcherson.
106. James Cary.	154. Fannie Ferguson.
107. Ernest Cary.	155. Daisy Ferguson.
108. Willie Carter.	156. Judith Anderson.
109. William Chilton.	157. Mary Anderson.
110. Ezekiel Franklin.	158. Charles Davis.
111. James Chilton.	159. Richard Davis.
112. William Franklin.	160. Willie Davis.
113. John Franklin.	161. Nashville Davis.
114. William Garland.	162. Elizabeth Davis.
115. William Hudson.	163. Charlotte Davis.
116. Henry Rose.	164. Warner Berry.
117. Nathaniel Rose.	165. Delia E. Berry.
118. Kelley Smith.	166. Virginia Berry.
119. Willie Turner.	167. Willie Berry.
120. Eldridge Tyler.	168. Flora Berry.
121. Ellen Dickerson.	169. Margarette E. Berry.*
122. Winnie Franklin.	170. John Berry.
123. Maria G. Fletcher.	171. Alice Berry, Jr.
124. Sada Jordan.*	172. Raymond Chilton.
125. Paulina Jackson.	173. Gracie Chilton.
126. Sallie Martin.	174. Jasper Davis.
127. Nancy Martin.*	175. Denorris Davis.
128. Lucy Martin.*	176. Nannie V. King.

177. Cora E. Irvine.	225. Ellis Hollins.
178. Cora Cabbell.	226. Edward Thomas.
179. Bettie Cabbell.	227. Herbert Thomas.
180. Leora Cabbell.	228. Robert Anthony.
181. Jacob Cabbell.	229. William Anthony.
182. Robert Cabbell.	230. Mary McIvor.
183. Saint Jones.	231. Mary Anthony.
184. Moses Taylor.	232. Berta Thomas.
185. Louisa Euille.	233. Samuel Pettyjohn.
186. Susie Irvine.	234. Silas Jordan.
187. Martha Johnson.	235. Bettie Marshall.
188. Magnolia Johnson.	236. Fleming Rose.
189. Charles Jordan, Jr.	237. Lucy Anderson.
190. Hattie Hollins.	238. Kimmie Brown.
191. Paulas Rose.	239. Ivanhoe Wills.
192. John Hunter.	240. Garnette Wills.
193. Hattie Reynolds.	241. Mattie Brown.
194. Pembroke Johnson.	242. Lewis Brown.
195. Royal Johnson.	243. Virginia Arthur.
196. Nazareth Reynolds.	244. Henry Arthur.
197. Onie King.	245. Junior Cary.
198. Jurlene Reynolds.	246. Nannie Garland.
199. Adelene King.	247. Ella Martin.
200. John King.	248. Nelson Martin.
201. Annie Reid.	249. Ella Bennette.
202. Sydney Reid.	250. Willie Bennette.
203. Jasper Reid.	251. Silvey Bennette.
204. Lillie P. Reid.	252. Rosa Bennette.
205. Edward Reid.	253. Mary Bennette.
206. Beatrice P. Reynolds.	254. Cornelia Bennette.
207. Greene A. Reynolds.	255. Harry Bennette.
208. Christianna Johnson.	256. Reuben Bennette.
209. Alfred Euille.	257. Callie Bennette.
210. Howard Johnson.	258. Johnnie Bennette.
211. William Euille, Sr.	259. Lena Tucker.
212. William Euille, Jr.	260. Mary Ellen Jones.
213. Andrew Euille.	261. Amy Radford.
214. Phillip Euille.	262. George Radford.
215. Fannie Euille.	263. Missie Reid.
216. Ella Euille.	264. Lucy Carter.
217. Lavina Mantiply.	265. Nora Pettyjohn.
218. Rosa Mantiply.	266. Fannie Pettyjohn.
219. Nathaniel Reid.	267. John Tyler.
220. Lewis Reid.	268. Judson Tyler.
221. John Reid.	269. Daisy Tyler.
222. Frank Reid.	270. Tabitha Tyler.
223. James Dickerson.	271. James Dickerson.
224. Abbie Ferguson.	272. Jasper Cabbell.

273. Perry Cabbell.	321. James Ware.
274. Alice Hollins, ("Dina").	322. Jessie Ware.
275. Fleming Rose.	323. Bessie Turner.
276. William Peters.	324. Frank Turner.
277. Allie Hargrove.	325. Leanna Turner.
278. Robert Jones.	326. Clarence Richeson.
279. Alexander Jones.	327. Corris Richeson.
280. Henry Jones.	328. Beatrice Richardson.
281. William Broady.	329. Beatrice Hartridge.
282. John Bowling.	330. Hazel Hartridge.
283. Alberta Beasley.*	331. Dorothy Hartridge.
284. Leana Turner.	332. Lillie Richardson.
285. Tom Tucker.	333. Lotta Turner.
286. Maria Cary.	334. Eddie Turner.
287. Willie Pettyjohn.	335. Mantipliy Payne.
288. Fannie Daniel.	336. Lillie Turner.
289. Bettie Daniel, Jr.	337. Major Anderson.
290. William Henry Daniel, Jr.	338. Minnie Payne.
291. Esther Daniel.	339. Sam Morris.
292. Macy Martin.	340. Maggie Franklin.
293. James Parish, Jr.	341. Herbert Franklin.
294. Conrad Parrish.	342. Thomas Franklin.
295. Charley Winfree.	343. Harold Franklin.
296. Irene Wayne.	344. Berta Jones.
297. Rennie Wayne.	345. Silas Ferguson.
298. Ruby Wayne.	346. Bennie Ferguson.
299. Bertha West.	347. Edward Dawson.
300. Kittie West.	348. William Busch.
301. Landon West.	349. William Osborne.
302. Joe McDaniel.	350. Alphonso Reid.
303. Levi McDaniel.	351. Bettie Reid.
304. Ruby McDaniel.	352. Carl Moore.
305. Daisy Wesley.	353. Jessie Moore.
306. Hanan Wesley.	354. Othel Moore.
307. Fannie Wesley.	355. Lucile Reid.
308. Annie Turner.	356. Carlis Reid.
309. Virginia Murphy.	357. John Cary.
310. Maggie Murphy.	358. Mary Willie Johnson.
311. Bettie Reaves.	359. Laura Johnson.
312. Delila Reaves.	360. Sidney Johnson.
313. Annie May Reaves.	361. Willie Pettyjohn.
314. Scoliver Reaves.	362. Mattie Harper.
315. Moses Taliaferro.	363. Ed Anderson.
316. Hattie Taliaferro.	364. George Mack.
317. Victoria Crawley.	365. Tenie Chilton.
318. Lula Crawley.	366. Robert Yancey.
319. Golden Crawley.	367. Nettie Yancey.
320. Lillie Crawley.	368. John Wright (Amherst).

369. Johnnie Wright (Nelson).	402. Ida Martin.
370. William Eglerson (Nelson).	403. Jennie Dickerson.
371. Jessie Cary (Amherst).	404. Alice Mantipliy.
372. John Bowling (Amherst).	405. Adelaide Stephens.
373. William Bowling (Amherst).	406. Emma Cary.
374. Henry Jones (Campbell Co.).	407. Gertrude Cary.
375. Wellington Mantipliy.	408. Florence Cary.
376. Christianna Johnson.	409. John McDaniel.
377. Martha Turner.	410. Arrena Hollins.
378. John Burford.	411. Norvel Jones.
379. Lewis Daniel.	412. Annie Smith.
380. Margarette E. Berry, (My dear daughter, Died Mar. 12-17.)	413. George Randolph.
381. Mary Taylor.	414. Lewis Tucker.
382. Judith Dickerson.	415. Robert Dickerson.
383. Silas Johnson.	416. Daniel White.
384. Jack Cary.	417. Eugene Richardson.
385. Moses Johnson.	418. Mattie Jordan.
386. Norman Crawley.	419. Jack Rucker.
387. Phelin Jones.	420. Ida Johnson.
388. Sallie Morse.	421. Chas. Garland.
389. Callie Peters.	422. Joe Garland.
390. Florence Broady.	423. Mary Eliza Brown.
391. Pohn Peters.	424. Charlie Peters.
392. Nannie Jones.	425. Harry Terry.
393. John Richardson.	426. Mary Ann Cary.
394. Peter Shrader.	427. Peachy Cox.
395. Moses Allen.	428. Paul Rose.
396. Charlie Morse.	429. Paulina Rucker.
397. Amanda Pettyjohn (Dear Cou- sin).	430. Frederick Smith.
398. Lelia Alice Berry (My beloved wife).	431. Willie Anderson.
399. Lucy Ann Johnson.	432. Fannie Steperson.
400. Marcellus Edwards.	433. Sada Jordan.
401. Lucy Martin.	434. Nancy Martin.
	435. Joe Scott.
	436. Simpson Sparrow.
	437. B. Miller.

(About 168 names left out; misplaced school register)