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Iuka City School

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From the time the town was laid out provision was made for the education of the children. It seems the founders of the town had a far reaching idea as to education. For many years a school for boys was operated on the lot where Mr. Ben Patterson now lives. A female college was established on the lot now occupied by the public school building. After a number of years, Mr. H. A. Dean leased the building and established the Iuka Institute. As the school prospered and grew, the Mineral Springs Hotel was purchased and used for school purposes. This normal school was operated from 1882 to 1902. After this a public school supplemented by private subscription was operated for several years.

The present school building of colonial style in buff brick was erected in 1909. It is a modern building, steam heated, with large class rooms, music rooms, office and library, and a spacious auditorium. There has also lately been added a fully equipped laboratory for physics and biology and the required books for the library for the High School Department. It is now a full twelve graded High School.

Under the present administration 117 pupils have received diplomas, 51 boys and 66 girls. Of this number, 24 boys and 35 girls have gone to college from one to four years. These 59 students have entered, many completing a full course, the following colleges: University of Miss., A. & M. College, M. S. C. W., Grenada, Blue Mountain, State Normal, Mississippi College, All Saints, Martha Washington (Va.), Washington and Lee (Va.), University of Tenn., Peabody College, Ohio University, Valparaiso University (Ind.), Chicago Dental College, National Park Seminary (D. C.), Alabama Tech., Alabama Normal College, West Point (U.S.M.), Georgia Tech., and Southwestern Pres. Univ. (Tenn.) These students have kept pace with boys and girls from other High Schools in many states and some of them have carried off medals and high honors. Iuka High School graduates are filling responsible positions in the business and professional world. Iuka is justly proud of her school and will do all that is necessary to enlarge and equip it for greater use.