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LOOKING TOWARDS THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"UNITING - CONTINUING"

By Linda Rhea

The Nashville Democrat of January 20, 1938, carried the announcement that on June 1, 1913, Ward Seminary and Belmont College would be merged into Ward-Belmont School. Each school would continue through the school year independently, and when the new school should open, September 18, 1913, all students who had been previously enrolled would have the same standing that they would have had in the separate schools.

Various announcements reviewed the history and accomplishments of Ward and Belmont. Everyone realized that there were many students who would be sorry of the consolidation and regret the possible passing of the individual identity of the separate schools. To alleviate something of this feeling, this statement was made in the Nashville Banner, January 20, 1913:

"We confidently expect any remotely possible sentiment of dissatisfaction over this wholesome and all honoring consolidation of two great schools to give place speedily to pride and pleasure in the large educational ministry which, working together we can render. ~~After all, what has been lost except a couple of words: 'seminary' and 'college'.~~ And these will be perpetuated in the name which, as it will appear in the catalogue will be:

WARD-BELMONT

UNITING AND CONTINUING

Ward Seminary for
Young Ladies.
Founded by William E.
Ward, 1865

Belmont College for
Young Women
Founded by Miss Hood and
Miss Heron, 1890.

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