

C., preached the Commencement sermon, which was very excellent indeed. Messrs. Thorpe, Devereaux, Parks, Wake, Kensley, and many other leading members of the white race attended the session Wednesday evening, and heard the speech of Mr. Clay. Mrs. Devereaux, and many other prominent white ladies were present at this session.

Mr. Thorpe made a short but much appreciated speech to us, endorsing the speech of Mr. Clay, and reassuring us of his aid in any way we may need in our efforts to better conditions of our race here.

These prominent white visitors showed congratulations upon Mr. Clay after hearing his speech, and kindly invited him to come back to Badin in the future.

We wish to thank Mr. Thorpe, Mr. Devereaux, Mr. Wake, Miss Sullivan, and all of our white friends for their efforts to make our Commencement what we desired—a success. Many of our colored friends have repeatedly said it was the best they have ever witnessed as a Public or Graded school closing; and for these encouraging remarks we thank them. We shall be able to do even better in the future life of the school.

A picture of the full school, including all teachers except the teacher of domestic science, has been made, and may be secured at the students boys' building in this village for twenty-five cents each; also pictures of the A. M. E. Zion church cornerstone laying, and various baseball groups of this year may be secured here at the same price.

—E. G. HARRIS, Principal

### Social Affairs

We are pleased to note the steady growth of the social life of the colored village. Every move seems to be one for social advancement. The collection of students from the various colleges of the State and surrounding States here for the summer, and some perhaps for the year, has added much to the social life of the village.

We have recently secured, among this number, Mr. Jones, of Biddle University, and Mr. Walo, a native of Liberia, West Africa, who is a graduate of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and is now studying at Union Theological Seminary and Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York. His broad travel in America will give him a general idea of things. He has decided to work here for the summer.



### Tom Samson's Home

#### *Purchased on Our 120-Payment Plan*

The above residence, which has such a homelike appearance, was recently purchased by Tom Samson, who is well known among our people. Tom, who is a graduate of Shaw University, arrived in Badin about three years ago, and as he expresses it began work "Digging in the cut," which fairly describes the excavation part of construction work.

After six months' service "Digging in the cut," Tom was transferred to the

position of janitor in the school building, which was then just completed, and he has faithfully performed his duties at that place up to June 1, when he was transferred to the Employment Department, under Mr. Devereaux.

Altho his work at the schoolhouse required him to be on the job about five o'clock in the morning, nevertheless he has found time to fence his yard and plant an excellent garden.

Pretty good way to be satisfied, isn't it?

Mr. Jones is a college junior in his school, and is one of the greatest musicians of the race. He just returned from service as a musician "over there" during the late war. Both of these men have been added to the social committee, and are members of the contributing staff to THE BULLETIN from the Colored village.

A young man, Mr. M. C. Martin, from Union University, Richmond, Va., has also become a member of both these bodies, and is secretary of the same.

Each social club has a representative on this social committee, or soon will have, and the proper results must follow our union.

The managers of the various baseball teams have decided to unite and form a league, that our athletics may be pure and harmonious. We now have four teams: The Sluggers, Robt. Crump, manager; the Stars, Wm. Harris, manager; the Carbon plant team, Joseph Allen, manager; and a team representing College Hotel, E. G. Harris, manager.

Each of these teams has some star players, and upon being united are able

to win from almost any team. Since these teams have been united, they have won every game played on the home grounds. They played the Rockingham team two days the first of the month, and won both days, shutting them out the first day. Last week we played Greensboro a 5 to 0 game; and on the twenty-first we shut out Mount Pleasant to the tune of 3 to 0. The Sluggers invited Greensboro, and the Carbon plant team invited Mount Pleasant. The batteries of all these teams are exceptionally good. Caldwell and Harris are former members of the Varsity team of Biddle University, and now constitute the battery of the Tallassee League team. Bob Johnson, the coach of this team, played on Pap Watkins' team for Shaw University for the last two seasons, and now plays third base for the League team. Frank Myers and Will Cook, also former members of the Shaw team, now play in the League; Baby Melton and White Rabbitt are much disappointed when they fail to park at least one ball during each game, whether playing for League, Sluggers, Stars, or