

THE HEIGHTS TO WHICH A MAN MAY SOAR

(An Oration)
By A. C. Caviness

Master of Ceremonies, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Ever since the creation man has been continually discovering that there is no limit to the heights to which he can soar in this physical universe in transforming the seemingly immutable elements to simplified forms. As Tennyson has truthfully said: "Down through the ages one increasing purpose runs and the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the sun."

Look back to the life of primitive man with his superficial realization of the undreamed of powers that surrounded him in his life; how satisfied he felt with his discoveries, and with the hopes that life gave him, and despite his short-comings, his ever-inquisitive mind seemed drawn on and on by the dim consciousness that man's sphere is unlimited and even today we are unaware of the fullest capacity of mankind. Nevertheless we know that in proportion as man shall find himself he shall lose the old order and establish the new.

Like drifting sands that lie at the base of this physical universe, yet supporting the soaring towers that pierce the sublime heavens no man lies prostrate at the base of this universe surrounded by obstacles and pitfalls, yet ever realizing that there is no limit to the heights to which he may soar. The Holy Scriptures are full of doctrines which emphasize the importance of recognizing the illimitable powers of the human species if man would rise to heights sublime. Moses realizing that there were within him inexhaustible powers went down into Egypt and led the children of Israel from under the dark cloud of bondage into a land of sublime happiness. Gideon marched on and on with his loyal three hundred and conquered when the crucial test came, and as one reviews history he has but to observe the rise and progress of mighty empires.

Every age has had its dreamers. Ancient Greece once stood aghast at advancements in civilization, but when Pericles, the dreamer and determinist saw that there were undreamed of possibilities within him he rose from his state of seeming lethargy and made Athens the center of radiant power and glorious culture and Athens broke forth in symphonian sounds which have not yet ceased to echo and which will continue to echo and re-echo down through the ages.

The noisy rattle of war is silenced and many who went forth to battle now lie beneath the poppies of Flanders Field, but man will strive on and on ever realizing that there is no limit to the heights to which he may soar.

Oh! the mighty possibilities concealed in these delicate frames of humanity! Oh! the undreamed of possibilities groping in the dungeon of oblivion! We need you at the crossroad of life.

Ladies and gentlemen:—Standing upon this threshold of this modern civilization we cannot but feel that there lies within us mighty possibilities which are essential to the onward march of civilization. But we know that man progresses only in so far as he becomes conscious of the past; that there is no limit to the heights to which he can soar. And I can see that as he comes into full consciousness of this fact that all science and nature shall recline in obedience to him.

Oh, Son of Ham! Oh, Mighty man! Your powers are but the powers of all. No funeral drums shall mark your end but your way shall lie ever towards the rising sun and your achievements have made you, so your achievements must sustain you.

Let us forget; go on and up; our eyes and souls shall follow thy continuous rise; our ears shall list thy story from bards who from thy roots shall spring and proudly tune their lyres to sing of man's glory.

Luck always seems to favor the man who doesn't count on it.



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THEOLOGICAL CORNER

By C. Henry White

The members of the Theological Department appreciate the fact that Catawba Presbytery convened in Lloyd Presbyterian church. The location of this church made it possible for the members of this department to attend Presbytery. At this Presbytery Messrs. L. C. Alexander and J. H. Ward were ordained.

Messrs. W. C. Jones and A. H. Prince were ordained at the meeting of Fairfield Presbytery.

Mr. R. N. Cowan is attending the meeting of Yadkin Presbytery which convenes in Tradd Street Presbyterian church, Statesville. He is awaiting his ordination which will take place during the meeting of the above mentioned Presbytery.

Mr. H. O. Walker, of the Middle Theological Class, feels that he will have much to do in order to fill the vacancies left by the present Senior Class.

Rev. J. C. Corothers, of the Junior class, pastor of St. Peters A. M. E. Zion church, Gastonia, is quite successful in his church work.

Mr. E. A. Fortune, of the Junior class, is supplying the Second Presbyterian church of Lincolnton. His former ministerial work at Morganton and Marion was very successful.

On April the third, Mr. C. H. White preached at Church Street Presbyterian church, Charlotte.

Revs. W. R. Mayberry and J. R. Dungee, of the Theological class of '26, send constantly to us favorable reports from their ministerial fields.

Rev. E. U. D. Goring of the Theological class of '26, who is still with us, keeps alive the spirit of Christ. He is destined to take the training which he has received here, with him to British Guiana, South America.

BACK AND FRONT

By R. W. Parker, '27

Back: Front, I find that I never forget anything. Can you give the reason?

Front: I can, through analogy; if I would meet a man up the street and he should ask me did I lose a hundred-dollar bill, I would say no. Because I never had one.

Back: Front, in reading, I have discovered that all men were born equal; therefore, I will not be called an idiot any longer.

Front: But in further reading you will discover that some just can't keep their equilibrium.

Back: In all base ball games some spectators are on one side and some on the other.

Front: Well, I was at a game once that

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was played between two schools. And one of the spectators had a son on each team and both sons were the pitchers for their respective team. And every time one would go to throw to the other, the spectator would say, "Throw him out son." And then before the ball would get to the son at bat, he would say, "Knock him out son." What about that case?

Back: He was on his sons' sides.

Front: (Back and Front are in an automobile, which is being driven at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour).

Back: You said you believe in predestination, but at the rate we are going we both will die before our time comes.

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