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## THE EDUCATIONAL RALLY DAY

### And the Reunion of Old Students of the Wingate School.

On Friday morning, July 23, at 10 o'clock, a large company of folks from far and near gathered in the auditorium of the Wingate school building to listen to messages from old students and former teachers of the institution and other noted men of the State.

Rev. E. C. Snyder, chairman of the Board of Trustees, began the program by an address of welcome. He then introduced Rev. L. M. White, pastor of First Baptist church of Monroe, who conducted the devotional service. Mr. White based his remarks on these words of Paul to Timothy: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

The purpose of Christian education is to instill the power of self confidence.

1. Christian education must instill into the life of the individual the power of living and of the life to come. The speaker declared "We are not in the spirit of war yet Germany has instilled into us the power of culture." "America is to give to the world Christian education." The world is looking to America for the message of life and also for peace. Again Mr. White declared, "A man minus God was nothing, but plus God is everything."

"The time is coming," said he, "when men will stop and have a talk with themselves." God has given us the spirit of power and since we possess it we must cultivate it and use it for the cause of the Kingdom. We must as we talk with ourselves think the thoughts of God.

2. Man must cultivate the spirit of love. Man with all his faculties is most wonderful. In cultivating this spirit of love one must first have love for God; second, have love for man. In conclusion, the speaker said, referring to the future, "We cannot disregard God from our text books."

Rev. E. C. Snyder then introduced Mr. R. F. Beasley, of Monroe, who delivered a very interesting address on the early history of the Wingate school. The speaker delighted his audience as he told about his connection with the school, and how it came to have its name. The way the name was originated was in this wise: Dr. Sikes, of Wake Forest College, was in the meeting of the committee, when the matter of naming the school came up, and after quite a bit of discussion, he suggested that it be called the Wingate school, and so it was. The committee at that time thought the school was being named for Dr. Wingate, but later Dr. Sikes married a Miss Wingate, and it now remains a question as to whom the school was named for.

The speaker reviewed the story of how the school came to be and how its friends had made great sacrifices to make it possible, naming some of the men who were very liberal in giving of their time and thought and means in behalf of the school.

He then told of Prof. Dry's connection with the Wingate school as its first teacher, how he had stamped his character upon the school and how he had ministered to the needs of the situation. In speaking of Prof. Dry, the speaker characterized him as being a man "unpretentious, solid, noble, and true."

The speaker mentioned the people of Wingate, showing how they, for the most part, had been and are yet loyal and true to the school.

In conclusion, this fact was brought forth: that Richardson, perhaps, more than anyone else, insisted on and used his influence toward Wingate

bearing fruit which could be used both as food and clothing. The tomato, the potato, and the cotton plant were some of the examples used.

Again he took up the process of education and making useful the dog and horse; how these animals had to be trained before they became useful in helping man to perform his duties and to get more out of life than otherwise.

At this point he took up the matter of training children in our denominational schools and colleges, and he showed how important it was that the young lives of this country be trained and educated. He showed how impossible it was for

State institutions to educate and make Christians of the boys and girls of the State. The State schools can make citizens, but our denominational schools make citizens plus something else. In other words the denominational school does all the State school does and more. When the speaker had driven home to the hearts of the people the importance of training the young Baptist lives of the State and the position of the denominational schools, he then called to the attention of the people the present debt and how necessary it was that the people of Wingate to put forth every cooperative effort to pay this debt so that the institution might be of the most possible usefulness to the denomination at large.

In referring to the type of training one gets at the Wingate school Dr. Vann declared "that the school needs a science department well equipped in every particular."

Following Dr. Vann's address, Mr. Maness was introduced and told some interesting stories which gave one an insight into the life of the student body—the types of students which made it up—and also some things about the types of people which were in the village at this special period. His talk was full of good common horse sense as well as full of the funny things of life.

In his concluding remarks, he pledged himself anew to the support of the school and paid high tribute to Prof. Dry and others connected both directly and indirectly with the school. After Mr. Maness' talk, dinner was served.

At 2:30 in the afternoon a large number of students gathered in one of the society halls for the purpose of organizing an alumni association. In the absence of Mr. Sikes, of Monroe, who was appointed to lead this meeting, Mr. H. J. Langston called the meeting to order and stated why the old students had been called together. After his statement the matter of officers was taken up and the following were elected:

Mr. J. C. Jones, President, Wingate, N. C.

Miss Mattie Gaddy, Vice President, Wingate, N. C.

Mrs. J. G. Carroll, Secretary-Treasurer, Wingate, N. C.

A committee is to be appointed by the President to formulate by-laws and constitution which will govern this new organization.

This is a good step forward and we would encourage the old students in this matter and insist that they put for every effort to make this new organization count toward making the school better and creating a boarder interest throughout the State in behalf of the Wingate school.

The regular afternoon session began at 3:00 (Continued on fourth page.)



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school being a Baptist school.

At this point Rev. C. J. Black was introduced and who in turn introduced Dr. R. T. Vann, Secretary of the Board of Education in North Carolina, the main speaker of the day. Dr. Vann's theme was training or Christian education. Dr. Vann said "Women as well as men stand behind great enterprises."

He said, "Education is something which helps one to get the best out of life." At this point he quoted Aycock's words, which were, "I believe in universal training."

The speaker then reviewed the history of a number of our plants which had to be sent to school and trained before they became useful in