



(As a fitting climax to the exceptionally fine work the reporters club has done in presenting the school news to the Scout and to the public during the past school year, the editor is proud of having the valedictory address delivered Wednesday night by Pruden Davidson, his "star" reporter).

QUO VADIS

Classmates, teachers, ladies and gentlemen, in the future years as I remember the graduation night of the class of 1935 I shall cherish and prize this privilege of having the honor to say the parting word for my classmates. You were welcomed earlier tonight by the Salutatorian. But I wish to add to what she said by thanking you not only for your presence, but also for your sympathetic and responsiveness.

As we are about to part, there comes to us a question, the Latin for which is QUO VADIS? Perhaps those terms are not familiar to all

in plain English that question is "Whither goest thou?" or in slang, "Where do we go from here?" The question is a disturbing one and we face it honestly. Tomorrow we figuratively take our places in a world as radically different from the world of five years ago as we are different from the England of Oliver Cromwell in many respects. We have just witnessed in this country a bloodless revolution. More traditions have been relegated to the scrap during the past twelve months than during any other period in the history of our country. Historians of tomorrow will speak of it as the era of change, the rebirth of a nation so to speak.

Political thoughts have changed. Economic theories have been blasted. Educational theories criticized and some attempts made to reorganize them. Nor have these changes ceased. Each day finds some old idea giving way to change. And it is into this world we are being thrown to

survive or perish. Is it any wonder that we, as a class have asked the question, QUO VADIS?

But although it is a serious question I would not have you believe for a moment that we are discouraged or the eve of our graduation. On the contrary we are eager to be on our way—like spirited horses champing at the restraining bit. Tomorrow will find us making our way along with you in this changing world. But we carry with us the knowledge of school preparation well done, of youth and boundless courage, of confidence in the ability of humanity to work out the best course for its salvation.

It is true that we end with the question with which we began: Whither Goeth we? What does the future hold? But we ask it more in a spirit of challenge than of fear. For we have youth, courage and strength. And the knowledge that so long as God is in his Heavens, all is right with the world.

Graduation

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to have in your schools. In the past year 2000 men and women—not from the common classes, but from the cream of society—have left the educational departments for something else.

"Your school rooms are crowded. I know that because I have had a child in the same class room with 61 other students. Your school transportation is bad and your libraries are a joke.

"Some time ago I told an official that I did not want an appropriation for libraries unless they are put on a better level. I am dissatisfied with them because the money spent on the present school libraries amounts to two cents per pupil and you can't get your home paper for that."

Speaks On National Affairs

Declaring he "just had to say those things and get them out," he turned his address to the affairs of the the country.

"This is an occasion of enjoyment and sympathetic pride. This, your graduation hour, is the golden hour of your life time", he said addressing the seniors. "It contains no alloy of sorrow".

"You are going into the most interesting world civilization has ever known. And it is a lop-sided, cock-eyed world.

"The present age has more wealth than at any other time. And yet we have the most and greatest poverty in American history."

Naming "overproduction" as the cause for the present state of affairs, he said that two hours work per day on the part of everyone would "give

all 25 million people in the country all they would need."

"We are letting our production get away from us," he continued. "When I was young I used to break in ponies, and, believe me, they are no wilder than our present production.

Production Out Of Gear

"Is your government the kind that will contribute to your welfare? Do we still have a democracy? Can we still call this a democratic country? No. Your government is out of gear just as your production is out of gear."

He then brought out the point that with these existing conditions, the world offered its finest opportunities for the young people to go into it.

Among the other things he termed as "out of gear" was the health of the nation which he said was not up to standard.

"So many things are out of gear", he said, "because the most of us have not operated for our happiness, but for profit."

He said he personally envied the opportunities of the graduate because they were "the greatest ever given to a group of young people due to the darkness and pessimism now prevailing."

"The world is looking for someone to turn on the switch", he added. "You have gone on ahead the past 11 years mastering the difficulties.

Some of the world's greatest failures were men and women who were proficient in the classroom.

He declared that mastering the theoretical out of living was not so good as mastering the real facts and advised that the graduate decide now what kind of person he wanted to be.

Gives Advice

In bringing up a number of points he said "money alone does not make us rich", and suggested that an open inquisitive mind was an essential to a successful life. He warned the student not to be afraid to follow fools because Columbus, Samuel Morse, Lindberg and the Wright brothers were termed as fools at one time.

He said the best people that lived were those who had lived "bountiful and plentiful lives", and advised the seniors to acquire the elements of human relationships, particularly tact and courtesy.

"If you have these essential," he added, "you are going up. It is all right to predict what a person will do, but not what they should do", and continued by warning against carrying grudges.

He defined Christianity as a necessity of the successful life and said that it was a "life—not a merely a belief or creed.

In closing he said that what a person gained from education depended on the personal attitude and told the seventh grade students that it was important that the overcome

disappointments.

The program opened by a piano piano selection by Mrs. Jerry Davidson; a song rendered by the boys' chorus, the salutatory by Miss Ruth Hampton and a piano selection by Misses Ruth Akin, Mary King Maloney and Ruth Hampton.

Prizes Awarded

Following the speaker's address the girls' glee club rendered "Sylvia" and Harve Elkins awarded the citizenship medal given by the school board, to Pruden Davidson. Other awards were given to Gloria Daniels, Maurine Lovingood, Roberta Carringer, Willa Mae Hembree, Louise Johnson, Imogene Grant and Marian Axley for proficiency in music by Mrs. Davidson. Mrs. Davidson was given a token of appreciation for her faithful service by Mr. Bueck.

The diplomas and certificates were then given out and the exercises were closed by Pruden Davidson's valedictory.

The graduating exercises came to a close with recitals by Mrs. Davidson at the end of a week's program.

Recitals were given by Mrs. Davidson's grammar school and high school musical classes Thursday and Friday nights, and Sunday afternoon the Rev. W. A. Rollins, presiding elder of the Waynesville district of the Methodist church delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

Speaks On Life

His theme was concerned of life which he said, came from growth and not time, wealth or success. He added that the present graduating student would face the most trying ago but that there was a good chance for development.

The local ministers, Mrs. Davidson and the girls' and boys' glee clubs had parts on the program.

A play, "The Rainbow's End" was presented by the Murphy elementary school Monday evening.

The services were well attended in all instances and the students that took part in the programs showed that they had been well trained.

BAPTISTS WILL HEAR PASTOR'S FATHER SUNDAY

By H. W. Baucom, Jr.

Since my coming to Murphy to and to be pastor it has been my desire that my father, Rev. H. Baucom, Sr., of Waynesville, N. C., pastor of the First Baptist church there, be with us for a Sunday. This desire is now about to become reality, and it is with the greatest pleasure that I announce that he will be present and will bring the message at the morning worship services on Sunday, April 28.

I am anxious for him to meet our friends here and that each of you meet and hear him.

Interest in the work of the church is increasing. With the coming Spring and warm weather we hope to see an ever increasing number of the services of the church. The Ladies of the Missionary Society have put some shrubs in the church yard and are hoping to get some other out in a few days.

The young men in Mrs. Theobald's class have raised some money to complete the finishing of the class room, and all over the church and Sunday School we see signs of a better day. Come out and join us as we climb to heights that now seem impossible.

Services as follows Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. B. Y. P. U. (Junior, Intermediate and Seniors) 6:15 P. M. Evening Worship 7:00 P. M. Prayer Services, Wed. 7:00 P. M. Choir practice, Wednesday following Prayer service.

Charles Gaslin of Pafftown, Forsyth County, has cleared 12 acres of his farm woods damaged by slash last year and saved over 40 cords of good fire wood. All the brush was used to stop gullies.

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