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Commencement Exercises Louisburg Female College Closes Successful Year

BACCALAUREATE SERMON BY
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The Exercises of an Exceedingly High Order—Literary Address By Attorney-General T. W. Bickett—Many Visitors to Attend Commencement.

The Louisburg Female College has just closed perhaps the very best year in its long and useful history, which began in 1802. Under the wise and efficient management of Mrs. Ivey Allen, the president, and her able corps of assistants, the institution has grown steadily forward. Louisburg feels justly proud of this splendid institution in her midst, and reckons it as one of her most valuable assets. The deposit left by the faculty and student body from year to year greatly enriches every phase of life in our town. By reference to the recent catalogue, we notice that thirty-five counties and four States are represented on the roll of students. In every department of the College work this year a high standard has been maintained. The personnel of the student body has been unusually fine, and not a single case of serious illness or discipline has marred the harmonious workings of the institution.

The Commencement exercises began Sunday morning with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. M. Ormond, of Hillsboro, in the Methodist church. Dr. Ormond chose for his theme, "The Power of a Great Purpose," using as a text the familiar words of Paul, "This one thing I do," Phil. 3:13. He said in part, we are living in an age of concentration. The fewer things we try to do, the greater the skill acquired. For the greatest results and the highest efficiency, we must concentrate. This is true in the sphere of education. There is an ever increasing tendency to specializing, to making the courses of study in our institutions of learning elective. It is true in the industrial world. Much better results are attained in the factory where there is a division of labor than where an individual works separately. A two cent postage stamp goes through 200 hands before it is completed.

Concentration prevents dissipation of energy. One ideal must be kept before the individual constantly. It is impossible to approach two with satisfaction. One can not reach the highest success as a physician and a mechanic at the same time.

The same principle obtains in the case of a musician, an orator, an architect, or fortune builder.

Forethought is a mark of superiority. It is that that differentiates the child the adult, and the savage from the civilized man. The higher the grade of civilization, the greater will be the ability to foresee.

Now if concentration of effort is so essential in building a house or a fortune, producing the largest and best results, how much more is this true of building a life. There must be a definite fixed goal or you cannot accomplish what you would like to. For lack of this, we see all about us unfinished lives, failures because they did not know what they wanted to do. On the other hand, you will see highly successful men and women, who perhaps were not so richly endowed naturally as the others, but who set for themselves a task, and went steadily forward until that task was accomplished. Then, too, the power of a great purpose furnishes us with sufficient enthusiasm to spur us on and insure success. I like to see a boy get a grip on a great ideal. That boy will accomplish something provided another ideal does not come in to dissipate the first. There is great power in enthusiasm. Anything that fills the soul absolutely full drives you on to accomplish the most difficult tasks. Dream high, dream long, dream large. You will never realize more than you dream.

You may be misunderstood. Paul and Christ were, and were accused of being crazy, and you will be, if you do something that will make you different from other folks; but don't let that stop you. It is a sad day for anyone when they have no enthusiasm. It ought to burn your very life, for there will be very little light from your life unless there is considerable burning in it. Many tasks will rob you of your enthusiasm. One task will arouse it. The hope of the world lies in enthusiasm. When you lose that, you have lost all hope or success.

You graduates are now ready to put

into force what you have been dreaming. Education is not merely gathering together knowledge, but it is becoming something. Would you be an artist? Then train your eyes to see the beauties of nature. Would you be a musician? Train your ears to hear the music of heaven. Would you become a teacher? Sit at the feet of the great mountain teacher. Would you be a house builder? Take for your model the Kingdom of God.

But no matter what your dreams have been as musician, artist, teacher, or house builder, you still have a great unfinished task before you, the building of your life. What are you going to do with your life? Paul said, forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things that are before, I press toward the mark. You must have a mark. For thirty years Paul was doing one thing, though it was wrong. When he got on the right track he still pursued one thing, the glory of God, until he received the crown of glory. Oh, the power of a great vision! Paul was not disobedient to his, even though he had to bear in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus for his witnessing for Christ.

It is so important, young ladies, that you can get your life the highest ideal, one that is not simply human, that you see with your natural eyes, but one that inspires, one that saves and redeems your life from destruction.

Jesus Christ is the only ideal worthy of your following. He will lift you out of self into a higher life, out of death into eternal life. The success of your life will depend upon your doing this one thing—taking Jesus as your ideal and Savior. If you ever accomplish anything worth while it will come through Him.

And when you come to the end of this journey you can say, as did the veteran apostle, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

MR. HARRELL'S SERMON.
The sermon of Rev. T. C. Harrell, of Raleigh, before the Y. W. C. A., a very valuable and flourishing institution in the work of the College, Sunday night at the Methodist church, was well received, and we regret that our space will permit of only a brief synopsis.

Mr. Harrell took for his text, "Verily I say unto you, they have their reward." Mt. 6:2.

The thought he emphasized was that we find in life precisely what we are looking for, and what we want most, and we become like those things that we love best. For instance, a sailor goes around the world and returns home and all he can tell is the price of rum in the different ports he visited. That is what he was looking for. But another man goes, not half so far, and returns, and he tells of cathedrals and ruined civilizations, and splendid art galleries he saw and the soul entrancing music he heard, which inspired and enabled his life. That is what he was hunting for.

He told of the cartoonist, who could see something funny in everything, no matter how beautiful or sacred, because he was looking for it, and of the great artist, Raphael, who said, "In all my journeys over the earth I have never seen the face of a woman, however degraded, that I did not see something of the beauty and the holiness of the Virgin's face." If one hopes for simply the ordinary in life, he will get that. If one starts out in life merely to have a good time he will have it. God gives us what we supremely want, but it sometimes means our destruction. We never rise above our ambition.

If you seek for God, you can find Him for "all the earth is crowned with heaven. And every common bush is aflame with God, but only he whose sees takes off his shoes." The audiences at both services taxed to the limit the auditorium and Sunday school rooms of the Methodist church. All the College girls, arrayed in beautiful white uniforms, occupied the middle tier of seats just in front of the minister.

The graduating class wore caps and gowns. Quite a fine feature of both services was the music rendered by the College chorus, a trio by three young ladies, and a solo by Miss Mary Belle Macon, who graduates this year in voice.

THE ALUMNAE BANQUET.
Monday night in the beautifully decorated College dining hall the annual alumnae banquet was spread, having

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MR. ORREN R. SMITH.
The Originator of the Stars and Bars.

LOUISBURG GRADED SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY

The Exercises Interesting and Much Enjoyed—Address of Prof. Brooks Fine—Winning Essay and Presentation Address.

The commencement exercises of the Louisburg Graded School which took place on last Friday evening marks the closing of a most successful year. On account of illness it was impossible to carry out the programme in full, but the exercises were fully enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience.

The address of Prof. Eugene C. Brooks, head of the department of English of Trinity College and President of the Teachers' association was truly great. Masterful in its conception and eloquent in its delivery it showed so deep and broad a knowledge, of psychology, pedagogy, and so sympathetic an understanding of the problems, of teachers, parents and children, that words are inadequate to do justice to its merit. Our people have rarely had such a literary treat.

To all it was deeply interesting. Of the deepest interest to the citizens of Louisburg was the presentation at the Graded School Friday night of the Orrin Smith Medal.

This medal was presented by Miss Jessie Smith through the Joseph J. Davis Chapter for the best essay written by a pupil of the high school on "The Stars and Bars." Mr. William Avera Winston's essay was unanimously declared by the judges to merit this honor at which his many friends were greatly pleased.

The medal is a star of gold encircled by laurel wreath within, which in beautiful enamel is the flag of the Confederacy—the "Stars and Bars"—the flag designed by Capt. Smith fashioned of homespun material, accepted at Montgomery as the flag of the Confederacy, and first unfurled on the court house square at Louisburg—our own loved "Stars and Bars."

It was peculiarly sad that he who would have so beautifully presented this medal, and the young grand-son of the Confederacy who won it should have been kept away on account of illness—Mr. Smith, his own, and William that of his beloved grand father.

The eloquent letter written by Mr. Smith was feelingly read by Mr. Ruffin and a beautiful tribute paid this brave veteran of three wars.

Not alone in war were his brave deeds done. During a terrible fire here many remember gratefully his heroic actions. A brave soldier, a loyal citizen and a noble gentleman. Louisburg is proud to claim him.

His letter, and the successful essay are printed in full and may the grown folks as well as the children read and keep green in their memory the story of our flag—the "Stars and Bars." May our children children hold ever in honor the name of Orren Smith, and where he unfurled the flag may there stand some day a fitting and beautiful memorial.

The following was the presentation address of Mr. Orren Smith which, on account of the illness of Mr. Smith, was read by Mr. W. H. Ruffin.
MADAM PRESIDENT, FRIENDS:—
The Stars and Bars was Louisburg's

flag. It was made in Louisburg by a Louisburg girl of dress Goods bought in Louisburg. It was a gift from Louisburg to the Confederate States of America and the Confederate States Army.

It was fifty one years ago, March 18, 1871, that in this town I raised the first "Stars and Bars in North Carolina."

The whole town and country were interested and there were hundreds that saw our flag sent aloft; there are only a few here today who were present that day, for a half century is a long time and the war took so many of our bravest and best that were here on that March day.

Still it is to this town of Louisburg, the county seat of Franklin, that has a right to claim the honor of having given to the Confederacy the "Stars and Bars," and I am gladder than any of you that to you through the Jos. J. Davis Chapter U. D. C., today the medal is given for the best historical essay on our Flag.

I am glad that the old town on Tar river will go down in history as the giver of the first Confederate Flag, and I am grateful that I was the man through whom this honor comes to Louisburg, and every where all over the world where there is a Daughter of the Confederacy there will this flag be honored, for every U. D. C., wears Louisburg's Flag as her badge.

The man for whom your chapter is named was one of the best men in the service. Daughters, you honor yourselves in naming our chapter for Hon. Jos. J. Davis, and I am glad and proud that it is the chapter bearing his name that presents this medal. He gloried in his "Grey" in his town and in his State, and in his country. He was always working to bring honor and greatness to his home town.

Daughters, friends, I thank you for what you have done, this day, in the name of the Old North State and the men she gave to fight for "The Rights," for the U. D. C. every where, and for my own self, thank you.

The following is the essay that won the medal:

Since the first rude tribe carried in its foremost ranks some pole or spear, to lead and encourage its men in battle, man has had some symbol representing country and home. This symbol he honors and revere even unto death.

Is it any wonder then that in the "sixties" when the South felt that her liberty and honors were at stake, that an ardent secessionist had already, in his mind, a flag for the new nation, even before the Senators and Representatives of the seven seceded states had met in Montgomery, Alabama, to decide on a new constitution and flag? Such a man was Orren Randolph Smith.

He took his idea from the Trinity, "Three in One." White stood for purity, Blue for constancy and Red for bravery. The three bars were for Church, State and Press. Red represented State, Legislative, Judiciary

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

Held in Louisburg On Monday, May 20th, at 12 O'clock.

MR. W. H. ALLEN NOMINATED FOR SHERIFF.

J. A. Turner Wins Over A. B. Wester, Person Withdrawing—Resolutions Endorsing Hon. E. W. Rou Passes Unanimous and Applause—Harmony and Good Feeling Prevailed.

The County Democratic Convention met in the opera house in Louisburg on last Monday pursuant to a call issued by the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

At about 12 o'clock the convention was called to order by Chairman J. R. Collier, who appointed Supt. R. B. White temporary chairman, and Mr. C. C. Winston and members of the press present, temporary secretaries. A roll call was had and all townships answered present, there being no contested delegations the meeting was declared duly organized by the chairman, when upon motion of Mr. J. N. Harris, of Harris township, and seconded by Mr. E. N. Williams, of Sandy Creek, the temporary organization was made permanent.

The chairman then stated to the convention that the object of the call was to nominate candidates for the various county offices and a representative as follows: Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Legislature, County Commissioners, Surveyor and Coroner.

A motion was made and prevailed that the old order of nominating candidates be the order of this convention. After the above motion was passed the chairman announced that nominations for the office of Sheriff were in order. And before the nominations could be taken up, Mr. White in pretty and fitting remarks withdrew, by request, the name of Mr. Robert B. Harris, who had contested through the primaries.

The withdrawal of Mr. Harris raised the question of the disposition of his instructed vote in the Cedar Rock delegation, which brought about a pretty thorough defining of the plan of organization but by general consent and the suggestion of several delegates the matter of settlement was left within that delegation who upon action decided that the votes of Mr. Harris be distributed between the remaining two candidates pro rata to their individual vote in the primary. This question being settled, nominations were in order.

Mr. Pearce, of Youngsville, placed the name of H. A. Kearney in nomination which was seconded by Mr. G. L. Whitfield, of Franklinton.

Mr. J. R. Collier was called to the chair and Mr. White, of Franklinton, placed the name of Mr. W. H. Allen in nomination, which was seconded by Capt. P. G. Alston, of Louisburg. No other nominations being made the chairman called for a vote which resulted as follows:

Allen 44.48
Kearney 39.54
Upon motion of Capt. I. H. Kearney, of the Franklinton delegation the nomination of Mr. Allen was made unanimous.

Upon motion of Mr. J. N. Harris, of Harris the nomination of Mr. J. R. Yarbrough for Register of Deeds to succeed himself, was made by acclamation.

Upon the announcement that nomination for the office of Treasurer were in order, Mr. F. N. Egerton came forward and held the convention in good spirit for fifteen or twenty minutes with his witticisms in withdrawing from the race for this office and concluded his remarks by moving that the nomination of Mr. P. E. Griffin, his opponent be made by acclamation. The motion prevailed and the nomination was made without a dissenting vote. Mr. Griffin was called for who in a few well chosen words expressed his appreciation for the loyalty of his many friends and thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him.

Next in order was the nomination of a candidate for the House of Representatives. After this announcement Mr. W. M. Person, one of the contestants for this honor arose and withdrew his name and at the same time after referring to his staunch democracy pledged himself to a firm stand for the future of the party.

Mr. Gray R. King, of Cedar Rock, placed the name of Mr. J. A. Turner in nomination and Mr. W. K. Massenburg, of Harris, made the second. Mr. G.

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and Executive; White, Church, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Red for Press, freedom of speech and freedom of conscience—all bound together by a field of blue (the heavens over all) bearing a star for each state in Confederation. The seven white stars were placed in a circle, showing that each state had equal rights and privileges. The circle stood for eternity and signified, "You defend me and I'll protect you."

When the Confederate Congress advertised for medals, Major Smith says, "I cut the stars and tore the bars and got Miss Rebecca Murphy to sew the stitches for small flag twelve by fifteen inches to send to Montgomery, suggesting that a star be added for each state that joined the Confederacy." The flag was accepted and named the "Stars and Bars."

So enthusiastic was Major Smith that before he knew his model had been accepted he determined to raise a similar flag in his own town. Buying dress goods from Barrow's store he got Miss Rebecca Murphy, then living where the depot now stands, to make a flag nine by twelve feet. Miss Murphy, assisted by her aunt and Miss Nora Sykes, finished the flag on Sunday. Major Smith helped by Furnifold Green, spliced two poplars at the blacksmith, just above the "Old Mill" making a pole one hundred feet long. Planting this upon the court house square at Louisburg, N. C., Monday, March 18, 1861, two months before North Carolina seceded the first "Stars and Bars" was flung to the breeze. Over the flag floated a blue streamer like an Admiral has on his ship when "Homeward Bound." On this pennant was a star for each seceded state and one for North Carolina, as she was "Homeward Bound."

Proudly this flag waved, defying rain and storm until in the spring of 1865, when a part of Sherman's army was sent here under Cap. Pummel, only a few tatters remained.

Cutting down the staff they placed it on Bick's corner and raised the Union flag.

But the first "Stars and Bars" had played its part. It has returned to dust.

"Yet 'tis wreathed around with glory, And 'twill live in song and story Though its folds are in the dust. For its fame in brightest pages, Penned by poets and by sages, Shall go sounding down through ages."

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Spivey-Boddie.
We acknowledge receipt of the following invitation:
Miss Willis Boddie invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter Frances Ricks to Mr. David Watford Spivey on Tuesday morning the fourth of June at eleven o'clock
Methodist Episcopal Church, South Louisburg, North Carolina
Enclosed are cards reading: "At home after June fifteenth Youngsville, North Carolina."
Miss Boddie is the daughter of the late Willis W. Boddie, and is one of Louisburg's most popular and accomplished young ladies. She is the favorite among a host of friends and will add much to the society of her new home.
Mr. Spivey is a young man of splendid business ability and is prominently connected with the interests of his home town, in which he is one of the most popular young men.
The many friends of this popular young couple have waited with much interest this announcement.

The Primary.
The primary Saturday passed off very quietly in regard to all offices except the Constable, which consumed the interest of the occasion. The contestants were Mr. R. W. Hudson, who was seeking to succeed himself, and Mr. J. J. Lancaster. Each one and their friends were busy and did some fine work. The result showed Mr. Hudson had won the fight by three votes. Mr. Hudson has made a splendid officer in the past and no doubt will add credit to himself in his next term.