

HOMELESS THOUSANDS.

It is heart-rending to read the newspaper accounts of the terrible loss of human life along the Valley of the Conemaugh in Pennsylvania, not to speak of the fearful loss of property. The first estimates of the losses are not, as is usually the case, exaggerations, but fall far short of the real state of the case.

Sympathy for the suffering and homeless survivors is taking practical shape, and provisions and money are being sent in from various parts of the Union.

It only adds to the horrors of the occasion to know that the greater part of the suffering was brought about—unintentionally, of course—by a structure erected to furnish sport for a rich corporation—the dam for the artificial lake described on our first page.

This is a case that appeals to human sympathy all over our broad land. What will Concord and Cabarrus county do?

Our Exchanges Speak.

The best compliment the press has received this year was the refusal of the New York legislature to pass a vote of thanks to the reporters who have mercilessly exposed scandal after scandal as occasion has arisen.

The claim agents and pension attorneys in Washington are in a broad grin over the recent rulings of Gen. Bussey and Corporal Tanner. And well they may be. But it is the tax-ridden people who foot the bills.

The Elizabeth City Carolinians suggests: If you want to pay your taxes, the mortgage on the farm, and prosper generally, go into partnership with the hen, the cow, the hog, and the horse.

Mr. Thomas Curtin, who has just come from Johnson City, says that the bottom of the 3-C railroad movement has fallen out and "great was the fall thereof." The money has been exhausted, Baltimore has fallen out of line and Col. Matson, the chief engineer, has resigned his position and brought suit for about ten months' salary, together with other money which he has advanced, amounting in all to some seven thousand dollars.

There is a remarkable state of affairs at Laurinburg, Richmond county. W. R. Terry was recently appointed post master there. It appears that the appointment is so offensive to the people that they will not send or receive their mail through that office, but they use John's Hill, a town some distance away, as postoffice. Not one-fifth of the mail which formerly passed through Laurinburg postoffice is now handled there.

Wednesday a sad accident occurred about four miles west of Davidson College. Two children, a boy about twelve years old and a little girl aged seven, were going out to work early in the morning, and as crows were quiet troublesome the boy loaded up his shot gun and carried it with him. As they were wending their way along, he in front the following closely behind, she asked if that gun was loaded, almost at the same instant he was about to change gun to the other shoulder, when his hand caught on the trigger, discharging the entire load in her breast, causing death instantly.

COMMENCEMENTS

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE

AND MT. PLEASANT FEMALE SEMINARY.

Complete Account of the Exercises.

THE TOWN—SOME POINTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTIONS—THE BUILDINGS—THE GOOD WORK DONE—BRIGHT PROSPECTS—THE EXERCISES, &c.

North Carolina College and Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary were attractive places during the past week. The twenty-fourth annual commencement of the College proved to be worthy of a place alongside of those in the past—entertaining, beneficial and productive of great good.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning the students of both institutions, friends, relatives and visitors assembled in the Lutheran church, where the baccalaureate sermon was delivered to the graduating classes by Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid, president of the college.

The scholarly gentleman took for his text the 9th verse of the 119th Psalm: "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereof according to thy word." The speaker, in his characteristic, earnest manner, spoke in clear, unmistakable words.

Like the majority of the colleges and our own University, North Carolina College has a preparatory department for the better preparation for the higher course and to meet a growing demand for a thorough and practical English education.

The following is the program as rendered: Greek Salutatory—"Scatteration"—J. L. Rendleman.

"The Indian"—C. B. Cox. "Intemperance"—Walter Cook. "Supposed Speech of James Otis"—C. A. Edleman.

That these young men acted well their parts is a general remark. Space will not admit of comment from your correspondent, but the "Greek Salutatory," "Latin Valdictory," "German Declaration" and "Farmyard Boy" were spoken in such an effective manner that they "brought down the house."

Notwithstanding the threatening clouds during the evening, and heavy rain thirty minutes before the hour of beginning the exercises, a large and intelligent audience assembled in the Lutheran church to hear the contest for the declaimer's medal between six young gentlemen. After prayer by the president the following program was carried out:

J. L. D. Barringer—Subject: "Respect the Foundation of National Government." W. J. Boger—Subject: "America, Her Glory and Her Shame."

The young men acquitted themselves in such a manner as to render it a difficulty for any committee to decide as to the successful one in the contest. Every one, showing splendid training and care as pertains to the different points affecting the delivery, made his speech his own sentiments—a feature so often lacking in declamations. The committee's decision and awarding of medal will be announced further on.

perhaps, is enough glory for the gallant and entertaining young speakers.

Your correspondent has yet to hear orations from young men that were better written and containing more sensible and entertaining food for thought than those delivered by representatives of the Junior Class.

The lessons for real life are too often eliminated from a college course, and theoretical teaching alone prevents the opportunity of going outside of a student's life in applying facts, truths and theories to the actual conditions of church, society and State.

But two Juniors delivered orations. The first, John M. Cook, in a spirited, enthusiastic and earnest manner spoke for twenty-five minutes on "Democracy." From your correspondent's way of thinking and believing, this young man's heart is politically right, having delivered himself in quite a pointed way in reference to the awful scenes and acts of the days of reconstruction and the frauds committed during the last election and the ungodly use of boodle in influencing voters.

The next representative, B. H. W. Runge, in a most impressive manner, and feeling what he said, delivered a well written oration on "Discontent." This oration contains many hard facts written and spoken in a bold and emphatic spirit.

The rains that came down in almost torrents failed to keep back the large and intelligent audience that assembled in the church to witness the contest for orator's medal. This contest was held by four young men of the Sophomore class. They are as follows: H. N. Miller—Subject: "True Religion."

W. N. Misenheimer—Subject: "Human Responsibilities." R. L. Patterson—Subject: "The Curse of Ambition." R. L. Bame—Subject: "The Reformation—A Benefit to Man."

In a graceful and deliberate manner W. N. Misenheimer claimed that the female part of humanity had resting upon them greater and more important responsibilities. He addressed the ladies in the following words: "Ladies, your responsibilities are great; you hold the strongest power in shaping the condition of society for the future, and you can effect more reformations than any other power known to man."

"The Curse of Ambition" was admirably written and delivered in a graceful manner. The pictures, as Mr. Patterson drew, with unholy ambition in the centre, were beautiful and almost life-like. His is a most happy delivery, and, though young, Mr. P. has won the warmest compliments of friends.

R. L. Bame shows great faith in the Reformation; he reviewed the practices and customs of the Catholic church prior to the Reformation, and held up in an interesting manner the grand results in securing to the people the privilege of free speech, free press, and the right to worship according to the dictates of conscience.

Rev. Dr. Rothrock, the venerable Lutheran minister of the Synod, and Rev. Gantt, of the Methodist church, opened and closed the exercises with prayer. The result of the contest will be announced further on.

Marion, Va., is unanimously voted a perfect success. Prof. Linn, his pupils and his patrons congratulate themselves in having the services of such an accomplished teacher.

The little girls assisting in the Cantata were Winona Blackwelder, Sallie Fisher, Mamie Lefler, Anna Peacock, Agnes and Winona Cook, Grace Heilig, Mollie Suther, Ida Barringer, Maude Lefler, Maggie and Lucile Linn.

The young ladies, who so creditably and sweetly sang their parts, were: Misses Amanda Winecoff, Janie Winecoff, Ida Burleyson, Electa Furr, Dora Barringer, Nellie Bangle, Callie White, Genolia Miller, Belle Moser, Lelia Cook, Jennie and Leah Blackwelder, Sallie Fisher, Lillie Miller, Maggie C. Barrier, Mabel Barrier, Ida Weddington and Dora Thayer. Miss Mamie Gantt played the accompaniment throughout the cantata in such a way as to merit the compliments of many.

Thus closed another annual concert by the music class of the Seminary, and all left loud in praise of the pleasure afforded and the grace with which every one rendered her part.

At 10:30 commencement services began; prayer by Rev. R. H. Cline. The following is the program: Salutatory and Address—"Modern Socialism"—J. A. Blackwelder. Address—"Taxation"—B. S. Nunamaker.

The following young ladies of the Seminary read their graduating essays: "Voices from Nature"—Miss Leah Blackwelder. "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy"—Miss Sallie E. Fisher.

Mr. Blackwelder, in his address, presented advanced ideas. He reviewed the existing troubles in the labor and capital world. Unfortunately for all, time did not admit of a thorough ventilation of the different phases of the question that is exciting so many men, leading them to careful study and investigation into the causes of the unsettled condition of labor and capital.

Mr. J. H. Dreher, in his address, brought to light the objections to the use of the Bible in our public schools. Every citizen, said he, has the burdens to bear that his country imposes upon him and meets his obligations in the support of the public schools, then should he be forced to accept a condition which was contrary to his own faith?

Mr. Dreher's address, like the others, contains food for thought. They were practical subjects, and the young men showed considerable ability in treating them. Your correspondent regrets that time will not permit him to comment further and give your readers a fuller account of the addresses.

The young men go out into the world with exceeding bright prospects before them. They certainly have a liberal and full collegiate education, good health, and show, by their manner, that they are blessed with a sufficient amount of energy and application. Mr. Dreher has the ministry in view; Mr. Blackwelder will at once begin reading medicine, and Mr. Nunamaker will study pharmacy.

Misses Blackwelder and Fisher, in presenting their graduating essays, did themselves credit. The essays were well prepared and were read in a graceful and pleasing manner. Beautiful gems of truth and thought, that were visible throughout the productions, pleased many a listening ear.

will be honored, as the possessors have honored themselves in gaining the highest honor within the gift of the trustees of the Seminary.

Rev. G. H. Cox then presented the declaimer's medal to W. J. Boger, the successful contestant in the declaimer's contest, the committee giving to Deberry Barringer "honorable mention." The medals are of beautiful designs, and the successful young men may well feel proud of their success.

The Ladies of the Seminary, full of gratitude like the true ladies they are, presented to several college gentlemen the loveliest collection of flowers that could be had in recognition of their kindness in assisting in the preparation of this annual concert.

Prof. Schaid then presented to the young men their diplomas and conferred upon each the degree of A. B. Thus ended the 24th annual commencement of North Carolina College. The event has been an enjoyable and profitable one.

The Mt. Pleasant Cornet band was on hand dispensing their splendid music to the pleasure and entertainment of all.

In 1853, Western Carolina Academy was started in Mt. Pleasant, by Rev. William Gerhardt, assisted by John D. Scheck, C. Melchor, M. Barrier, S. Rothrock, John Shimpoek, Joseph A. Linn, C. A. Heilig, Daniel Barrier and L. G. Heilig. Of these noble men, all are dead except Col. Shimpcock and Dr. S. Rothrock.

In 1859 the institution was chartered as a college, with Rev. Dr. Bittle as first president. Soon after the charter was granted, friends of the institution at once set about to raise funds for an endowment.

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With these, the crystal of his brow, And then the dimple of his chin; All these did my Campaigne win; At last he set her both his eyes; She won, and Cupid blind did rise. Oh, Love! has she done this to thee? What shall, alas! become of me?"

These lines were penned more than three hundred years ago, and yet it would be hard to find anything to surpass them in the poetry of to-day.

And yet we live in a world and in an age of progress. One hundred years ago New York had a population of 33,000. To-day with Brooklyn and Jersey City—her other suburbs—the census would give her 3,300,000.

Concord, in about the same length of time, has developed into a village of 3,000 inhabitants.

"Why should a man, whose blood is warm within, Sit like his grandire, cut in alabaster." Why, indeed? The answer is not far to seek, but it is none of my business, and is far from my intention, to point it out at this time. Of one thing we are all assured, however, and that is that Concord is entering upon a new era of growth and expansion and prosperity, and believing, as I do, that the attention of our people needs only to be awakened to the importance of keeping all of our money at home, I have determined to offer such inducements to the

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