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PRES'T. ALDERMAN INAUGURATED

Governor Russell Formally Inducts the New President into Office.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS PRESENT FROM OTHER STATES

The Legislature Attends in a Body. Brilliant Addresses by Notable Speakers. The Occasion a Significant One for North Carolina. Prominent Educators Wire Congratulations. Dr. Winston's Message of Special Interest.

The greatest day in the history of the University of North Carolina, for years past, dawned with threatening clouds obscuring the sky and sleet and snow covering the ground. Indeed, so very dreary did the day appear that many began to fear that our anxiously expected visitors would not honor us with their presence. This fear was augmented when sleet and snow continued to fall without any sign of abatement. Early in the day, however, these fears were in part dispelled, when President Alderman received a telegram, saying, that a special train had left Raleigh with more than one hundred Legislators on board and many other visitors besides.

Visitors Arrive.

This train at last arrived and our expectations were agreeably realized, for the crowd was just the proper size, and could be conveniently accommodated without any crowding, jamming, or other unpleasant features.

Our campus and little village took on a lively appearance and college yells resounded from all directions. Some of the visitors did not seem to understand the yells, but, like the brave men they are, they faced things without faltering.

They scattered over the campus, looked at the buildings; but the morning began to wax old, and it was cold besides, so our visitors began to find their way to Gerrard Hall where the ceremonies were to take place.

Before getting inside, however, they had to run the gauntlet of a crowd of boys who were making day hideous with "Yackity, Yack, etc." The old Legislators looked a little nervous and seemed to wish that those boys would hush that infernal din; but they plucked up their courage, formed a "long thin line," and marched through without accident.

Inside the Chapel.

Once inside the Hall, away from the cold and snow, and surrounded by anxious males and beautiful females, the task of waiting for the Inaugural Party became agreeable and pleasant enough. The Hall itself presented an agreeable spectacle. Under the personal direction of Prof. Toy, the Hall had been tastefully decorated in college colors, white and blue, and the ef-

fect was pleasing to the eye. Over the rostrum hung the oil portraits of the University's four great presidents, viz. Caldwell, Swain, Battle, and Winston. The greater part of the lower floor was reserved. The Senior Class was accorded special honor by having a portion of the right tier of seats reserved for them. The front of the middle row was occupied by the faculty and such distinguished visitors as Col. J. S. Carr, Pres. C. D. McIver, and others, while the remaining portion was occupied by the Legislature sitting in a body. The remaining seats were occupied by the villagers and less distinguished visitors, while the gallery was given to the student body at large.

When the Hall was at last filled and the hour of noon had arrived, the Mandolin Club struck up some selection and the ceremonies had begun. As the last strains of music died away, the Inaugural Party, headed by Governor Russell and Dr. Alderman, entered the Hall.

The irrepressibles, under the generalship of Mr. W. J. Bellamy, had stationed themselves in the rear of the gallery, and when the party neared the front, the Hall resounded with Rah, Rah, Rah's with "Russell" and "Alderman" tacked on at the end.

Col. Thos. S. Kenan, who was the graceful presiding officer, now introduced Dr. B. F. Dixon, who opened the ceremonies with a prayer that could hardly be equalled for beauty and tenderness.

Mr. Wright's Address.

Mr. R. H. Wright, on behalf of the student body, followed with a neat and well delivered little speech in which he assured the President of the hearty and sympathetic relations now existing between himself and the student body, and pledged the students' continued favor and undivided support.

Dr. Battle's Address.

Dr. Kemp P. Battle, in his usual happy style, delivered the address on the part of the faculty. The speaker reviewed the life of a certain young man, whose name he kept carefully concealed from the audience for a long time, and showed that President Alderman had ever been a public school teacher, and his elevation to the presidency of the University, the highest position in the public school system,

was but the climax of his successful career as a teacher in the public schools. Dr. Battle grew eloquent as he pledged the new President the unswerving and unfaltering support of his colleagues.

Ovation to the Governor.

When Dr. Battle ceased speaking Col. Kenan arose and said: "This occasion bears the sanction of the State and today we have with us the State's Chief Executive, His Excellency, Governor Daniel L. Russell, who will induct the new President into office." This was the signal for pandemonium to break loose and break loose it did. The ovation that was given our new Governor was such as is rarely accorded any man. Cheer after cheer and wave after wave of applause rolled across the audience and when the enthusiasm showed some signs of diminution Bellamy's Ear Splitting Brigade turned loose their

"Rah, Rah, Rah,
Rah, Rah, Rah,
Rah, Rah, Rah,
Russell,"

with such delightful vigor that the Governor's eye twinkled with pleasure, and his two hundred and fifty pounds of avoirdupois shook with unrestrained merriment. And indeed he must have enjoyed the reception given him. Having recently issued from a bitter political campaign and only the day before departed from the Capitol where party feeling and prejudices run high, the universal good feeling manifested on all sides must have formed a striking contrast to the scenes through which he has recently passed, and given him some idea of the high regard our people entertain for their Chief Executive whatever be his political affiliations.

The Governor's Address.

The Governor brought down the house by saying that he would have to apologize to the audience for neglecting to compare notes with the other speakers and on this account their speeches were somewhat similar.

He emphasized the idea of state and higher education and assured us that the State would do for us all that was within its power to do. He emphasized the need of a school of Technology and closed by addressing the President in behalf of the Board of Trustees and placing in the President's charge the Seal and Charter of the University.

The President's Response.

The TAR HEEL is glad to be able to reproduce in full the President's response to the Governor's address. The President said:

"Your Excellency: I accept at your hands these symbols of a great office as one who takes on a great responsibility following the call of a clear duty. Conscious of my own shortcoming, I yet undertake this task with hope and courage. I hear your voice speaking words of wisdom and good counsel which

I shall weigh and heed. I feel strong in a manly student body whose message so ably spoken by their representative I profoundly appreciate; in a devoted and able group of colleagues, who today speak through their oldest member, my friend and teacher, Dr. Battle, safe always in the annals of the State by reason of his peculiar and devoted services to the institution. I see before me the larger circle of alumni and North Carolinians of whatever sect or party who revere the power and dignity of knowledge. And lastly, I have faith that the God who prompted the fathers to create, will endow the children with wisdom to preserve."

Congratulatory Messages.

Col. Kenan read congratulatory messages from all the prominent colleges both North and South. The message of Dr. Winston, President of the University of Texas, who regretted his inability to be present, was perhaps the most eagerly listened to by the audience; and especially is this true of the old students who knew this great man personally.

It will be interesting to know that the colleges of the State, almost without exception, were represented at the Inauguration.

Dr. Butler's Address.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, was introduced and delivered the congratulatory address. The audience was expecting great things of this man and in no respect were they disappointed.

Easy, graceful, handsome, the speaker won the hearts of his audience before he had said a word. Dr. Butler congratulated the people of North Carolina upon their historic position in education, upon their pure democracy, and made a strong appeal for education, state education, and democracy in education. The speaker congratulated the President upon his election to his new office, and assured our people that our President is well and favorably known outside the borders of his own State and abundantly equal to the task assigned him.

Inaugural Address.

Following the address of Dr. Butler, Dr. Alderman, the newly inducted President, was introduced and delivered his inaugural address. We shall not attempt to give a synopsis of the address, for it should be heard in its entirety to be appreciated. For an hour and thirty minutes the President held his audience and his handling of stern facts and his beautiful oratory were indeed inspiring. He reviewed the history of the University, gave some idea of what it is now doing and trying to do, and then plead for a greater and more extended life. We have the deepest compassion for the Chapel Hill man who failed to hear this address.

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