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BISHOP STRANGE'S SERMON

A POWERFUL ADDRESS ON THE INFLUENCE OF THOUGHT

Bishop's Annual Visit, a Source of Help and Pleasure to the College.

Dr. Robert Strange, Bishop of the Eastern Diocese of North Carolina, preached Sunday night in Gerrard Hall a sermon on "The Influence of Thoughts upon Character." He took as his text the eighth verse of fourth Phil. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, think on these things." By his earnest expression and beautiful language Bishop Strange held the close attention of a large audience. He said in substance:

"Whatsoever things are true, honest, and just, think on these things, young men. Seize them, meditate, ponder, make them a part of your mental being. The apostle by these words insists on a great law of life: as we think, so we are. Let a man think on high and noble things and he will have a high and noble character; let him think on low, evil things and he will have a low, evil character. History shows that ideas build and tear down, that ideas make great epochs. Luther's ideas caused the Reformation, and Voltaire's caused the French Revolution.

"This is simply the old law of environment in a new dress. This law sweeps through the whole universe. Man, animal, plant, everything is influenced by surroundings. Through cultivation and environment the love-apple became the tomato; with a varied environment the dog varies from the hairless hound to shaggy dog; man varies from the negro to the Caucasian. In college this law works through association. How much is a boy made or marred by the set with which he goes, by the men with whom he runs! Likewise how much is a man made or marred by his ideas! Thoughts multitudinous come and go and have as little influence upon character as the passerby on the street, but there are certain ideas and thoughts which are deep laid in our life and which make our character. We have power over such thoughts, we can choose them as we choose our bosom friends. Let us be careful about the choosing of thoughts, these makers of our character. Education is important because it introduces to young minds high, noble thoughts and makes them a part of the inner consciousness, because it shows to young minds the good results of industry, integrity, and high thinking and the evil results of idleness and low thinking. As we think, so we are.

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YACKETY YACK TO BE GOOD

A COMPLETE REPRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

Art, Poetry, Drams, Athletics, Organizations, Statistics—All There.

The Yackety Yack this year bids fair to be issued before commencement, as is shown by the fact that at least one-half of the proof has not only been read and corrected, but has been returned to the printers. All copy for the Annual is in the hands of the publishers, all drawings have been sent to the engravers, and "Matthews and Muse, Business Managers of the Yackety Yack," are on the trail of those students who either couldn't or wouldn't "sign up" for a copy. These able and energetic men of business promise delivery by May 1. If they make good this promise—and it will not be a fault of theirs if they don't—it will be up to you to come over with a pair of twins. You need the book, they need the twins—according to Economics, we have the requisite conditions for a trade.

And the Yackety Yack this year will be worth it. Friend, I have seen, I have read, and I know whereof I speak. This is no advertising scheme, but a fact. The Yackety Yack this year will be the best ever—and the fact that each and every other board that ever was said the same thing does not make my statement any the less true. The previous boards thought their's were best—up to then it may have been. We know ours is best—up to now. If you don't believe this—and I grant it will not be very easy—don't take it out by casting reflections upon the veracity of my statements, but buy one and see. And then, if you still refuse to sanction the afore-mentioned affirmation, you are at perfect liberty to make remarks, not about my veracity, but about my judgment. To me it is the best and I can't be expected to change my opinion to suit you, especially when you have none.

But to get back to the Yackety Yack. Facts and figures may appeal more strongly to your concrete soul than the generalities of the theorist. Look you then: there will be seventy-four drawings—of which there will be four and twenty to occupy the entire space of one page. There will be pictures, of me—but that doesn't hurt the book much; of you—which hurts either more or less, depending on who "you" are; of the other fellow—and you may say what you please about him. As to the number of these pictures, my 'rithmetic has done gin out, and I lost count after I had used my right hand 'leven times and my left twelve. There will be poems. No, not verses, nor rhymes, nor doggerel,

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NEWS FROM "THE RIVALS"

A PLEASANT TRIP TO EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Tarboro, Hertford, Washington, and Elizabeth City Visited.

Elizabeth City, March 1.—The Dramatic Club has reached this city in its triumphal tour of Eastern Carolina. And our trip, especially the last two or three days, has been a real treat to all of us.

Tarboro was our first stop. We reached there about four o'clock Wednesday and began at once our preparations for the performance. Only a few tickets had been sold, the show did not seem to be well advertised, and the prospects were rather gloomy. But we were determined to give a good performance, and though the show did not go nearly as smoothly as at Chapel Hill, I think the crowd—about 125 people—were satisfied. For some reason my guardian angel was not good to me, and in the scene in which I pull off my hat to show my curl papers I had the most evil luck: my wig came off. It is needless to say that then and there I caused much laughter.

From Tarboro we went to Greenville. Greenville is quite a nice town, but we had a miserably small crowd out to hear the show. Banks sent hand-bills all over town, but the people wouldn't come. Someone explained that Greenville had been humbugged so often by poor shows that the town had become gun-shy.

We left Greenville about ten o'clock over the Norfolk and Southern for Hertford, reaching there about three o'clock.

The trip between Greenville and Hertford was very interesting. We passed through miles and miles of swamp land with a rather dense growth of cypress trees—a sight new to several of the western boys in the company. And the trip across Albemarle Sound was a novelty to almost all of us. The Sound at the crossing point is about eight miles wide and an hour and twenty minutes is required to make the crossing. But the time did not seem long. From the time we left Mackey's Ferry until we landed at Edenton the fellows were out on deck—except a minute for dinner—taking it all in. The water of the Sound was quite muddy and just as we came in sight of it after rounding a bend in the creek, Yelverton described it as resembling "hot chocolate with milk in it."

At Hertford we received a most pleasant surprise. The alumni, headed by J. S. McNider, had prepared to give us the time of our lives. And they succeeded. We were quartered at some of the nicest homes in the town and we experienced the true Southern hospitality. Mr. Potter and I were

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THE DEBATERS CHOSEN

CLOSE AND STUBBORN CONTESTS FOR POSITIONS

Hester and Johnston, Tillett and Rand, are the Fortunate Ones.

This year marks for Carolina a new era in debates. Heretofore Carolina has never had over three intercollegiate debates and never one with a northern college. At the close of this session Carolina will have engaged in four intercollegiate debates, one being with Pennsylvania. The debate with Pennsylvania took place last fall and three more are yet to take place this spring: the first one with George Washington University, the second with Virginia, and the third with Georgia.

The George Washington debate will take place here March 20th. The query is: Resolved, That the open shop subserves the best interests of the laboring class. Carolina will defend the negative. The Virginia debate will be held in Richmond April 3rd. The query is: Resolved, That national banks should be allowed to issue, subject to tax and governmental supervision, notes on their general assets. Carolina has the negative. The Georgia debate will be held here April 3rd. The query is: Resolved, That the State should not prescribe a maximum railway rate. Carolina has the affirmative.

The Virginia preliminary contest was held last Thursday night. The contestants were: Messrs. J. W. Hester, T. L. Simmons, and J. T. Johnston. The committee, composed of Prof. Graham, Prof. Stacy and Mr. Vermont, decided in favor of Mr. Hester and Mr. Johnston. The Georgia preliminary was held Monday night in the Di Hall. The contestants were Messrs. O. R. Rand, C. W. Tillett, Z. H. Rose, K. D. Battle, O. C. Cox, W. P. Grier, W. B. Davis and W. D. Cox. Dr. Henderson, Dr. Davis and Prof. Stacy rendered their decision in favor of Messrs. Rand and Tillett. The George Washington debaters were chosen sometime ago without a contest. They are Messrs. T. W. Andrews and W. P. Stacy.

Mr. V. C. Edwards won the place on the Georgia scrub team as the Di representative. Mr. D. B. Teague Saturday afternoon was chosen the George Washington scrub from the Phi.

Modern Literature Club Tonight.

The regular monthly meeting of the Modern Literature Club will be held in the Alumni Building tonight. The following papers are scheduled to be read: The Novels of Thomas Hardy, Prof E. K. Graham; Mark Twain, Mr. Marmaduke Robins; The Animal Stories of Jack London, Mr. C. D. Wardlaw; Paul Hamilton Hayne and His Verse, Mr. J. B. Reeves; Thos. Dixon: A Study of Reconstruction, Mr. S. S. Nash.