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### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

(Extracts from *The Raleigh Times*)

Having attained to its majority of a four year college, with the standard rating of the State Department of Education, which entitles its graduates to State high school teachers' certificates, St. Augustine's College for Negroes Wednesday conferred degrees on twelve graduates, and awarded diplomas to twenty-nine high school graduates, nine nurses of St. Agnes Hospital and ten graduates of the Bishop Tuttle School for religious workers. The commencement address was delivered by Dean Herbert E. Hawkes, of Columbia University. President E. H. Goold presided at the exercises.

A classmate of Dean Boyer of St. Augustine's, of the class of 1896 of Yale University, Dean Hawkes was presented by Dean Boyer. He was happy that the students of the college, the graduates and others might see in the flesh, Dean Boyer said, the man who through his text book on advanced algebra has alarmed many of them in the spirit.

Dean Hawkes brought the greetings of other members of the class to the St. Augustine's dean and to the graduating class a message on the subject of effective living and some of the elements by which it may be attained, mentioning particularly the trinity of beauty, laughter and love, which in their deeper significance must rest on a confidence and faith in an all pervasive goodness without which all else would be superficial.

#### Commencement Program

Beginning with the processional hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," the creed and prayers, the exercises were continued with a demonstration of the home garden, by Nathan Glenn Perry; an address, "The High School: A Laboratory for Citizenship," by Wendell Erwin; a spiritual, "Listen to the Lambs," by the Choral Club; a demonstration, "First Aid for Fractures," by Marie Elizabeth Gary, Caroline Ardelia French, and Ruth Louise Calhoun; a dialogue, "Stretching the Family Income," Esther Virginia Brown and Lillie Mae Sanders; an address

"Music, a Power for Good," Annie Mae Stallings; a girls' quartet, "From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters" and a spiritual by the Choral Club, "Nobody Knows de Trouble I've Seen." The exercises were concluded with the conferring of degrees and awarding of diplomas and prizes and the recessional, the college hymn, with words and music by William Augustine Perry of the class of 1902 of St. Augustine's.

#### Address to Graduates

One of the most important results of education, Dean Hawkes told the members of the graduating class, is the ability to estimate results correctly, to make right decisions as to the way leisure time is to be spent, the books that one reads, a vote on an important question, or a purchase to be made. To estimate such results correctly knowledge is necessary, but such knowledge is elemental compared to the ability necessary to estimate human conduct and behaviour, ideals and man to man behaviour, for there is no unit of leisure for goodness or friendliness.

It ought to be true, the speaker said, that just as an educated person can estimate material values more correctly, it ought to be possible for them also to estimate human values with greater clarity and correctness. It is easy to check up on opinions of material values, but in estimating human standards it is not so easy.

Some of the elements out of which happiness and effective living may be attained he mentioned as beauty, laughter and love, including as they do a sense of proportion and harmony of line and color; optimism and the ability to differ pleasantly; self respect, altruism, friendship and the deepest affections and attachments that man knows.

Neither wealth nor position nor the lack of them have an effect on these elements, but they are dependent, the speaker said on fortitude and courage, on truth and confidence and faith in an all pervasive goodness that makes all else superficial.

#### Events of the Commencement Season

Friday, May 22, 8:00 P. M., Senior College Class Exercises.

Saturday, May 23, 8:00 P. M., Senior High School Class Exercises.

Sunday, May 24, 5:00 P. M., Baccalaureate Sermon, by the Rev. Charles A. Harrison, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Charleston, S. C.

Monday, May 25, 8:00 P. M., the Dramatic Club presented two one-act plays: "Thursday Evening" by Christopher Morley, and "Ridin' the Goat" by May Miller.

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