

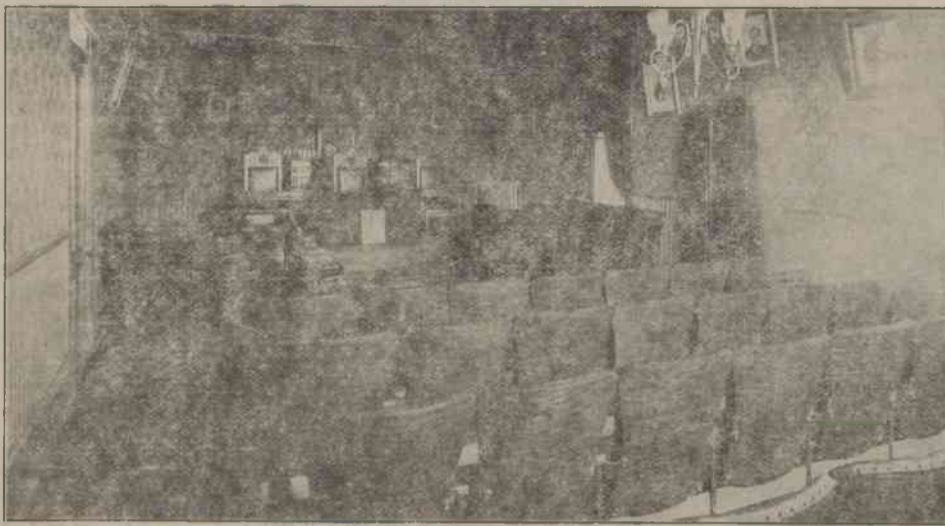
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The Philologist Society Entertains.



INTERIOR VIEW OF PHILOLOGIAN HALL.

WELCOME ADDRESS.

A. T. BANKS.

Faculty, Students, and Friends:

The Philologist Society greets you all and welcomes you to its annual literary entertainment; its own appointed evening of our National Thanksgiving Day. This is our year, our day, November 28, 1912.

We stand with sublime connection with the past and with the future. Although the one is irrevocable and the other is unknown to us; we hold the former by history; the latter we possess by anticipation and hope.

Our nation has never experienced such a time of prosperity as the present. She is at peace with all nations. Her influence for good is felt all around the globe. Other nations are seeking her counsel and principles of government. She is founded upon the solid principles of the democracy with a republican form of government. "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none." Not only are we experiencing a time of prosperity in material life as never before, but we are producing numbers of orators, statesmen, authors, and preachers, whose voices are heard, whose books are read, and whose influence for christianity is felt in the four corners of the earth. Surely we have a right to set apart a day for thanksgiving and should hallow it for the blessings to our nation. But we greet you here in another capacity.

We come not in the name of the nation, nor for the purpose of thanksgiving, but, to interest you with a program such as we enjoy every Friday evening.

Never in the history of the Philologist society has she enjoyed such prosperity as at the present time. Only a few years ago her walls were bare, her floor uncovered, and her seats uncouth and uncomfortable. Now the hall is fully equipped in modern style which meets the ideals and pleases the eye of the cultured and refined. Not only are we en-

joying prosperity in a material sense, but we are apace with this in production of strong manhood. The influence of those persons who have gone out from our walls; even in the ministry is felt and known in almost every church of the Christian denomination. Her teachers form almost a continuous chain by states from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans. Those who have entered the profession of law and medicine are held in high esteem by their fellow practitioners. Today we enjoy a large active membership and a higher grade of work done than at any previous time.

This evening our humorist will please you, our orators will inspire you, our singers will thrill you, and our debaters inform you.

We invite you to our hall, we welcome you one and all to our entertainment.

FIRST SPEECH ON AFFIRMATIVE.

O. D. POYTHRESS.

My honorable opponents are crying change in one of our greatest fundamental institutions, the public schools. To change these institutions and vocationalize them would, we fear, utterly destroy the highest ideal and most far reaching purpose of free education. We do not need a change because we came so late in history that we have been able to take advantage of and build from every system of the past ages.

We want strong vocations in every department but we must have a strong preparatory education as a foundation to build these upon. Education means more than a mere livelihood or the intelligent use of methods to secure it. Is not a generous culture vastly more important to a community than the mere reaching out to gather in the shekels, which in fairness belong to a less fortunate, because, not so shrewd? Some of the graduate students of Amherst college have urged upon the trustees "to take

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COLLEGE CUTS.

C. C. JOHNSON.

As a humorist Mr. Johnson well entertained the audience. He gave us some delightful jokes and some stinging cuts which were rich in humor and wit. Mid a continuous uproar of applause he poured forth his production as solemn as a judge. He would sway his audience from the depths of seriousness and thought to the heights of laughter and merriment. He would often cause the color to rush forth in the face of some member of his audience and readily sway their attention to another member ere the last applause had died away. Time passed all too quickly and he finished with honor to himself, his society, and his Alma Mater.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. R. Henry Barnes recently returned from a "business" trip to Suffolk, Va. Misses Pitt, Clements, and Barnes of the College attended the organ recital of the Burlington Episcopal Church on Tuesday evening, given by Mr. E. Seaton Blyth, with Mrs. E. Seaton Blyth and Mr. O. M. Barnes of the College assisting. Mr. Barnes delighted the hearers with his pleasing baritone voice.

Miss Jennie Lashley, of Mebane, N. C., was a week-end caller at West Dormitory, with her friend Miss Mary Lou Pitt.

Miss Manie Tate, who has been spending the while in Norfolk, Va., is at her home in the village.

Mr. O. B. Barnes and family have transferred their domicile from this town to Greensboro, leaving Thursday morning. Mr. Barnes has extensive business engagements in Greensboro, which necessitate his presence, hence the change.

With the exit of these good people Elon College as a village will lose one of the most loyal, patronizing, respected and excellent families of the section. We note their departure with reluctance.

Mr. J. C. Paisley spent Sunday last with parents near Greensboro.

Quite a number of ministers took advantage of the Summerbell Institute and visited the college during the past few days. The gathering was a distinct success in every particular.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Johnson, of Cardenas, N. C., were pleasantly callers in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Harper, for the week-end. Mr. Johnson drove through in his car and was most liberal with it during his sojourn here. He leaves a host of happy ones behind who

JUNIOR—SENIOR DEBATE.

The first annual debate between the Junior and Senior classes occurred in the college chapel on Saturday evening, Nov. 30, on the query: Resolved, that the aim of education is mental enlargement rather than industrial training.

The first speaker on the affirmative was Mr. A. L. Hook, Winchester, Va. Mr. Hook dealt with the problem of education that there was a period when man had to have mental power to do the general working for the whole world, and that such branches of learning as History, Latin, Mathematics, Psychology and a various number of other subjects must be for the soul's own special pleasure and privilege from the standpoint of mental enlargement rather than the line of industrial training. He gave us a brief history of how the advancement of such branches of learning were coming to be the leading powers of the all around man.

Mr. G. G. Holland, of Holland, Va., was the first speaker for the defence of the question and he argued that the question of industrial training is coming more and more to the man's own special privilege.

Those acquainted with our social side of our modern industrialism, will readily comprehend the tremendous power for good this scheme will exert in the uplift of the morals of the working people and of the community at large. Conditions are not constant, opinions are changing. Our educational horizon is broadening.

This country today is awakening far and wide to the uplift of the man's special work as other nations are. The progress in which each plays an important part is more attentive toward the industrial side rather than the mental side of life.

Modern life has not yet accommodated itself to the great revolution of our industrial system. Nothing but a thorough industrial education and understanding of economical interest of society can lead to the necessary union between labor and capital and give peace and prosperity to the present disturbed and suffering industrial world.

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