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THE CLIO ENTERTAIN

VARIED AND INTERESTING PROGRAM PRESENTED ON
THE 22nd OF FEBRUARY.

February 22nd was duly celebrated at the College, socially as well as intellectually; socially because of the visitors and suspension of rules, and intellectually because of the literary entertainment given by the Clio Society on the evening of this most interesting date.

This entertainment, the best given by the society in years, consisted of music, oratory, jokes and debate, all of which were delivered satisfactorily.

C. B. Riddle opened the program with an oration on "Co-operation and Modern Life," which was a unique production and dealt with ideas aside from the usual cut-and-dried list of oratorical subjects. Original thought made his production interesting.

Second appeared W. T. Dowd in an original imaginary farming escapade. Mr. Dowd's selection was distinctly his own, which made it not only attractive but a pleasant departure from past customs. After considerable difficulty in proving false certain government reports and exploding all previous theories as to the necessity of hot houses, baked earth, assorted seeds, etc., we joined him and his party consisting of the Hon. Mr. Socrates Rainey, a clothes basket and an alarm clock, to set out for the island farm located in midstream of the James river near Richmond, Va. What happened on the island we shall not relate, lest we should set at naught this modern movement of "Back to the farm," but suffice it to say those concerned in this expedition have, according to Mr. Dowd, decided to pay grocery bills from another source than farming. Before taking his seat Mr. Dowd introduced his farm colleague, Mr. Rainey, who spoke wittily and winsomely on woman and her relations to man. Mr. Rainey gave his jokes in an off-hand, interesting way. This "Humorous", unlike the usual such number, was absolutely free from personal reference,

which made it all the more elegant and enjoyable.

Mr. Woodward with his tenor solo followed Mr. Rainey. The vocal number was well rendered, as the giver is possessed of a voice of rare carrying power and resonance. This number was enjoyed.

Then the debate, which was at once heavy, interesting and instructive. Each of the four speakers spoke well on Resolved, that the Panama canal be open to ships of all nations on equal terms.

W. C. Morgan, first on the affirmative, was the only speaker of the evening to blunder in his discourse. Prompting was necessary in this case. Messrs. E. T. and W. J. Cotten and J. L. Farmer, each came forward with a grip on themselves and the situation which secured and held the attention of their hearers. Mr. Farmer deserved better support from his colleague. His appearance was satisfactory. Mr. W. J. Cotten maintained his usual dignity of poise throughout and formed no little of the defense which enabled the negative to win the question. Mr. E. T. Cotten spoke clearly, distinctly and from an oratorical point of view his, in the minds of the Committee, was the best speech of the evening, as the orator's medal given by the society each year to that speaker who shall, on the occasion of the annual entertainment, deliver the best speech, all things considered, whether he be debater or orator, was awarded him.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch, D. D., of Greensboro, Hon. A. Wayland Cooke, also of Greensboro, and Rev. A. B. Kendall, of Burlington, served as judges.

Following the debate Mr. Victor P. Heatwole, of Dayton, Va., gave "The Charmer," a beautiful triple-tongued polka cornet solo of the fantastic yet artistic type. His tonguing was excellent, especially the triple, and his tones were good. After a generous round of applause he

played as an encore "Drink to me only with Thine Eyes."

This program, as a whole, was the most successful and interesting this society has given in at least four years and those who made it possible may feel amply repaid for their efforts.

Epitomes of the several speeches follow.

Mr. F. F. Myrick, president of the occasion, said:



W. J. COTTEN.

This age in which we live marks the power of public opinion as never before. We see its effect in all the public realms. The political world, perhaps, shows it most plainly. Once in the history of our country, the constitution was the true and only guide, by which public affairs were directed. As time has elapsed, public opinion has drifted away from set rules and today it is regarded as the correct means of regulating state and national affairs.

The man who has an opinion of his own, and is able to express it, is the man the literary and business world needs. In the eyes of the public he is the leader. He is authority in literary and business principles; he is the director who points out the way to success; he is the mountain among the hills.

To prepare men for such leadership the Clio Society is ever striving. It endeavors to lift young men from a lower to a higher circle of literary training, that they may be able to cope with the best trained men; that they may be able to help lift the burdens from the lowly and distressed; and that they may be influential in all the business circles of life.

It is our custom each year to present to the public in this auditorium a sample program of our literary work. The twenty-second of February is our chosen date for the occasion. We choose it because it is memorable in the history of our country. We celebrate it because it marks the birth of the father of our land, and first president.

So we come this evening, not with men who have had years of training in literary work, to entertain you, but with young men who are putting forth great efforts to attain such an end that they may ever hold high the banner of the Clio Society.

We extend to you a hearty welcome at this glad hour. The program which we are about to present is of such nature as we have hoped will be very interesting to you. The preliminaries consist of music, stories, and display of merriment and wit, while the oration and the debate are based upon sound principles and questions of national importance. It is our



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purpose to seek after and discuss the most vital questions of the day, not only on occasions like this, but in our hall as well.

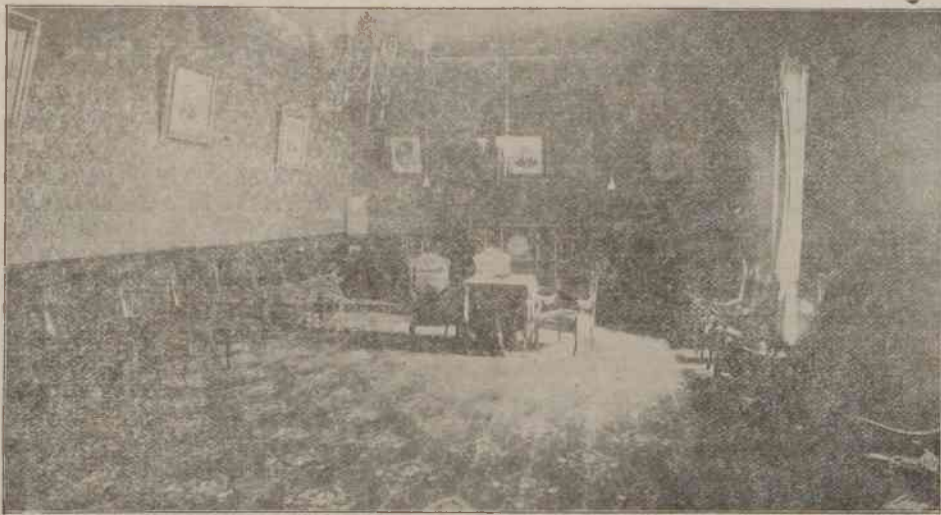
May whatever we shall present make the evening pleasant indeed for one and all.

Again we extend to you a hearty welcome, both to our entertainment and to our hall after the entertainment and to the other society halls which this evening are opened in our honor and to receive you, our guests.

THE ORATION.

Co-operation and Modern Life.

Was delivered by Mr. C. B. Riddle, of Lee County. His subject had to deal Continued on page 3.



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