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FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1913.

was thronged with tremendous crowds. It was a gala day, fifty-two receiving degrees, diplomas and certificates, the largest cluster of such fortunates so far in Elon's twenty-three years of achievement. Promptly at 10:30 A. M. the baccalaureate procession filed into the Auditorium and the formal graduation exercises began with prayer by Rev. W. G. Clements.

The audience was welcomed by the salutatorian, Miss Nellie Sue Fleming, High Point, N. C. Four essays and two orations then followed. The first was an oration by Mr. Ben Joe Earp, Milton, N. C., who discussed football as a sport, the so-called typical American sport, using as his subject "Chasing the Pig Skin." Mr. Earp was a football player during part of his College days, and declaimed boldly against the brutality of this pastime.

Mr. A. L. Hook chose for his theme "Hidden Powers," and spoke of the great forces as silent forces, whose powers could not be seen, but which could not be resisted.

Miss Pearl Tuck paid a glowing tribute to indomitable will-power, thinking that all things must eventually yield to him who thinks he can. Her subject was "He Can Who Thinks He Can."

Miss Virgie Beale spoke of character as the basis of success and the only guarantee of real attainment, picturing life as a building and character that principle in it which made it "The Living Structure."

Miss Viola Frazier congratulated those who have had experience in the school of hard knocks and saw a joy as well as a discipline in "The Ministry of Adversity."

Miss Pearl Fogleman made a hit with her militant utterance respecting the treatment of women at the hands of the gallant sex. She declared that women were the mothers of men and their strength as men was due to their mothers' characters and personal training and that it was folly to regard women as man's inferiors. She was warmly applauded when she concluded her remarks by asserting that "Woman-

hood, the badge of inferiority, shall soon be changed into womanhood, the badge of excellency in every line, and the sons of women will see that it shall be even so."

Miss Virgie Beale, valedictorian of the class, next said farewell to the audience and the part of the class in the Commencement exercises was over. As soon as she was seated President Harper delivered the diplomas and certificates to the graduates, prefacing his presentation of them with words of admonition as to the place College men and women should occupy in the leadership of modern life, as follows:

Bachelor of Arts

Viola E. Frazier, Elkton, Va.; Alonzo Lohr Hook, Winchester, Va.; Charles Titus Rand, McCullers, N. C.; Walton Staley Wicker, Elon College, N. C.

Bachelor of Philosophy

Alonzo Tomlinson Banks, Henderson, N. C.; Janie Lee Beal, Handsom, Va.; Virginia Estelle Beale, Windsor, Va.; Ben Joe Earp, Semora, N. C.; Nellie Sue Fleming, High Point, N. C.; Pearl Fogleman, Burlington, N. C.; Lillian Pearl Tuck, Virgilina, Va.

Licentiate of Instruction

Pearl McKee Jones, Holly Springs, N. C.; Lillian Belle Johnson, Cardenas, N. C.; Isaac James Kellum, Kellum, N. C.; Myrtie Alice Lawrence, Seagrove, N. C.; Doctor Travis Surratt, Jackson Hill, N. C.

Master of Arts

Rufus C. Cox, A. B., Liberty, N. C.; W. D. Harward, A. B., Newport News, Va.; John Lee Johnson, A. B., Cardenas, N. C.; C. C. Jones, A. B., Wakefield, Va.; Charles Everett Newman, A. B., Henderson, N. C.; Mrs. L. E. Smith, Ph. B., Princeton, N. J.; H. E. Truitt, Ph. B., Defiance, Ohio.

Diplomas in Music

Orlando M Barnes, Greensboro, N. C., voice; Maibelle Claire Pritchette, Altamahaw, N. C., piano.

Certificates in Music

Ethel Crews Barrett, Dayton, Ohio, piano; Annie Corinne Bagwell, Durham, N. C., voice; Pearl Fogleman, Burlington, N. C., voice; Beatrice Mason, Nashville, N. C., piano; Minnie Reidel, Holland, Va., piano; Hattie Belle Smith, Elon College, N. C., piano.

Certificates in Fine Arts

Annie Corinne Bagwell, Durham, N. C.; Thelma Clymer, Greensboro, N. C.; Naomi Joyner, Courtland, Va.; Helen Lawrence, Holland, Va.; Larlie May Taylor, Milton, N. C.; Annie Laurie Wicker, Elon College, N. C.; Mary Elizabeth Williams, Suffolk, Virginia.

Certificates in Expression

Nellie Sue Fleming, High Point, N. C.; Viola E. Frazier, Elkton, Va.; Mary Elizabeth Williams, Suffolk, Va.

Certificates in Commercial Department

Henderson Cole, Jr., Wilmington, N. C.; James P. Hales, Kenly, N. C.; W. Harvey Pitman, Kenly, N. C.; Lester V. Smith, McLeansville, N. C.; Raymond W. Southerland, Watha, N. C.; Langston L. Wilson, Mebane, N. C.

Honorary degrees were conferred as follows:

Prof. Edward Myers, Dean of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, to be Doctor of Literature.

Rev. J. W. Harrell, Portsmouth, Va., to be Doctor of Divinity.

Rev. I. W. Johnson, Suffolk, Va., to be Doctor of Divinity.

Rev. A. B. Kendall, Burlington, N. C., to be Doctor of Divinity.

Rev. C. H. Rowland, Franklin, Va., to be Doctor of Divinity.

Rev. J. W. Wellons, Elon College, N. C., the oldest living minister in the Christian Church, South, and who has done more perhaps to infuse the principles of his denomination than any man among us.

Dr. C. E. Forlines, Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Western Maryland Theological Seminary, was recognized and delivered the Bibles to the graduating class. Dr. Forlines deplored the tendency in many sections to deny the people the right to the Bible in connection with their education and declared that no college could afford to do anything derogatory of the Book of books. He was of the opinion that few men become great who did not get their inspiration from the inspiring record of Holy Writ.

Dr. L. F. Johnson, Raleigh, N. C., in the absence of Col. S. L. Adams, Cluster Springs, Va., giver of the Stanford Orator's medal, presented the five medals which it is the custom of the College to award through its friends who have provided the foundation of them, as follows: Long Scholarship to Miss Virgie Beale, Windsor, Va.; the Morrow Memorial Thesis to W. S. Wicker, Elon College, N. C.; the Moffitt Essayist's to Miss Viola E. Frazier, Elkton, Va.; and the Stanford Orator's to Rev. Ben Joe Earp, Milton, N. C.

The Art Exhibit was given this time in the Young Ladies' Gymnasium on the second floor of the annex of the West Dormitory and occurred at 3 P. M. Following came the reunions of the Psiphelian, Philologian, and Clio Literary Societies in their respective halls. These reunions were characterized by the usual wit and humor and good fellow feeling.

The College Band, besides furnishing music for the graduating exercises this morning, also gave a concert on the campus at 6:30 o'clock, occupying the traditional place for this function, the College Band Stand.

Mrs. J. F. Ruebush, Dayton, Va., of the class of 1901, at eight o'clock charmed her audience in a discussion from the woman's standpoint of "Universal Democracy." Mrs. Ruebush said nothing about woman suffrage in her address and it could not be inferred whether she believes in it or not. She discussed the development of democracy in every department of life and that with its spread had come happiness and fulness of life for the masses as well as for the classes.

In concluding her magnificent address Mrs. Ruebush said:

"Democracy is more than a form of government. It is a spirit of life. It is faith that all men are brothers. It is therefore faith in community of interest. It is that faith the Father has given to his children all things richly to enjoy. It is religion of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is education of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is wealth of the people, by the people,

and for the people. It is government of the people, by the people, and for the people. In brief, it is the sovereignty of the people in religion, education, and industry no less than in government.

"And in the light of this coming World-wide Democracy, we look forward to the time when machinery will do the world's drudgery and man will cease to be a drudge; when he will have time for other things than labor; when the conditions of labor will be sanitary and generally comfortable; when he will share in the profits of his labor; when there will be none so rich that they will have to spend their money on monkey dinners, jeweled collars for poodles, and gold and powdered footmen; where none will be so poor that they can get no work to do; when all shall recognize the truth that an injury to one is an injury to all, that a benefit to one is a benefit to all. Then shall we approach the realization of Tennyson's fine phrase, the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World."

The Alumni Banquet occurred in the College Dining Hall immediately following Mrs. Ruebush's address. Over this she gracefully presided as toastmaster, the banquet going through six courses and continuing until 2 A. M. Many toasts were responded to.

Rev. H. E. Rountree, Greensboro, N. C., with Prof. A. Lucius Lincoln, Richmond, Va., as alternate, is to deliver the Alumni Oration in June, 1914.

PROF. W. P. LAWRENCE HONORED

Dean of Men, Prof. W. P. Lawrence of the College Faculty has just received notice of the conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature upon himself by Defiance College, Ohio. Prof. Lawrence is head of the English Department here and is widely known as an authority in English Literature.

AN IDEAL COLLEGE

Visitors to Elon College, N. C., are commonly heard to remark that Nature has done more to make Elon College beautiful than any other College campus in the South. There is a deal of truth in this as one would readily appreciate were he to view the magnificent campus of twenty-five acres covered with its wealth of stalwart oaks and hickories. But to the bounty of Nature have been added many other features that make Elon College not only one of the most beautiful, but also one of the most wholesome educational institutions in the South.

Beautiful winding walks and promenades and ornamental shrubbery help to make the charm of the campus complete. A massive administration building, of model appointment, magnificent dormitories, equipped with steam heat, electric lights, baths and sewerage, two unexcelled gymnasiums, and the cooperative boarding facilities for both men and women reducing the cost of living to a minimum, mark the College as one of the best.

Elon College is located to ideal advantage, combining all the advantages of city life, with none of its disadvantages, and parents desiring safety in a College for their sons or daughters, as well as high