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PRESIDENT HARPER STIRS STUDENTS WITH OPENING ADDRESS SUNDAY MORNING

The Uplifting Power of Christ is Theme of Deeply Spiritual Subject—Declares Millennium is Being Born Before Our Eyes

In delivering his opening address to the student body Sunday morning, President Harper discussed "Jesus as a Leader."

"The leadership of Jesus," he said, "is unique in the world. Born amid the cattle, cradled in the trough from which they ate, with never a place of His own during all His life on which He could lay His head, crucified with thieves, buried in a tomb belonging to another, this Man cast out and rejected by the rulers of the day has become the dating point for all history. But the uniqueness of His leadership is not discerned in these facts, marvelous as they are. He gave the world a new idea of leadership, a new viewpoint from which to estimate men and movements, a new spirit in which to live, a new power to rise to closer fellowship with God and brothermen."

"Jesus was no scientist and yet He understood the interpretation of science as no scientist ever did. He saw to the heart of things and interpreted the facts of life in terms of His Father's will and purpose. To Darwin life was competition, a struggle between the strong and the weak, with the fittest surviving. To Malthus the increase of population could be relieved of the direful consequences of overcrowding only by disease, pestilence, famine, and wars. The sad thing about these scientists, one of them a preacher, is that they arrived at their irrational and distressing conclusions after Jesus had given us the proper interpretation of the facts of life that drove them to folly and madness. No one can doubt that biologically the strong have survived the weak and that disease and war have on occasions thinned out the population of the world. On these points Christ agrees with Darwin and Malthus. But these men understood these facts which they had observed to be the inevitable and unchanging laws of life. Jesus knew better. He knew His Father's design in the creation of man. He knew that the weak as well as the strong are equally dear to God and that there is no respect of persons with Him. In terms of that knowledge He interpreted life not as competition but as brotherhood, and the ills of life not as inevitable consequences, but as the denial of that brotherhood, and the goal of life not as the survival of the fittest, but as the uplift of all. 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,' He declared, 'will draw all men unto me.'"

"He was lifted up, lifted up on the cross, and He has been drawing men to Himself ever since. As the Leader of men, He lifts them up to higher places. We who have imbibed His spirit and adopted His viewpoint look upon the inequalities of life as rebukes to our own sinfulness and are driven by the sense of brotherhood striving within our hearts to remove those inequalities by lifting our brothers out of them and up to our standard and vantage-ground of life. And most marvelous of all, He has imparted to us and will to all the power to achieve the things our hearts assure us are right and which they intend to undertake."

"The problem of suffering has always bedeviled the human heart, and appalled the loved ones have suffered. Why there be suffering and sorrow in 'It is the process by which the survive,' says Darwin. 'It is the

method by which the surplus in population is eliminated,' answers Brother Malthus. 'It is the opportunity to prove our brotherhood and the challenge to men to make progress by removing the causes of sorrow and suffering,' teaches the Christ. And we instinctively know He is right. The same facts, but a new insight. The same facts, but a new interpretation. The same facts, but a new spur to progress. The same facts, but those very facts become the opportunity to achieve the goal of humanity, the lifting up of the weak to the level of the strong and the bringing of all mankind into the high estate of citizenship in the democracy of God. Christ has been lifted up, and behold the miracles He has during these twenty centuries wrought in the lives and organizations and attitudes of men!"

"It would therefore be more appropriate to call Jesus the lifter of men and all that ministers to man," the speaker urged, and then he showed how Jesus had lifted women, children, the laboring man, prisoners, medical science, scholarship, governments, and the individual soul that trusts Him."

In concluding President Harper declared that "the millennium is yet to come, but it is coming. It is being born before our very eyes and we are privileged to hasten its full realization among men. The millennium is not something to be dropped down out of the sky upon men. It is a state of bliss possible of realization through the lifting power of Christ, assisted by His followers on the earth. Just as He has lifted women and children from their low estate to where they now are, with larger promise for the future; just as He has touched the lives of the poor and the prisoner with hope and cheer and lifted them up; just as He has created for uplift to men medical science and scholarship; just as He has touched the individual man with newness of life and power and everywhere made him a king and priest unto God; just so He is able to touch all of life and every institution that ministers to life, and the social order in even its remotest and most minute details, and lift them up to Himself."

STUDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL RECEPTION GIVEN BY FACULTY

First Event of Social Season Warms the Hearts of New Students—Many Alumni Present

The Annual Faculty Reception was held in West Dormitory Saturday evening, September 10th. To assist in the business of getting acquainted, each student had displayed a card bearing his or her name.

Members of the faculty lined themselves up in the reception hall preparatory to receiving the students. Dr. Harper with his usual broad smile headed the line. The young women of the college arranged themselves in a single file which began in the hall of the second floor and extended down the stair

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NEW ORGANIZATION TO FACILITATE RELIGIOUS WORK

Correlation of Religious Organizations to Create Efficiency

The Religious Activities Organization which is now being planned for the College is one of the latest ventures in the religious world. The scheme was born with the Religious Education Department of the College late last spring. The plan proposes the coordination and correlation of all the activities of the college in such a way as to facilitate their cooperation and to prevent duplication of effort.

Under the present plan all the organizations will meet at the same time each Sunday evening. To make this possible the Church has kindly consented to eliminate the Sunday evening service. The plan provides further that there shall be a meeting of the entire Religious Activities Organization on the third Sunday evening of each month.

Each of the organizations now existing in the College will retain its identity and conduct its business through its cabinet which will be a department of the new organization.

Any of the young men who belong to the prayer groups will be counted as Y. M. C. A. members and reported to National Organization as such. The same will be true of the Y. W. C. A., and Christian Endeavor. As at present worked out by the group meeting committee there will be five prayer groups two for Christian Endeavor; two for the Y. W. C. A., and one for the Y. M. C. A. Since no one of the group meetings can accommodate more than forty members, provision has been made for a sixth group if needed.

Under the present plans the organization proposes to care for the social life of the students through its social committee. An estimate of all the expenditures of all the departments of the new organization has been secured and made into a budget in such a way that each student may know just what he is doing when subscribing to this budget. It is the purpose of the budget Committee to ask no student to make more than one pledge. In that pledge will be included all of his obligations to every religious organization in the college.

The College Sunday school will become the teaching agency of the new organization, and through it study courses for the various departments will be arranged. It is believed that such a plan will solve a problem that has so long confronted the organizations, and meet the requirements for efficient leadership in each of the departments.

Due to the conservation of time and energy heretofore expended in duplicated effort, it is believed that a definite program of community service can be put into effect, and a committee on Community Service is now working such a program. A week day Religious Education School at the graded school for the children of the town has already been begun. Plans for supervised play, entertainments for the Orphanage children, and some form of definite service among the colored people of the town will be other features of the Community Service program.

On September 9, in accordance with the constitution, the cabinets of the various activities of the college met and elected the following officers for the Religious Activities Organization: W. E. Moon, President of the Christian Endeavor was chosen president of the

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MARRIAGE CEREMONY IS WITNESSED BY STUDENTS IN COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

The Most Unique Event in Annals of Student Life Occurs When Marriage Ceremony Takes Place of Morning Chapel Service

The most unique event in the annals of student life at Elon occurred Wednesday morning, September 14, at 10:30 o'clock, when the marriage of Miss Leona Stockard Hinton to Mr. James Farley Reynolds took the place of the regular morning chapel exercise.

The college chapel was tastefully decorated. The colors used were white and green. The pulpit and rear of the room were a mass of white roses and asters, ferns, palms and smilax.

Professor Edwin M. Betts presided at the pipe organ, and before the ceremony Professor Floyd G. Alexander sang "I Love Thee", by Gregg, after which Mrs. Catharine Sturm, dressed in lovely pink georgette, wearing a corsage of white asters, rendered a violin solo, "Salut d'Amour", by Elgar.

For the wedding march the processional from Lohengrin and wedding march from "Midsummer Night's Dream", by Mendelssohn for recessional, and "Chant d'Amour", by Grieg were softly played during the ceremony. The ring ceremony was used by Dr. N. G. Newman, pastor of the bride.

The bridal party entered the chapel as follows: The ushers, Warren McCulloch, of Greensboro, Victor P. Hawthole, of Oak Ridge, N. G. Newman, of Elon College, E. A. Hauser, of Greensboro, entered the chapel from opposite aisles and formed themselves in groups of two on each side of the steps. Following them came the bridesmaids and groomsmen in couples entering from opposite aisles and meeting and crossing in front of the altar, forming a

pyramid on the steps of the pulpit. The bridesmaids carried lovely bouquets of white asters and fern. The ushers and groomsmen wore white boutonnieres from the bride's bouquet. The attendants entered as follows: Miss Nina Clendenin, of Washington, D. C., in white organdie, with hat to match, with Luther L. Gobbel, of Greensboro; Miss Eunime Stockard, of Raleigh, in white organdy with hat to match, with Paul V. Hinton, of Greensboro, and also brother of the bride. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Mabel Hinton, sister of the bride, charmingly dressed in Nile green organdy, made basque effect with green poke bonnet to match and carrying an armful of white rose buds.

The little flower girls were Eleanor Doris Brown and Sarah Virginia Hook, who were daintily clad in fluted dresses of white crepe de chine with tulle trimmings and carrying baskets of Bride roses. Immediately preceding the bride came dainty little Catherine Dickey exquisitely dressed in white fluted crepe de chine, carrying the ring in the heart of a full blown rose.

The bride entered with her father, who gave her in marriage.

The bride, a charming brunette, was lovely in a midnight blue walking dress of mauve pique with which she wore a navy blue hat, with gray flowing veil, sandal strap patent leather pumps, infold with gray, also gray gloves and lovely gray squirrel choker. She carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses, showered with rose buds. The bride was met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, Ben Dixon MacNeil, of Raleigh.

PRACTICAL WORK IN TEACHER TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

Educational Department Offers Practical Experience Under Supervisor

A Course in Directed Teaching in the Elon College Graded School

As announced last spring, a course is being offered in directed teaching for the students in Education, in the Elon Graded School. This course is open to Seniors in the Department of Education who are expecting to enter the teaching profession, and to Juniors in the same Department who are not expecting to return for their senior year.

The work of the students will be supervised by the staff of supervising teachers employed by the Graded School Board: Mr. C. Humphreys, former Superintendent of Schools at Haw River, N. C., graduate student at Columbia University, Miss A. E. Tripp of the North Carolina College for Women, Miss Ruth McDow of Winston College, South Carolina, and Miss L. Jackson of Lewisburg Seminary.

At the present time fifteen students are enrolled for this course taking work in teaching and observation in the High School Department. Commencing with the second week of the school year,

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NEW BOOK BY DR. HARPER SOON TO COME FROM PRESS

"The Church in the Present Crisis" is Subject of Fourth Book in Series

The Fleming H. Revell Co., the well known publishers of religious books, have just announced a fourth volume in "The New Trunk Series", of which Elon's president is the author. The title of this new volume is "The Church in the Present Crisis."

The book itself will be placed on the market in the early fall and Maroon and Gold will then review it at length. We shall content ourselves now in quoting a paragraph from the introduction to the book which has been written by the Rev. Peter Ainslie of Baltimore, so favorably known to Elon. Dr. Ainslie says, "President Harper, has honored me in asking me to stand in the gateway of this volume, opening its pages to multitudes for their perusal. He needs no one to introduce him, however, for his former volumes have taken a permanent place in the thought of our time and the best of all in its thorough and reverential discussion of many subjects having to do with our national life and spiritual possibilities. "This stirring volume will give that larger understanding of the

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