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A GREAT COMMENCEMENT

The late commencement was one of the greatest in the history of the college. We feel that we would be safe in saying that it was the most outstanding close to which any year of the college has come. This is not due so much to the fact that it was held under trying conditions, but it is true because of the high notes which were struck by the commencement speakers.

It is a great day in the history of any nation when a nation's institutions of higher learning openly stand for the best things in life. From the colleges come the leaders for the nation, and they lead as they are taught. Let the teaching lead where it will.

It is notable that Governor Trinkle of the Old Dominion declared, in his address, that "Education must be wrapped around with religion." These things coming from the lips of one of the great leaders of the day are indicative of the tendency of American thinking.

The Alumni Address delivered by Rev. Stanley C. Harrell was another forward looking utterance. It was in full accord with the words of the governor of Virginia, and these men were speaking the thoughts of the best of American leaders.

It was a significant commencement season through which we have just passed, and presages for our college a larger usefulness in the day now so brightly dawning. Elon has ever stood for the larger things and has sought to give a full education, but with this commencement season she has set herself to the task with renewed faith in the work she is undertaking to do. It is these things which lend distinction to the commencement just passed.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Seven thousand five hundred young people were graduated from North Carolina high schools this spring. These young people are ready to cross the threshold of some college. Many of them will register somewhere this fall. A larger percent will do this than would have done so five years ago, but all too few of them will do it now.

Higher education used to be exclusive; today it is no longer so. If they will, there is a chance for every one of these five thousand young people to enter college somewhere.

The time was when a college education was not imperative, but today it is. Without a college education a young man or woman is seriously handicapped; life is complex, and daily it grows more so. The lack of higher education is a serious handicap no matter what field is entered, and no young man or woman desiring to achieve anything worthwhile can afford to neglect the preparation which our colleges offer.

Financial gain and service are the two objects either one or both

of which dominate all work. Lack of a college education makes the attainment of either object difficult.

A young man may succeed without a college education. Many do, but somewhere there is something missing, and his attainments are not equal to his possibilities.

All of us want to live the largest possible lives, and to do it we must properly equip ourselves. The world makes large demands upon all who call upon it to surrender its best, and none of us would care to content ourselves with less than the best, and none of us would wish to be found unequal to the task imposed. Higher education prepares for tasks, and opens larger avenues for service. It makes possible the living of a full life. Higher education, therefore, merits the careful consideration of every young person. The college trained man or woman has more than an equal chance to achieve and to serve.

The world needs producers. It has consumers enough already, and a college education brings with it a large responsibility. It makes the utilization of opportunities imperative, and requires that we live up to our powers and possibilities. A college education demands that we achieve not so much for ourselves, but for the whole of mankind. It gives a larger outlook on the world, and invites us to participate in the larger interests.

Higher education makes production more productive; service more serviceable, and life more livable. In this age of stress no high school graduate can afford to remain a high school graduate. The world needs better trained leaders, and every high school graduate has the opportunity of becoming one of these leaders.

S. C. HARRELL DELIVERS GREAT ALUMNI ADDRESS

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and walk in the ways of righteousness that they would prosper."

"There are no reasonable grounds upon which to question the claim that the United States is today one of the richest, and one of the most influential nations of the world. But, what made the United States the power that it is today? It owes its power, its wealth, its industry, and its influence to the power of religion which controlled the hearts of the men and women who laid the foundations of our nation. Why has North Carolina outstripped her sister states in the race for agricultural honors? The North Carolina are cultivated by the sons of the men who came to this country seeking religious freedom and God.

"These things that the political scientist holds up to us as the producers of wealth are but tools. Their value as producers depends upon the character, upon the spirit, upon the purpose, or call it by its true name, upon the religion of the men and women that use them.

"If time permitted we might go on piling up evidence of the verity of the law that righteousness is the true producer of riches. But we venture the prediction that just as surely as there has never been formulated a code of civil law that guaranteed true liberty and justice to humanity, that was not founded upon the Decalogue; just so surely will there be formulated no true science of political economy, but that it will have for its foundation the law, that righteousness is the true producer of wealth. Nor will any community, people, or nation enjoy the full measure of material prosperity, but a divine providence intended for them to enjoy, until their conduct, policies, and practices, are motivated and controlled by the principles of righteousness laid down in the religion of Almighty God as given in the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ."

Dr. W. P. Lawrence and family are spending a week in Franklin, Virginia, with Dr. C. H. Rowland.



DR. W. T. WALTERS

Chairman of the Board of Religious Education, under whose supervision the Chautauqua and School of Methods is to be conducted.

CHAUTAQUA AND SCHOOL OF METHODS TO BE HELD HERE

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The first session of the Chautauqua was held in 1914, and for the five years following met there in the Baptist tabernacle. The 1920 session was not held on account of economic conditions, and the 1921 session was held at Ocean View.

At the meeting of the Southern Christian Convention at Suffolk in 1922, the Chautauqua and School of Methods was placed in charge of the Board of Religious Education, and after a conference with the college faculty it was decided to hold the 1922 session at Elon College August 28 to September 3. The initial session held here convinced leaders that Elon was the logical place for the gathering, and accordingly plans were made for a bigger and better session in 1923.

Rev. W. T. Walters, D. D., of Richmond, Va., is chairman of the Board of Religious Education, and chairman of the program committee. Dr. Walters is an alumnus of Elon College, having graduated in the class of 1903. He is intensely interested in work with young people, and as well as being chairman of this work in the South, he is a member of the Board of Christian Education of the General Convention of the Christian church.

Other members of the program committee are Mr. C. H. Stephenson, of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Miss Lucy M. Eldredge, of Richmond. Mr. Stephenson is a business man of Raleigh and president of the North Carolina Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Convention. Miss Eldredge has been for two years Field Secretary of Religious Education of the Southern Convention. Other members of the Board of Religious Education who are vitally interested in the Chautauqua are Mrs. J. W. Patton, of Elon College; Rev. J. F. Morgan, of Winchester, Va.; P. T. Hines, of Raleigh; E. T. Holland, of Holland, Va., and Rev. R. F. Brown, formerly of Columbus, Ga.

The program of the Chautauqua includes mornings devoted to class and lecture work, afternoons of recreation, and evening programs of music and inspirational lectures. The opening session on July 30 will be Burlington Night, when the Burlington choir will have charge of the music.

Each morning Rev. C. H. Rowland, of Franklin, Va., will have charge of the morning devotions, from 8:30 to 9 o'clock. Dr. Rowland will make these moments a time of great spiritual uplift.

A variety of classes will be offered during the morning, including the following: Children's Work, by Miss Emma G. Lemen, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Young People's Work, by Hermon Eldredge, of Erie, Pa.; Sunday School Organization and Administration, by Rev. E. B. Flory, of Norfolk, Va.; Social Service, by Dr. W. A. Harper, of Elon College; Pastors' Work, by Dr. W. W.

Staley, of Suffolk, Va.; Content Course for Young People, by Rev. James Lightbourne, of Holland, Va.; Missions, Mrs. M. T. Morrill, Defiance, Ohio; Stewardship, by Dr. J. O. Atkinson, of Elon College; Christian Endeavor, by Rev. J. F. Morgan, of Winchester, Va.

Lectures include three on "Evangelism" by Dr. Roy Helfenstein, of Dover, Del., and lectures by Rev. John G. Truitt, Dr. I. W. Johnson, Rev. W. D. Parry, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, and others. Music will be led by Rev. J. F. Morgan, who will have charge of the evening music hour on the campus, the "Happy Hour" of the day. Miss Pattie Coghill will have charge of the afternoon recreation program. Miss Lucy M. Eldredge will have charge of the Daily Vacation Bible School for children two hours each morning, assisted by an able corps of young people.

Every church should be represented by one or more representatives. Every pastor should endeavor to be there. The committee is especially anxious that numbers of the young people of the church will attend the Chautauqua this year that they may come to know Elon better, as they are preparing for more efficient service to their local churches.

LARGE COMMENCEMENT AUDIENCE HEARS VIRGINIA GOVERNOR ON EDUCATION

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had toward education today compared with that of a few years ago, and urged individual responsibility on the part of the citizens in seeing that adequate educational opportunities were offered the boys and girls of this country. He also spoke highly of the influence the denominational college has in our nation.

President Harper expressed appreciation on the part of the college and citizens of North Carolina at having his excellency's presence in this state and at the Elon commencement.

It was announced at this time that honorary degrees had been conferred as follows: on Dean E. L. Lawson, Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, the Lit. D. degree, on Captain Evan W. Scott, Chief of the Navy Chaplains, Washington, D. C., the D. D. degree, on Col. John T. Axton, Chief of the Army Chaplains, Washington, D. C., the D. D. degree, and on Dr. J. Rainey Parker, Burlington, N. C., the Lit. D. degree.

Winners of the medals and scholarships were also announced at this time, Herbert Scholz, Jr., Macon, N. C., winning the J. W. Wellons Scholarship medal presented by General Julian S. Carr; Mary Swanson, the Morrow Thesis medal; H. L. Scott, Richmond, Va., the Stanford Orator's medal given by Col. S. L. Adams; Pattie Lee Coghill, Henderson, N. C., the Moffitt Essayist medal, and Alice Weber the J. J. Summerbell scholarship.

Bibles were presented to the members of the Senior Class by Dr. E. L. Moffitt, Asheboro, N. C., a member of the Board of Trustees and former president of the college. The concluding item was the valedictory address by H. Scholz, Jr., who bade his classmates and faculty a farewell.

Those to receive the degrees were: Bachelor of Arts—Thomas Harold Andrews, Elon College, N. C.; Lloyd Jones Bray, Charlotte, N. C.; Grady Anderson Brown, Saxapahaw, N. C.; Elise Virginia Caddell, Elon College, N. C.; Pattie Lee Coghill, Henderson, N. C.; Bertie Doyle Crutchfield, Effand, N. C.; Marion Ivey Crutchfield, Effand, N. C.; Stuart Columbus Deskins, Danville, Ky.; Minnie Laura Edge, Buffalo, Ala.; Esther Emily Farmer, News Ferry, Va.; John Melvin Farmer, News Ferry, Va.; John McGee Fix, Burlington, N. C.; Irene Goff, Falcon, N. C.; Roy Sylvester Helms, Monroe, N. C.; Margaret Edna Homewood, Graham, N. C.; Lance Wood Jennings, Gibsonville, N. C.; Wade Elmer Mariette, Saxapahaw, N. C.; Margaret Joyner Moring, Durham, N. C.; Robert Van Morris, Denton, N. C.; Lindsey J. Perry, Wingate, N. C.; Annie Laura Phillips, Lumberton, N. C.; Grace McElroy Rainey, Gordonsville, Va.; Markwood Zirkle Rhodes, Dayton, Va.; Herbert Scholz, Jr., Macon, N. C.; Henry Lee Scott, Richmond, Va.; Willie Garland Stoner, Greensboro, N. C.;

Mary Elizabeth Swanson, Wilkesboro, N. C.; George Dewey Underwood, Youngsville, N. C.; Edward Carl White, Waverly, Va.; Matthew James Walter White, Jr., Norfolk, Va.; William Lawton Woodie, Funches, N. C.

Bachelor of Philosophy—Nonnie Laura Bailey, Riverview, Ala.; John Brooks, Burlington, N. C.; Helen Parkerson Cannon, Elon College, N. C.; Mary Nell Holland, Holland, Va.; Lois Maie Holland, Holland, Va.; Victor Manuel Rivera, Porto Rico; Agnes Margaret Whitt, Nathalie, Va.; Worth B. Wicker, Elon College, N. C.

Bachelor of Music—Mildred Louise Kirkland, Elon College, N. C.

Master of Arts—John Virgil Dabbs, Mississippi; Donnie Rich Patton, Elon College, N. C.

E. S. PARKER SPEAKS AT LAYING OF CORNERSTONE

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might be benefited by it in the coming years.

Hon. E. S. Parker then delivered the oration of the afternoon after being introduced by Col. Holt. He gave a brief history of the creating and naming of Alamance county, and its growth, naming Edwin M. Holt as the first manufacturer of the county and the man who started its industrial growth. In passing over the period of the Battle of Alamance he declared: "We know that the first armed resistance to British force—the first real stroke for American liberty was when a group of sturdy patriots, led by Herman Husband, defied England's power, first at Hillsboro, and then fought a real battle in the forks of the two streams known in early history as "Big Alamance" and "Little Alamance," and that battle in history is known as the Battle of Alamance.

He spoke of Col. R. L. Holt as being the descendant of Edwin M. Holt, and how fitting it was that he should be in charge of this corner stone laying. He also spoke of Dr. W. S. Long, now of Chapel Hill, who founded Elon College and thereby brought into reality the dream of the Christian Church for its institution for higher learning. Calling attention to the rapid growth and influence of the college during the past ten years, he gave credit in a large measure to the present head of the institution.

"Alamance," Mr. Parker continued, "and the people of Alamance have in these years learned to appreciate Elon College and what Elon College stands for, and while I don't believe I would have had the courage to have stood before the President, the faculty and the students of Elon College on the morning after that fire that destroyed their building, and have told them that that visitation was a blessing, but I believe I could do so today. They realize what we of Alamance think of them. We of Alamance realize what Elon means to us. It is, it must go forward to greater things. With the material of young lives that comes to it from many states, it builds and builds for the future, and builds upon a rock. It is good that this building shall be here and it is good that it shall be known as the Alamance Building, and it is an honor and a credit to have had some part in putting it here."

Dr. W. W. Staley of the Board of Trustees then expressed to Mr. Parker and Col. Holt the appreciation of the faculty and trustees for the assistance Alamance county had rendered in the time of Elon's crisis.

Without further ceremony the corner stone was put in place and Dr. Thomas F. Opie pronounced the benediction.

SCOTT AND COLCLOUGH WIN SOCIETY MEDALS

On the afternoon of May 28 the representatives of the three societies spoke. The medals were awarded to W. T. Scott, Philologist, and George D. Colclough, Clio. The Pispheleians have no contest, but give their representatives society pins.

There were six speakers, two from each society, and the contest was a spirited one. For the most part the speeches were excellently written, and well delivered.