

FALL FESTIVAL OPENS

THE CENTURY'S GREAT BATTLE

In Analytical Discourse Dr. Potest, of Furman University, Declares That Christianity Has Survived the Shock Brought About by Scientific Revolution, Material Progress, Intellectual, Philosophical, and Other Forces Which Entered the Conflict With Religion—More Than 2,500 at the Opening Service—This is to Be Bryan Day—The Program is in Charge of the Male Quartette This Afternoon.

"The greatest battle of the nineteenth century was that in which religion was the issue, because the greatest battle concerns the greatest matter, and the greatest matter is religion," declared Rev. Dr. E. M. Potest in his lecture last night, formally opening the Fall Festival in the new Auditorium. There were more than 2,500 present, coming particularly from the ranks of the Christian people of the community, all the churches uniting in the meeting. Dr. Potest spoke for nearly an hour. His eloquence was spasmodic, but there was a uniqueness in his enunciation, a grandeur and dignity in his subject which demanded attention.

WORLD'S DECISIVE BATTLES.

In the beginning of his lecture Dr. Potest, for purposes of clearness in definition, set forth several decisive battles in the history of the world. The battle of Marathon 490 B. C., when Greek civilization was saved from being run over by the far East was mentioned. The sweeping of the Saracens across the plains of Africa, and then through the Passes of the Pyramids, beating back the hosts of the false prophet was also enumerated. Another mentioned was the crusade of William the Conqueror when he cut his way to the throne of England by the battle of Hastings. "There are several battles, too," said the speaker, "of the nineteenth century which deserve the name of decisive." The battle of Waterloo, when the allies met Napoleon and whipped him; the battle of 1858, when the Austrians were driven out of Italy; the battle of 1862, when at Gettysburg, the Confederates were driven back; the battle of 1870, when Emperor William and Bismarck rode into the streets of Paris and made possible united Germany, and lastly, the battle of 1905, when the Japs baffled and defeated the oppressing Russians, are all deserving the name of being decisive in the history of the century.

ALL FOR LIBERTY AND UNION.

"These can all be classified into two general groups—battles for liberty and union. Waterloo meant the ending of a career of scourge such as the world had never seen.

SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION.

"The second great force which religion encountered was scientific

FORCE OF PROSPERITY.

"The third great force which entered the conflict was material prosperity coincident with a revival of that literature that says life is not worth living—a pessimistic sort of literature.

VICTORY HARD TO GAIN.

"But the victory has not been easily gained. Some of the noblest minds of the century lost the vision and came to the close of their career enshrouded in the mists of doubt and infidelity. I give you a few examples: Carlyle was a heir of religion. He inherited the faith of orthodox Christianity from his parents. But he tried to make his way through the howling desert of skepticism and he got lost. In the end he denied the existence of a God. George Elliot began life with the creed of a Methodist, and this accounts for the fervor and passion she puts into the mouth of her characters in Adam Bede, but she translated the skeptical Life of Jesus by Strauss and she comes out with this creed: 'God, immortality, beauty—how inconceivable is the first, how unbelievable the second and how preposterous and absurd the third.' Matthew Arnold was the son of the great Rugby school master, who was a devout Christian in his belief. Matthew Arnold succeeded Newman as the great Oxford thinker, and yet we hear him saying: 'I do not think that there is even a low degree of possibility that God thinks. These are examples from literature.



Signor Campanari.

deed, it gained not an easy victory. See the forces against which it struggled, and then let us consider whether it won a decisive battle. These forces are four in number, and the first is the opening of the world. Within the last century it has come to be that there are no undiscovered countries. The people of all the earth have been brought together, and with various languages and various creeds they ran against this thing we call religion.

RE-EDITING OF CLASSICS.

"Then the fourth great force encountered was the literary criticism of ancient documents. All forms of classics and ancient documents have undergone a change in edition in the last century. The Bible itself has gone through the fire during the nineteenth century and come out purified seven times. There has been a terrific struggle between the men trying to annihilate and the men trying to preserve the sacred word of God within the past 100 years. Yet what is the result? Despite all such forces of enormous strength, what has religion done.

"I tell you that Christianity has kept pouring its money and the lives of men and women into the far stretches of the Bagan world, preserving a basis of supplies at home. What did it do in the realm of science against all the obstacles and the enemies which scientific men threw in its path. One of the greatest scientists, Sir Henry Lodge has undertaken in a book to harmonize science and religion. Take our own John Piske who became the interpreter for this country of Darwinian teachings. He has made the whole journey from materialistic evolution to the belief in the Eternal God and in his little book 'Through Nature up to God' he sets forth his faith in the Infinite.

"Tennyson furnishes the best example in literature of the battle in which religion was the issue in that realm. In one of his poems he recites how he came high losing his grip on Christianity and yet came out the conqueror. Look at Browning's 'Saul'—the artist's master-stroke where he seeks to reclaim Saul from his spell of darkness and gloom and in one grand outburst of faith exclaims 'A hand like my hand shall throw upon the gates of Life for thee—the Christ!'

"Now some of you will want to know my views on 'higher criticism' and I will give them to you. I think that the re-editing of the Bible in the past 100 years has given us a new Bible and not taken it away. It has undergone the same change which applies to all other classics and the result is that truth has been flashed across the line of our vision, clearer and more distinct. It has brought biblical characters to our conception as being real men. Now if you don't like that—lump it up and smother it.

"How goes the battle? The answer is two-fold: first, the intellectual leadership of Jesus has not only not been impaired, but is more firmly established than that of any other man, as a result of all the forces which have flung themselves across His path. Nineteen centuries of progress have not yielded a single point of contradiction to the teachings of the Christ.

ON VERGE OF REVIVAL.

"Secondly, and finally, we have come to the verge of a great religious revival, such as the world has never known. The Reformation followed the Renaissance, an intellectual awakening to shall the coming revival follow in the wake of the great revival in matters intellectual in this age. But before the revival comes, the new insights must be in the nature of an intellectual appeal. We are now in the midst of it. Yet the new dawn is but flooding the mountain rim in gold. The old is out of date and the new is yet to be. We soon shall walk in the light of Him, who is, was, and shall be, the Light of the World."

John Sharp Williams.

By reason of such enormous progress which has been made in the world of thought and action, there are some who think that civilization would fall of its own weight. Added to this class of people who look upon life from such a standpoint, is a kindred set who adhere to such writings as declare that the world is a grim place to inhabit, and that life is not worth preserving. Against all such stuff as nihilism, fatalism and pessimism as has been preached by such philosophers of life, religion had to contend.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME. To-day is Bryan's day and the Nebraska will be royally received in the city. The Festival officials have appointed a sufficiently large committee to give him a good time while he is a guest of the "Metropolis of the Carolinas" as Dr. Potest termed Charlotte in his salutation last night. This afternoon the Temple Male Quartette of Boston, and John Barnes Wells, tenor, will give concert, assisted by Miss Chandler, story teller, and tonight Mr. Bryan delivers his great oration on "The Average Man." He will be the guest of honor at the concert this afternoon and will be entertained in the assembly room of the Selwyn between 5:30 and 6:30 o'clock.

ITEMS FROM COOLEEMEE.

The School Doing Good Work Among the People of the Town—Ralph Bingham to Be Heard Wednesday. Special to The Observer. Cooleemee, Oct. 12.—Cooleemee graded school, which opened for the fall term

September 24, is progressing nicely. The members of the faculty are as follows: Superintendent, Mr. D. C. Johnson; assistants, Misses Thirza Graves, Leona Love, Pattie Tatum and Geneva Hlaleck; music teacher, Miss Mary Wilson Stone. One of the State public high schools is taught in connection with the school and fifteen students are included in this high school course.

This school, while it receives the county and State appropriation, is maintained to a large extent by the Erwin Cotton Mill Company. Mr. W. A. Erwin is president of this company, and with the aid of Messrs. T. V. Terrell and J. W. Zachary, managers of the Cooleemee Cotton Mill, he is making this school very instrumental in the education of the people, and up to the whole in making Cooleemee Cotton Mill one of the best mills in the South, and Cooleemee among the best and most prosperous mill towns to be found anywhere.

The first of the Cooleemee course of entertainment at the town hall Wednesday night. The humorous speaker and violinist, Mr. Ralph Bingham, a man of extensive reputation, is the attraction.

Two Mountain Schools. Skyland Institute Open Again After Being Closed Two Years—Widow of Noted Artist, W. G. Randall, Teaching at Valle Crucis. Special to The Observer. Blowing Rock, Oct. 12.—Skyland Institute, which for two years past has been silent, reopened on the 7th of October with the following faculty and household: Miss Alice A. Flag, principal; Miss Carrie M. Michael, assistant principal and head of the high school grade; Miss Carrie E. Baker, head of the intermediate grade; Miss Esther Ruth Roberts, head of the primary department; Mrs. A. Beatty, matron. These ladies are ready to help the boys and girls of the mountain region to get an education, joining hands with the other instructors of the youth, and endeavoring to keep up the good name of Skyland, the school having been a power for good for many years past.

The Valle Crucis Industrial School at Valle Crucis, Watauga county, opened in September, the present faculty stronger than ever since Rev. Hugh A. Dobbin and Mrs. W. J. Rand (widow of the late artist of that name) have been engaged to help in the work.

AMUSEMENTS

Week's Attractions at the Academy.

The attractions at the Academy this week are of exceptional merit. The Jeffersons, Joseph and William, will be seen in "The Rivals" to-night; Amelia Bingham will appear in "A Modern Lady Godiva," to-morrow night; "The Tourists" matinee and night, will be the attraction Thursday and "The Empire" matinee and night, Saturday. For excellence, this week's booking has seldom been equaled in the history of the local play-house.

"THE RIVALS" TO-NIGHT.

Following in the footsteps of their late father, the well-beloved Joseph Jefferson, William W. and Joseph Jefferson are presenting for their fifth very successful year of starring Richard Brinsley Sheridan's delicious comedy, "The Rivals." The former is the Sir Lucius O'Trigger, while the latter is the valiant "Bob Acres," and are supported by a cast of unusual excellence, including Th-w-tore Hamilton, Leopold Lane, Richard Tyle, Roger Burnham, Blanche Bender, Robert Brennan and Lorett Wells. This attraction will be at the Academy of Music to-night. The costumes and scenic investiture are absolutely correct and the minutest detail carefully attended to. Seats are on sale at Hawley's.

Now that Amelia Bingham is to appear at the Academy of Music to-morrow night in her sensational and extraordinarily successful four-act drama, "A Modern Lady Godiva," attention is naturally called to the history of the original Lady Godiva. Of all English heroines, the memory of none is held in greater admiration than that of the beautiful and good woman who bared her indolence to the sunlight of Coventry nearly a thousand years ago, as the only means of raising from her neighbors a burden of tyranny fast becoming too great for them to bear. Her white horse, unclothed save for her glorious golden hair, is without parallel in history. It has been the inspiration of poets and musicians and has been held aloft as an example of self-sacrificing heroism. Tennyson's muse never sang more brilliantly than upon this theme and it has been the basis of the masterpieces of many lesser bards.

The sale of seats for Miss Bingham's engagement is unusually heavy, and all indications point to a capacity house to welcome the popular star.



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General Bogen Committee Stands.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 12.—Discouraged by ill health, General Bogen, Brigadier, commander of the Brass Division of the Mexican army, committed suicide in his quarters at Juarez to-day by shooting himself in the head.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

WANTED

WANTED—A competent and reliable inspector of pine and oak lumber. Write giving age, experience, references and salary required. Broad River Lumber Co., Rutherfordton, N. C.

WANTED—Competent stenographer and office assistant. Good pay to the right party. Address "Bank," care Observer.

WANTED—For U. S. Army, able-bodied, unmarried men, between ages of 21 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, West Trade Bldg., Charlotte, N. C., 202, South Main St., Asheville, N. C.; Bank Building, Hickory, N. C.; 417 1/2 Liberty St., Winston-Salem, N. C.; 125 North Main St., Salisbury, N. C.; Kendall Building, Columbia, S. C.; Haynesworth and Conyer's Building, Greenville, S. C.; or Glenn Building, Spartanburg, S. C.

WANTED—To pay an expert retail shoe man \$50 to fit, sell and assist in buying fine shoes. Give age, reference and experience. Address Busy, care Observer.

WANTED—At once, foreman who can make good on live 8-page morning paper. Wire The Journal, Winston-Salem.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—To introduce our high grade fruit cider we offer it in 16-gallon kegs at \$5 a keg for a short time. All flavors. Goods guaranteed. Cash with order. Carolina Cider & Vinegar Co., Columbia, S. C.

FOR SALE—Residence in Dilworth. All fixtures and terms apply to O. A. Robbins.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Thirty-five horse power tubular boiler and fixtures and engine, shafting, pulleys, mortiser, tenoner, rip saw, paneler and blind machinery. F. W. Ahrens, Morehead street.

FOR SALE—One Model safe, weight 2,500. Address W-20, care Observer.

WANTED—You to get full information about the Night School. If you can't come to see us, we will send a representative to see you. Address F. L. Riggsbee, Manager, King's Business College.

WANTED—Man who has had experience to work in first-class semi-weekly newspaper office. Address J. W. care Observer.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished front room. Apply 212 East 5th street.

FOR RENT—Two rooms, furnished or unfurnished, to gentlemen. With bath. Stephens Flat, No. 4 Carnegie Court, Mrs. J. A. Gibson.

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MY NEIGHBOR CANNOT STAND DOG barking. I will sell English bull dog six months old for \$15. 14 South Mint street.

TRAVELING MEN—We have a nice large simple room for rent by day, week or month. Gem Restaurant Co.

FOUR FRONT LOTS at Hill Crest, each 60x25—all we have left—front 50 ft. macadamized boulevard just one block from car line. \$1,000 each, discount for cash. Suburban Realty Co., F. C. Abbott & Co., Agents.

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PIEDMONT LOTS 60x100—With all city conveniences of water, sewerage, gas, electric lights, fire hydrants. Price \$3 per cent. lower than other equally well located property. Terms easy. Suburban Realty Co., F. C. Abbott & Co., Agents.

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10 ACRES close to city. Long railroad frontage, on macadam road. Fine water supply. A great manufacturing site. F. C. Abbott & Co.

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BENDS WITH THE FOOT. These real handsome Shoes have welt sole, extension edge, and are as soft and flexible as thin soles. Soft Vici Kid, Blucher, Lace and Button, opera toe, military heel; size 1 to 8, width A to E. Price \$3.50.

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The One Comedy That Has Been Steadily Produced For More Than a Century. Prices \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c. Seats on sale to-day at Hawley's.

TUESDAY NIGHT The Eminent American Artist

Amelia Bingham

an dHer Own Excellent Company, Presenting A MODERN LADY GODIVA

An Original Play in Four Acts by Frederic F. Shradler and Lloyd M. Bingham. Prices \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c. Seats on sale now at Hawley's.

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