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A CONTRAST.

By the efforts of many men a great Southern Exposition, in which all of the Southern States will participate, is to be held in Raleigh during the coming fall. The object of this Exposition is, in the main, to show to the moneyed men of the North what kind of stuff we raise down South, the field for manufacturers; in order to induce them to come and settle among us, bringing with them their capital, and joining with the natives in developing this, one of the grandest countries in the world. And we desire to say, right here, that while we have some men, who call themselves farmers, talking against the great Exposition at Raleigh, it will be of more benefit to the farmers of the State than any other class of people on earth. It was astonishing to hear men, who claim to have brains in their craniums, get up in the meeting of Magistrates last Monday, and base their opposition to recommending any appropriation to have Franklin's products exhibited upon the absurd plea that the "affair was of no benefit to the poor down-trodden farmers," when every man who knows any thing about it, will agree with us that the building up of any country, creating larger markets, &c., always proves beneficial to that class of people who produce the stuff that people have to buy. The action of the Board of Magistrates in refusing to recommend an appropriation to have the products of Franklin properly represented in the Exposition, shows a lack of enterprise and public spirit that every go-ahead and progressive young man in the county, be he farmer, merchant, doctor, lawyer, or a member of any other class, is ashamed to acknowledge exists among us. Of course the refusal of the Magistrates to recommend an appropriation is not final, as the County Commissioners have the right to appropriate any amount not to exceed \$500, which a number of citizens stand ready to supplement with several hundred dollars more, in order that the county may not be behind any of her sister counties in her display. Now to the contrast. A similar request was made in every county in the State on Monday last, but up to this writing we have heard from only a few, but in every case an appropriation was made. In Wake an appropriation of \$2,000 was recommended by the magistrates, and the following resolution, which was introduced by Senator A. C. Green, A FARMER, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in order to encourage the manufacturing of home products and to encourage the investment of capital in the country as well as in the cities and give those of our people who do not wish to engage in agricultural pursuits the opportunity to remain at home with us and not seek employment abroad, the commissioners are instructed to have taken photographs or drawings of suitable size as to command attention, of the water powers of the county, the same to be part of the exhibit of the county at the exposition this fall.

Now that's the kind of public spirit and go-aheadiveness that builds up a county. Vance appropriates \$500; Forsythe \$500; Wayne \$500; Mecklenburg \$1,000; Warren \$500; Guilford, the commissioners are allowed to appropriate such an amount as they deem proper.

THE COMMENCEMENT.

A Gala Week at Lousburg Female College.

The Commencement exercises of Lousburg Female College began with the Baccalaureate Sermon before the graduating class composed of ten young ladies, by Rev. J. A. Cunningham, which was delivered on Sunday morning last at the Methodist church. A very large crowd attended, in fact the capacity of the church would not seat all who applied for admission. He took his text from Mark 14, 3-9, inclusive, and his sermon was very fine. An attempt to report it in these columns would do the Reverend gentleman injustice.

On Monday night, the chapel of the College was packed to its utmost capacity by the parents of the children and visitors, to witness the exercises of the Primary Department. The programme which was well arranged was carried out to the letter, and all the "little folk" acquitted themselves in a handsome manner, and the excellent rendition of their various parts testified to the fact that their tutors had properly trained and drilled them. The following is the programme.

- "The Little Flowers," A. Timberlake, M. Bagley and S. Green.
Recitation, by Edward Timberlake.
Trio—"Paul Galop," L. R. Ford, Maggie Bagley and Nellie Martin.
"How the Quarral Began," Minnie Egerton and Fannie Baird.
1. CHORUS—"Boat Song."
2. WOODLAND WHISPERS—Piano Duett, by Misses M. Seymour and S. Standell.
3. RECITATION—"Aline's Love Song," by Miss May Bagley.
4. ROCK BESIDE THE SEA—Piano Solo, Miss Blanche Barden.
5. SILENT LOVE—Piano Solo, by Miss Sallie Wilson.
6. RECITATION—"The Spinning Wheel Song," by Miss Cora Bagley.
7. MILITARY GALOP—Piano Duett, by Misses M. Cade and L. Green.
8. RECITATION—"Mother's Easter Scarf," Miss Sarah Stancill.
9. THE LONELY BIRD—Vocal Duett, by Misses L. Foster and M. Cade.
10. QUI VIVE GALOP—Piano Solo, by Miss Mary House.
11. RECITATION—"Vanbibbers Rock," Miss Minnie Seymour.
12. CLEAR THE TRACK GALOP—Piano Duett, by Miss E. Fleming and M. Cutchin.
13. PILGRIMS LAST HOPE—Piano Solo, by Miss Lucie Foster.
14. RECITATION—"The Elf-Child," Miss Mamie Massenburg.
15. ROSE GERANIUM—Waltz Song, by Miss M. Egerton.
16. The Welcome Home—Piano Solo, by Miss Lillian Green.
17. Recitation—"The Whistling Regiment," Miss Bird Person.
18. Forget-me-not—Vocal Solo, by Miss Lula Jackson.
19. London Polka Quadrille—Piano Duett, by Misses L. Foster and S. Wilson.
20. Recitation—"Laureate—The Marble Dream," Miss Blanche Barden.
21. Evening Star Waltz—Piano Duett, by Misses C. Bagley and L. Ballard.
22. Recitation—"Paradise and the Peri," Miss Mabel Davis.
23. Cavalry Ride—Piano Solo, by Miss Lula Jackson.
24. Recitation—"Uncle Rastus' Church Experience," by Miss Eleanor Yarborough.
25. Sensation Waltz—Piano Duett, by Misses L. Lemay and L. Arrington.
26. Marguerite of Long Ago—Vocal Solo, by Miss Lucie Foster.
27. Recitation—"Princess Imra and the Goathead," Miss Pattie Cooper.
28. Perle De Nord—Piano Solo, by Miss Bird Person.
29. Recitation—"Shadow of a Song," Miss Lula Jackson.
30. Good-Light-Farewell—Vocal Solo, by Miss Minnie Cade.
31. Recitation—"Zingarella—Gypsy Flower Girl," Miss Mattie Egerton.
32. The Message—Vocal Duett—Guitar Accompaniment, by Misses J. Ellington and L. Jackson.
33. Recitation—"Excelsior," by Class.
34. Grand March De Concert—12 hands, Wollenhaupt.
By Misses Foster, Person, House, Jackson, Cade and Perry.

Immediately after the above programme was completed, medals were awarded as follows:
George P. Hart Medal (Elocution) to Miss Mabel I. Davis, presented in neat speech, by W. M. Person, Esq.
The Meare's Music Medal, to Miss Bird Person, presented in a very pleasant manner, by T. B. Wilder, Esq.

On Wednesday at 11 o'clock the Literary Address before the two Societies (Sea Gift and Neithan) was delivered in the Chapel by Rev. B. Hall, of Goldsboro. His subject, "Woman's Sphere," was well handled, and his address was both interesting and instructive. Those capable of judging pronounced it a fine address. (We have been promised a synopsis of the address, which will appear in our next.—Editor.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.
But all this seemed merely the preliminary steps to the crowning success of graduating night. If the crowds in attendance heretofore had been large, the one which filled and packed the chapel, the corridors, and even the stair-cases, on Wednesday night, was immense. A large party came down from Franklinton and we noticed visitors from Johnson, Nash, Wake, and other counties. At about 9 o'clock the class—ten in number as previously stated, and all radiant in their snowy costumes and flowers filed into the chapel and marched to their seats upon the stage. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. B. Cade, and after an overture furnished the music for the occasion, and excellent it was, the reading of the graduating essays began. They were as follows:
1st. "Weave into the Web of Life a Bright and Golden Filling," by Miss Pattie B. Cooper.
2nd. "No Star Ever Rose and Set without Influence Somewhere," Miss

ward Ford.
"Visitors from Story Land."
"Down in the Buttercup Meadows," song.
How the Story Grew, by six girls.
Recitation, by Edgar Timberlake.
Trio—"Aurora Waits," by Julia Pleasants, Florence Andrews and Minnie Egerton.
Recitation, by Sallie Allen.
Recitation, by B. B. Massenburg.
"Making the Best of It," six boys.
Duet—"Belle of the Season,"—Waltz, Mary Macon and Norma Martin.
Composition—Subject: "Little Boys," Sadie Norman Thomas.
"The Secret," Maggie Bagley, Kate Clifton and Harriet Person.
Solo, by the Class—"Lovely May."
"Calisthenic Drill."

At the conclusion of the programme, the medal of proficiency in music was presented by Rev. B. Cade to Miss Julia Pleasants, and the prize for the highest scholarship in the Preparatory Department, which was won by Miss Mary Bagley, was presented by Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Jr.
On Tuesday night the concert, by the advanced classes took place, and as was the case the previous night, the Chapel was filled to overflowing. The music was very good, while the recitations were far above the average. As a gentleman remarked in our hearing, "it was one of the best concerts that has taken place here in years," and reminded him of the large affairs of the kind many years ago. The following is the programme:
Emerson. Rosewig.
By Misses M. Seymour and S. Standell.
Richarda.
Miss Blanche Barden.
Lange.
By Miss Sallie Wilson.
Labitzky.
By Misses M. Cade and L. Green.
Miss Sarah Stancill.
Glover.
By Misses L. Foster and M. Cade.
Ganz.
By Miss Mary House.
Miss Minnie Seymour.
Pasher.
By Miss E. Fleming and M. Cutchin.
Bailey.
By Miss Lucie Foster.
Miss Mamie Massenburg.
Newcomb.
By Miss M. Egerton.
Muller.
By Miss Lillian Green.
Gang.
By Miss Lula Jackson.
Grobe.
By Misses L. Foster and S. Wilson.
Grobe.
By Misses C. Bagley and L. Ballard.
Miss Mabel Davis.
Spindler.
By Miss Lula Jackson.
Kinkel.
By Misses L. Lemay and L. Arrington.
White.
By Miss Lucie Foster.
Ascher.
By Miss Bird Person.
Miss Lula Jackson.
Kucken.
By Miss Minnie Cade.
Meares.
By Misses J. Ellington and L. Jackson.
By Class.
Wollenhaupt.
By Misses Foster, Person, House, Jackson, Cade and Perry.

Mabel I. Davis.
3rd. "The Voice of Years that all are Gone. They Roll upon me with their Deeds," Class Historian, Miss Mary L. Perry.
4th. "Industrial Education for Women,"—Miss Sallie E. Wilson.
5th. "Passing away" is written on all the World and all the World Contains."—Miss Lucie K. Foster.
6th. "A Silver Key is Given into my Clasp."—Miss Jessie D. Ellington.
7th. "Out of School-Life into Life's School."—Class Poet—Miss Mattie B. Egerton.
8th. "The Future that Awaits,"—Class Proprietor—Miss Eleanor N. Yarborough.
9th. "Life is a Leaf of Paper White Whereupon Each one of us may Write His word or two."—Miss Bettie M. Perry.
10th. "A Purpose in Life."—Miss Minnie A. Cade.

It would be vain to attempt criticism upon the merits of these essays, and it would be worse than vain to endeavor to grade their individual excellencies. Higher encomiums or one from a more distinguished source could not have been desired than that paid by Hon. J. J. Davis in the course of his remarks later in the evening. We quote him further down. After the reading of the Essays had concluded, Prof. Bagley in a few appropriate and well considered words presented the diplomas to the class. He referred to a fact which deserves special attention, viz: that the average in scholarship achieved by the class during their stay in the College was higher than he had ever known for so large a number, in his own or any other school of as high a curriculum and as rigid requirements.

Rev. J. A. Cunningham then presented each of the young ladies with a Bible in his own behalf.
The Valedictorian of the class was Miss Minnie Cade and the Scholarship Medal was next presented her

by Rev. B. R. Hall. Now occurred the most interesting incident of the evening. Hon. J. J. Davis stepped forward and on behalf of the graduates presented to Prof. Bagley a gold watch-chain as an expression of their attachment and regard.

This was a high compliment to the President but one, we cannot refrain from saying, that was richly deserved. Prof. Bagley has labored so zealously for the up-building of this College, to the end that it might rank with the best educational institutions, and his energy, ability and perseverance have won for him and his school so large a measure of success, that there are due to him the thanks of all patriotic citizens of our town and county. Judge Davis in the course of his remarks stated that he had been attending school commencements in this town for more than forty years, and that the concert on Tuesday night was equal to any of its kind he had ever witnessed, and that the Senior class as a whole evinced as much if not more talent and culture than any that he had known during that period.

Rev. J. B. Hurley next presented to Miss Mary Davis a gift from her pupils in evidence of their love for her. The exercises were then announced as being closed and the audience was invited to remain for social conversation. The invitation was accepted and for several hours pleasure was rife.

NOTES.
Messrs. W. P. Neal, J. W. King, W. H. Furgerson, D. F. Cooke, and Geo. Hughes, acted as ushers during the commencement exercises and right well did they perform their work.
It is very plain to every one that a larger chapel is needed for the accommodation of the large crowds that attend these commencement occasions, and we hope that the owner of the College will consider the matter very seriously before another commencement.

A number of prominent gentlemen were here and were present at all of the exercises. Among those who were on the rostrum at various times we note, Judge Davis, Rev. J. A. Cunningham, Rev. B. Cade, Mr. J. S. Barrow, Rev. J. B. Hurley, and several others.
The attendance of pretty young ladies was larger than we have ever seen on a former like occasion, as the boys will testify.

Some changes have been made in the Faculty, beginning with the next session Sept. 3. They will be published in our next issue.
The excellent order kept during the commencement exercises was very noticeable.
The President announced that the prospects for a large attendance next season were very flattering.

The State Chronicle came to us Tuesday in its new 8-page form, and we desire to congratulate brother Daniels upon the very great improvement in his paper. The Tuesday's issue was full of news, its make-up is very tasty, and the print is plain and bright. Long live the Chronicle.

FROM CEDAR ROCK.

Mr. Emerson—Thinking your readers might feel an interest in the doings of our people I thought I would drop you a few notes. Crops are promising. The rains have brought up the cotton, and have given us an opportunity of setting out tobacco. The crop prospects are fair, though cotton is some later than last year. Our farmers are cheerful and hopeful, and grumblers are few.

While an abundance of work claimed the attention of our people they were not forgetful of the closing exercises of Cedar Rock Academy on the 21st and 22nd of May, and for the time being, laid aside their worries, and gave their presence to this most enjoyable occasion. They came from every direction, and many from adjoining counties. Rev. G. M. Duke preached the introductory sermon. His subject was "Builders." Although called on most unexpectedly and without any preparation, he fully came up to the occasion, and entertained us for an hour with most forcible arguments, backed by God's word, showing the importance of correct character building. Truly, those who heard him were much edified and strengthened. The morning of the 22d was set apart for the Primary classes. The quiet self-possession and wise manner of the little ones went to our hearts, and many of us sigh for our childhood again. Childhood with its innocence, purity, affection and all those noble qualities that are as yet uncontaminated by contact with the world. Who does not feel a deep interest in the young? Hard must be the heart that is not made to yearn for a higher, nobler life from listening to the prattlings of youthful lips.

The orator of the occasion was F. S. Sprull, Esq. of your town. He came down Friday morning and found the people awaiting his arrival at the residence of the Principal. Forming into line, and placing the care of our distinguished speaker in the hands of two charming ladies, they escorted him to the Academy. After the exercises by the children were over, Mr. Dunn, in a few appropriate remarks, introduced Mr. Sprull as the orator of the occasion. Mr. Editor, it would have made you proud of your townsman if you could have heard him. For nearly an hour he held the undivided attention of the audience. Wonderful indeed were the words of wisdom and truth that fell from his lips, and with magisterial power the importance of life was placed before us, showing conclusively that there was no room in this busy world for the idler. Young men, remember these warnings of your speaker, and never, never be content to be a mere cipher.

We predict a future of great usefulness, honor and brilliancy for Mr. Sprull. If he lives long (God grant that he may) the people will delight to honor him, for such sterling qualities of mind and soul are sure to be appreciated.
Friday night the exercises were by the advanced children. I judged from the frequent applause and hearty laughter that the audience had forgotten the cares of life, and did not regret coming. Until near midnight the humorous, the pathetic, the real picture of life were presented, and round after round of applause was given by the audience, showing their high appreciation of the efforts of the pupils.
Where all did so well it would be wrong to make any distinction. Suffice to say, Mr. Editor, you missed a treat.
Judging from what I saw and heard, Cedar Rock Academy is on a sure road to future prosperity and usefulness. The enrollment reached sixty-five, and the outlook is indeed flattering. Its situation is favorable, its people are hospitable, and the instruction offered is thorough.
 Hoping to meet you at the next commencement, I remain, Yours &c., H. S.

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