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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD THIS WEEK.

Fine Baccalaureate Sermon—Able Literary Address—Appropriate Essays—Most Interesting Concerts.

The Commencement Exercises at Louisburg College were begun Sunday last, with the sermon to the Graduating class by Rev. E. K. McLarty of Salisbury. The spacious auditorium of the Methodist church was filled with a large audience. They had expected something great and their expectations were realized to the fullest degree. The speaker chose as his subject, "Faith." An old theme it is true but treated in such manner as to hold the attention of his hearers from start to finish. His exposition of the subject was able, and instructive, closing with the beautiful lines of Joaquin Miller, "Columbus" than which no more apt or strikingly impressive illustration could possibly be found.

On Monday afternoon the children of the primary class in music gave a recital from five to six o'clock. Mrs. Laura Ballard is in charge of this department and the pupils showed by their rendition of the programme, the painstaking care and attention of their teacher. The Art Exhibit was open to the public from four to five in the afternoon. Those who were so fortunate as to visit it highly compliment the painters, some of them of extraordinary merit while all were fully up to the usual standard. Miss Matilda Foster is in charge of this department and has every reason to be proud of her pupils.

On Monday evening the Annual Banquet of the Alumnae Association was held and largely attended by local and visiting Alumnae of this popular institution.

In the absence of the president of the Association, Mrs. J. S. Barrow acted as toastmistress. This affair was one to which "mere man" was neither expected nor invited, and the ladies did their own talking, in which accomplishment they undoubtedly excel, and exchanged anecdotes, called by the sterner sex, swapping jokes. It was a good time for all, the graduates of forties and fifties forgetting the lapse of years and becoming college girls once more. The formal toasts were as follows:

"The Ideal Woman," responded to by Mrs. J. E. Malone.

"Our Mothers," by Miss Blanche Egerton.

"The Alumnae," by Miss Lula Massey.

"The Class of 1907," by Miss Ober May.

"The Best of All," by Mrs. T. W. Bickett.

The toasts were all meritorious and appropriate. The occasion was a thoroughly enjoyable one and more than ever makes this annual feast of the Alumnae a permanent feature of the Commencement occasion.

The class under the management of Miss May Jones presented a most enjoyable comedy "Breezy Point" at the Opera House on Tuesday evening. A large audience greeted the performance. The fine humor running entirely through the comedy kept the audience in constant smiles. The young ladies all acquitted themselves well and it must not be construed as in any way disparaging to others, to mention the capital acting of Misses May and McSwain as the French and American maids respectively. Mrs. Hardscratch was splendidly typified in the person of Miss Midcett. Miss Beckwith as the fortune teller is worthy of special mention. The comedy was much enjoyed by a delighted audience.

Wednesday morning the Graduating Exercises proper took place, opening with the Doxology followed with

a prayer by Rev. E. H. Davis. The salutatory was read by Miss Nellie Gray Wilson, followed by an essay "Shadow and Substance" by Miss Isabel MacRae; "Class History," was read by Miss Josephine Pinnell; the "Class Will," Miss Lula Massey; the Valedictory by Miss Annie Davis Bagley, all of which were of a high order of merit, and which were interspersed with musical selections.

Hon. F. A. Woodard of Wilson was then introduced by Rev. J. E. Underwood, and delivered the literary address. It was along educational lines in which the speaker referred to the rapid progress which the old North state is making in the education of her children. He also referred to the worth and high standards of honor of the Southern men as compared with others, quoting the remark of the late Senator Hoar that they could not be moved by the power of money alone, and a eulogy of their high sense of honor and integrity. He also said that while other towns and counties were famous for their factories and great business achievements, that old Louisburg and Franklin were noted for their prominent men and their institutions of learning. No attempt is made at a synopsis of the excellent address, but just a few of the speakers references as memory has retained them. There was no attempt at eloquence or no effort at display but a sensible practical address, of ability as it came from the lips of an able and patriotic North Carolinian. The Diplomas and Certificates were presented by Rev. J. E. Underwood the Bibles by Rev. L. S. Massey. The Music Medal was presented to Miss Susie Eaton Hayes, by Rev. E. K. McLarty. The Medal for excellence in Penmanship and the Primary English Prizes were presented to Misses Mountain and Hardie, by Rev. A. J. Parker. The Mathematics Medal to Miss Ola Long, by Rev. W. B. Morton, and the Latin Medical to Miss Annie Davis Bagley, by B. T. Holding. The prize for punctuality in the primary department was awarded to little Eleanor Yarborough, and was presented by W. W. Boddie.

The presentation addresses were in every instance entirely worthy of the several speakers, and appropriately and gracefully delivered. This concluded the exercises of the morning.

The Grand Concert was given in the evening, the rather full program being heartily enjoyed by a large audience that literally filled every inch of available room. The instrumentalists all showed in their several numbers a training and proficiency equal to the usual standards of excellence at these annual concerts. The vocal solos, duets and trios were unusually sweet. The vocal trio "Absence" by Misses Bagley, Webb and Parker was one of the most enjoyable numbers of the evening as were the duet "The Broken Pitcher" by Misses Parker and Foy, and the solos of Misses Costen, Foy and Webb.

Just before the singing of the parting chorus, Prof. Underhill, of Wilmington, presented in an appropriate way to Miss Annie Carroll the "Ballard Music Medal." The presentation was most appropriate and Miss Carroll was warmly congratulated at her success. Mr. Ivey Allen then made the usual announcements, among them that a free scholarship had been awarded as a prize to the most proficient student, Miss Viola Arrington. Her close seconds were Misses Mamie Wilder, Belle Mitchiner and Mary Holmes. The announcement was received with loud applause. After the last chorus the audience was invited to remain and spend a social hour. The invitation was accepted, the young people enjoying themselves to the utmost. Rumor has it that the old, old story was unfolded with all its accustomed tender-

NEARING THE END. OUR GRADED SCHOOL.

REMEMBER THE CONTEST CLOSES NEXT THURSDAY.

The Contestants are Almost Neck and Neck—The names of the Two Winners will be Published Next Week.

Remember that the Times Contest for the two FREE TRIPS to the Jamestown Exposition will close next Thursday at 12 o'clock. Those who wish to vote for their favorite must do so before that hour, in order to have their votes counted. Several of the candidates are "neck and neck" and it may take the "official count" to determine which of the two young ladies named below are to receive the FREE trips, which means ALL EXPENSES PAID. Some of the ladies have been doing good work and as a consequence we have added quite a number of NONA FIDE subscribers to our list.

We repeat—This contest has been run on a thoroughly honest and square basis, and it shall end in the same way—only honest and NONA FIDE votes being allowed. The word from now to the end is, "Hustle."

Up to yesterday at 12 o'clock the contestants already on the list stood numerically as follows:

1. Miss Ella Harris.
2. Miss Onnie Tucker.
3. Miss Margie Macon.
4. Miss Fannie Winston.
5. Miss Virginia Foster.
6. Miss Louisa Jarman.

ness and that those who lacked the courage this time are very hopeful of acquiring a sufficiency of that splendid virtue on or before the next session's festivities.

Misses Martha Byrd Spruill, Belle Mitchiner and Ola Long, and Messrs. Stuart Davis, Wilson Green and Dr. C. H. Banks constituted the clever corps of ushers at the grand concert.

The commencement of 1907, with its lovely women, handsome beaux, flow of eloquence and oratory is now numbered with the things that were and has passed into a glorious memory. These occasions are always welcome as they are bright spots along life's pathway, lifting one for a delightful season, above the sordid levels of business to the higher regions of the intellectual, the beautiful and the aesthetic.

The Fall session of this noble Institution will open September 11th.

In Mrs. Ballard's music class Annie Ball King and William Winston tied and each received a beautiful prize.

The Normal Course certificate was awarded to Miss Maude Redwine, and the Book-keeping certificate to Miss Verna McSwain. Certificates in Arithmetic to Misses Annie Allen, Annie Belle Harris, Annie Carroll, Mildred Midgette, Margaret Harris, Mary Foy, Jennie Duke, Mamie Wilder and Elizabeth Norwood.

At the conclusion of the exercises on Wednesday Rev. J. E. Underwood, who presided, paid a high tribute to the late lamented President, and expressed great pleasure in the success of the present session under the new management.

It was announced that the music medal in Mrs. Ballard's class for the past fall session, had been awarded to Hodgie B. Williams.

Mr. Allen announced Wednesday night that this had been one of the most satisfactory and successful sessions of the college in years.

C. W. Conway, Esq., of Franklin was in town on business one day this week.

OUR GRADED SCHOOL.

THE SECOND SESSION A MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE.

Superintendent Mills and his Excellent Corps of Teachers all to be Re-elected—Dr. E. W. Sikes' Address.

The second session of the Louisburg Graded School for the white children closed on Friday last and on Friday night the large auditorium of the beautiful building was filled to its almost capacity to hear the address of Dr. E. W. Sikes, Professor of History at Wake Forest College. Before the speaker was introduced Miss Joyner, teacher of the Primary department, had prepared a short programme, consisting of singing, recitations, etc., which was very greatly enjoyed by the audience—most especially the dialogue between two little girls—Jesse Thomas and Nore Aycooke.

Dr. E. W. Sikes, Professor of History at Wake Forest College, was introduced by Mr. Ruffin as the speaker of the evening. A man of commanding presence and winning personality, he impressed his audience very favorably before he had spoken a word. He captivated them with the grace of his fine good humor. A hearty laugh or two, a touch of warm humanity in the introduction of his address, and he was master of his hearers, as he was of his subject.

Dr. Sikes discussed the development of American democracy, making, as he said, a political speech—in the larger, original sense of the word. The history of human government has been a history of growth, evolution, according to the needs and ideals of the times. It has been an eternal, endless change. The government of William the Conqueror did not suit Elizabeth's England; the government of Elizabeth would not stand the test of the time of Cromwell. The ideal of democracy embodied in the Declaration of Independence was not found acceptable to the farmers of the Constitution. The Constitution itself has changed, by amendment, by changing interpretation, to suit the needs of the changing years.

In the growth of the democratic ideal of government in America, the speaker pointed out four great stages. The democracy under Washington's administration was aristocracy, represented in a President with more power than a King of England has ever had since the time of Magna Charta, in a Senate elected, not by the people, but by legislatures which in turn were elected by a suffrage limited to the owners of thus and so much land, in a system of courts in which the officers hold office during life. Washington was not a democrat; a great man he was, a good man, a true man; but an aristocrat, not a believer in the right and ability of the people to govern themselves.

In the cabinet, Hamilton, the great centralizer, the great aristocrat, was pitted against Jefferson, the great democrat. Jefferson's democracy, however, contemplated only the decentralization of power, the weakening of the national government, the increase of the influence and power of the States. Worn out with the endless and unequal struggle with Hamilton in which the President favored Hamilton's schemes of government, Jefferson resigned from the cabinet and later came to the Presidency. Under his administration, his ideals of government were largely effectuated. The States became the powers, the nation became secondary.

The second great stage was the stage of the growth of individual power, the enlargement of the suffrage. The leader in this movement was the second great democrat, Andrew Jackson, the man of the People, who brought the People into control

of their own government; the man who refused to recognize the binding authority of the Constitution, who set at naught the fiat of the Supreme Court of the United States, when in his judgment these were in conflict with the best interests of the People.

The third stage found its exponent in the third great democrat, Lincoln, the Union democrat. "So," said the speaker, "You see I am not using the word democrat in its narrow, its commoner significance." Heating, as all the world has since come to realize, that the American democracy could not work out its destiny except in the Union, he set his face steadfastly to save the Union, and he accomplished his purpose. The cost has not yet been counted, and never will be counted; but America knows that it was worth the price.

Following the tremendous crisis has been a period of intensely commercialized democracy. The enormous fortunes which were accumulated during the great war, were used as instruments to monopolize the people with the fever of money-getting at any cost, so that ten years after Appomattox a vice-president of the United States was under grave suspicion of corruption. State legislatures were bought,ajoined, coerced into sending to the Senate a Dupew, a Platt, a Quay. Judges of the courts of the States were notoriously in the pay of the men to whom they owed their offices. A Jay Gould and a Jim Fiske could use the President of the United States as an unsuspecting tool to engineer a corner in gold and could save themselves from punishment for their criminality by appeal to the courts which they had bought and paid for.

Following this a fourth stage in the development of democracy, the awakening of the people, the elimination of corruption from the administration of public affairs, the intervention of government to check and stop all manner of dishonest and inequitable practices on the part of the different monopolies, natural and artificial, which have grown up since the civil war, the fuller recognition of the fact that wealth beyond the power of the owner to use is a trust. The chief exemplar of this movement, said the speaker, is William Jennings Bryan, and his moving power seems to be that greater initiator of and borrower from Mr. Bryan, the President of the United States and it is a movement which is destined, in the course of the years to come, to place the American democracy upon a plane higher than it has reached heretofore.

A notable address it was, laud forceful; the master effort of a great mind, of a man of the wider vision, the stronger grasp, the nobler ideal of a seer of better things, a prophet of hope. Such a sketch as this can give no adequate idea of its import. To catch its meaning, one must have heard the voice of the speaker, must have seen his face; but those who heard and saw will not soon forget.

At the close of the address, Mr. Ruffin who is a member of the Board of Trustees, made a statement as to the management of the School and stated to the gratification of the patrons and friends of this great institution that the second session, under Superintendent Mills and his excellent corps of teachers, had been quite satisfactory, and the watch word was to go forward.

On Saturday a large number of the patrons and friends of the school attended the final winding up, when they had the pleasure of going through the various departments, where exhibits of the work of the children were displayed.

The Times is glad to state that Superintendent Mills and his most excellent corps of teachers will all be re-elected unanimously.

"The people of Louisburg should be proud of their Graded School" said a prominent citizen.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

Miss Mary Fort has returned from a visit to Oxford.

T. H. Long went to Oxford Tuesday to return with his mother.

B. H. Patterson, the popular "drug drummer," was here yesterday.

Mr. Mark Williams, of Rocky Mount, is in town for a few days.

Mrs. Monahde Hawkins, of Hidgett, is visiting Mrs. T. W. Bickett.

G. B. Arent returned Tuesday from Durham where he has been visiting his parents.

Miss Elizabeth Cooks returned yesterday from Greensboro Female College to spend her vacation.

Mr. Walter Watson and wife, of Axtell, were visitors this week to his brother, T. W. Watson, Esq.

Mr. T. B. Wheeler and wife, of Scotland Neck, were visitors at Mr. J. P. Timberlake's this week.

Prof. Wingate Underhill and wife, of Wilmington, were among the visitors at Commencement this week.

Mr. C. M. Cooks, accompanied by Dr. F. K. Cooks, returned this week from a stay of several weeks in Asheville.

Mrs. C. F. Carroll and infant daughter of Warsaw, is visiting her parents, Mr. E. B. Massey, and wife.

Miss Josephine Henty, Martha Harris and Margaret Moss were visitors at Mr. J. P. Timberlake's this week.

Mrs. Andrews and Miss Mary Andrews, of Charlotte, are visiting friends and relatives in and near Louisburg.

Mr. Werts Hague returned Tuesday from Raleigh where he has been in the hospital for treatment the past few weeks.

The editor was pleased to meet F. L. White, of Robeson, in town this week. He was a guest of his brother, W. E. White.

Mr. Joe Ursie returned Wednesday from Baltimore, where he is taking a medical course in the University of Maryland.

Messrs. T. W. Bickett and F. B. Spruill went to Asheville this week to argue the case of Swift vs. J. E. Jones, in the Federal Court.

Messrs. Foster Barnes, C. V. Williams and Edgar Boddington, of Clayton, are here in charge of the Merry-go-round which was put in operation on Tuesday evening.

The editor was pleased to have a pleasant call from Congressman R. N. Page the past week. He was here for a few days as the guest of Mr. T. B. Wilder, and was accompanied by his wife and two children.

Among the visitors here this week to attend commencement were Rev. Kenneth Holmes, Rev. J. E. Underwood, R. W. Ballard, of Franklinton, Rev. E. H. Davis, of Goldsboro, Rev. A. J. Parker, of Wilmington.

Rev. Forrest Smith, who was for several years pastor of the Baptist church here, and whose home is now in Sherman, Texas, arrived in Louisburg yesterday evening and was warmly greeted by—we might say everybody. His host of friends were delighted to see him looking so well.

Mrs. W. T. Hughes and children returned home last week from Chase City, where they spent the past several months at the "Madisonburg." They were accompanied here by Col. H. H. Hines, who returned the following day. He reports the Madisonburg all "O. K." and the school term closing in a few days.