

THE GRADED SCHOOL.

LINE ADDRESS BY HON. EDWARD W. POU.

Two Young Lady Graduates Read Essays—This Closes the Most Successful Session of this Excellent Institution.

The Auditorium of the white Graded School building was filled to overflowing on last Friday night by the patrons of this great institution, to witness the closing exercises of the session of 1907-08. Every seat was occupied and a large number, in order to witness the exercises, had to stand. The following is the programme for the evening which was carried out in full:

PROGRAM.

The Old North State—By the Pupils of the high school.

Essay—Miss Bynum Hester—Night is the mother of day.

Piano Duet—Misses Annie Bell Harris and Lizzie Lee Aycock.

Essay—Miss Claude Aycock—Character Building.

Presentation of Attendance Certificates—by Mr. Ruffin.

Presentation of High School Promotions—by Mr. Ruffin.

Presentation of Certificates to the Graduates, Misses Mattie Bynum Hester and Claudia Amerila Aycock—Mr. W. H. Yarborough Jr.

Presentation of Bibles to Graduates—Mr. London.

Piano Duet—Misses Emma Underhill and Ina Harris.

Address by Mr. Pou.

Mr. Pou was very gracefully introduced by Mr. T. W. Bickett, and the popular and highly esteemed Congressman, took his text and went directly to the work for which he was called to do. His subject, "The true Aristocrat of the 20th Century," was handled most eloquently, and when he had finished his large audience felt richly paid for coming out.

NOTES.

The essays of Misses Hester and Aycock were elegantly read, and both showed evidence of much thought and application. These young ladies are the first graduates of the school.

The many promotion cards were gladly received by the little girls and boys.

Superintendent Mills and his excellent corps of teachers, composed of Prof. E. L. Best, and Misses Joyner, Yarborough, Harrison and Terrell, are to be congratulated upon the great success of the present session.

The Franklin Cottage.

This is the name of a new cottage at Virginia Beach, Va., which will be under the management of Mrs. J. R. Collier and Mrs. Asa Parham, of Louisburg. They left this week, accompanied by Mr. J. R. Collier, to take charge. The cottage which was opened on Wednesday of this week, is beautifully located with all modern conveniences—large airy rooms on ocean front. Rates are reasonable and will be furnished on application. These ladies know the wants of those who go to the seashore, and their guests may expect the very best attention possible.

"Save me a ticket."

Mr. T. A. Person, who is temporarily sojourning in Greenville writes the editor as follows, under date of May 18th:

MR. THOMAS—Having been reading your paper regarding the election of the Graded School, beg to say, I want you to be sure to save me a ticket, for I will be there on election day "by a large majority."

As you know, I am not concerned, on a "personal" standpoint, but I think so much of the education of my friend's children, I can't see how one with or without children,

This Space is Sold to the Prohibition Committee.

The Two Parables?

NO. I.

Two men went up into the Temple to pray; the one a pharisee and the other a publican.

The pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican."

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other.

NO. II.

Two men went up to the polls to vote; the one a drunkard, the other a member of the church.

The drunkard stood with bowed head and said, "Lord, have mercy on me, a poor, miserable drunkard. Deliver me from the toils of this monster and help me to put this temptation far from me," and reaching out a nervous trembling hand, the poor drunkard cast a vote for prohibition.

The member of the church stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are—weak, wavering, unable to stand in the face of temptation—even as this miserable drunkard." And wrapping himself in the mantle of his self-righteousness, he voted for the sale of liquor. The question is:

Which of these two voters went down from the polls justified?

WHAT SMALL I DO?

This question is troubling many good men in Franklin county. The question implies a doubt. Are you in doubt? Give your wife and child the benefit of the doubt.

Give your pastor, who would die for you, the benefit of the doubt.

Give your church the benefit of the doubt.

Give your influence, as a member of the church, the benefit of the doubt.

Will it hurt your influence, as a member of the church, to vote for the sale of liquor?

If you cannot vote prohibition—then don't vote for liquor. Don't vote at all.

You may regret voting for liquor. The vote may rise up and torment you in the shape of a drunken son, or son-in-law.

You can never regret that you did not vote for liquor.

NOT BY MY VOTE?

These four words will answer all arguments on this question: "Not by my vote." If they say to us, "Men will have it," we can answer,

"NOT BY MY VOTE."

If another says, "Men will sell it," again we reply,

"NOT BY MY VOTE."

If we are told we must be politic, we answer,

"NOT BY MY VOTE."

I am not bound to abolish the saloon, but only my interest in it. My vote may not hurt the saloon, but I am bound to vote right all the same. Saloons may go on, like the brook, forever. Men may die in them like flies, and hell grow fat on drunkards. Girls may be betrayed and boys baited hellwards. Truth may be wrecked and character dismantled. Homes may be destroyed and women and children beggared.

"BUT NOT BY MY VOTE." —Hale Johnston.

could do otherwise than vote for the continuation of one of the best Graded Schools in the State, in order that the children of Louisburg may go to school.

do not abuse or criticize your neighbor because he does not vote as you do. This would not be manly.

Notice to Confederates.

All Confederate Soldiers who contemplate going to the Re-Union at Birmingham, Alabama, will at once give their names to A. S. Strother, Secretary of R. M. McKinney Camp of Franklin county. A round trip ticket will cost \$12.25.

For Vagrancy.

Chief of Police J. E. Winston, of Youngville, brought Ed Freeman, colored, to jail this week, having been sentenced to the Roads by Mayor Johnson, for vagrancy. The example of Youngville's Chief Executive, might be profitably followed by our worthy Mayor, as it is a common thing to see persons, who apparently have no means of support, loafing the streets. Let the proper officers investigate.

Let every voter go to the polls next Tuesday and cast his vote as his conscience honestly dictates, and not one word of complaint will be heard against any man through these columns. But however you may vote, see to it that you

THE LOUISBURG COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES BEGIN SUNDAY MORNING.

Annual Sermon by Rev. T. A. Smoot—Literary Address by Dr. W. S. Currell—Full Programme of Exercises.

The commencement exercises of Louisburg College will commence with the annual sermon to the graduating class at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and will be presided by Rev. T. A. Smoot. A full programme of the exercises will be found below:

PROGRAMME.

Annual Sermon—Rev. T. A. Smoot—Sunday morning, May twenty-fourth at eleven o'clock.

Junior concert—Monday evening, May twenty-fifth at five o'clock.

Alumnae Banquet—Monday evening, May twenty-fifth at half past eight o'clock.

Art Exhibit—Tuesday afternoon, May twenty-sixth from four to six o'clock.

Entertainment by school of expression—Tuesday evening, May twenty-sixth at half past eight o'clock, at opera house.

Graduating Exercises—Wednesday morning, May twenty-seventh at eleven o'clock.

Literary Address—Dr. W. S. Currell—Wednesday morning at twelve o'clock.

Grand Concert—Wednesday evening, at half past eight o'clock.

Marshalls—Chief Elizabeth Joyner; Assistants, Mamie Wilder, Maude Hicks.

A CARD.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Louisburg Graded School District.

It is the unpleasant duty of the Graded School Trustees to say to the patrons that unless a tax be voted to maintain the schools, it will be necessary to close them; because without the tax the funds available will not suffice to run the schools three months, and they cannot employ a teaching force for two months only, even if the people wanted such a school. It costs approximately \$4,425.50 per scholastic year to maintain the schools on the present basis. After taking from the bond tax fund every dollar we can spare from the interest and sinking fund, and adding what we will get from the common school fund we will not have enough to run the schools three months; nor can we safely levy less than the 33 1-3 cent asked, as a careful calculation has demonstrated.

Of course you will educate your children, cost what it will. Then the question is simply how will you do it? And the next question is, what will it cost you? We have demonstrated by years of actual trial that the only successful school for all is the Graded School. From the reports of Supt. Joyner we have these figures: It costs us \$5.93 per scholar in Louisburg per session. Adding to the levy of 26 cents now levied for bonds the 33 1-3 cent asked for maintenance, and the levy on \$1,000.00 worth of property would be \$5.13—enough to put a girl or a boy through a high school course—enough to fit her or him to enter any college with credit. Think of it! Where will you find a private school which will do better work; and when you find it what will it cost? Will any good private school take your boy or girl two months for that sum? This is without considering board, but tuition only. We have not for years had a good school for boys, and all our efforts to establish one failed. We have an excellent school for girls in the college, it is true, but how will you educate your boys?

Will you go back to the old public school system—to a school the location of which was unknown even to most of us? Under the decision of our Supreme Court it is now the unquestioned duty of the County Commissioners to levy enough tax to maintain a public school in each district for at least four months—they are punished criminally if they fail to do so. They will do it without even asking you about it; and, as before stated, we will not have enough to carry on our schools as much as three months. Would you not rather voluntarily, cheerfully and graciously tax yourselves a little more and have a school of which you will be proud? We believe we have as good a school as any of them. Let us compare costs with other schools. Taking these figures from the report of Supt. Joyner, we find that the cost per scholar is in Louisburg, \$5.93; Youngville, our own county town, \$6.90; Henderson, \$7.12; Enfield, \$7.50; Waldon, \$7.86; Orford, \$8.20; Greensboro, \$8.88; Scotland Neck, \$9.57; Raleigh, \$9.92; Durham, \$11.14.

All good things of civic life come high, and to have them we ought to be willing to pay for them. The best thing in your civic life is your public schools. It is the best investment you have. You have already invested \$20,000, about \$15,000 in the white school and the remainder has been and will be invested in the colored school. Is it good business to let the investment come naught for the lack of \$3.33 1-3 per annum to get the benefit of the investment? Can you make a better investment than in the education of your citizens?

You ask if we cannot reduce expenses? We answer no, not if you want good schools. Authorities tell us that a teacher who just earns his salary is not a good teacher. Our teachers, and each of them earn more than we now pay them—they are good teachers. But you say our taxes will be so high. The little town of Roxboro levies for bonds 17 cents for maintenance of schools 40 cents, a total of 57 cents—we ask only 53 1-3 cents. Morganton, not a great deal larger than Louisburg, levies for bonds 20 cents, for maintenance 60 cents, total 80 cents—we ask only 53 1-3 cents. Outside of Raleigh where is the country district which in the past few years has been so wanting in civic pride as to turn down a tax levy for schools? Shall we have less civic pride than every little country school district in the state—and we call ourselves an educational center? Do you know that one of the two Louisburg men who voted against one issue of our schools bonds paid by actual calculation 7 cts. school tax and had children to educate? We will educate our children; but in the name of humanity, in the name of all that is high and noble in good citizenship we ask you to join us in educating the children of the 7 cent man—let us take them and open up to them the vistas of the higher citizenship that they can never get save in a good public school! Don't stop to take selfish views, vote for the public schools—remember that if you don't vote for the school tax your vote is counted against it—we have to have a majority of the registered vote.

Wm. H. Ruffin.

How can a thinking man whose property interests are small and who has children to educate, vote against good public schools? Yet some such man are, so we learn, contemplating voting against the Graded School tax, or at least staying away from the polls, which is practically the same as voting against it. Do such men exercise that mental power which distinguishes men from the beasts that perish? Think of what you are doing and you will vote for the School tax and vote cheerfully.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mr. F. S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount was here this week.

Mr. A. W. Green, of Littleton K. is visiting his people here.

Mrs. Geo. T. Andrews, of Enfield, is visiting at W. B. Cooke's.

Mrs. Roy Jackson, of Wake, is visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Mrs. R. G. Hart returned Tuesday from a short visit to Henderson.

Mr. Joe Mann has returned from a visit to his people in Nashville.

Mr. W. T. Sledge, of Hixburg, spent Tuesday night in Louisburg.

Greenwood and Joe Davis Hill are home from school to spend vacation.

Wilson Green came home from Wake Forest, where he has been attending school.

Miss Francis Wells, of Wilson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. C. Pleasant, this week.

Mrs. T. B. Cooke, of Washington, N. C., is visiting relatives and friends in and near town.

Mrs. E. S. Green, Jr., of Monroe, is a visitor to Louisburg, guest at Mr. E. S. Green's.

Mr. T. W. Bickett left yesterday for Oak Ridge, where he delivers the literary address to-day.

His friends were delighted to see Dr. F. K. Cooke back home this week, looking as well as ever.

Little Elizabeth and William Page, of Aberdeen, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Pleasant.

Dr. Joe Utzoll arrived home yesterday from the University of Maryland, to spend his vacation.

Mr. F. P. Howell, wife and children, of Rocky Mount, were visiting at Mr. M. S. Clifton's this week.

Mr. Wingate Underhill and wife of Wilmington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Egerton.

Dr. J. O. Newell returned this week from Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, to spend his vacation.

Mr. C. G. Wood passed through this week on his way home from a business trip to Texas. He reports a pleasant trip.

Mr. E. C. Perry and family returned Saturday from a visit to friends and relatives at Apex, Kirtland and Henderson.

Judge Cooke came home last Sunday. He is holding Vance Court this week, and will remain in the district four weeks having exchanged courts with Judge Lyon.

Mrs. Lee Battle has returned from Richmond, where she went for treatment in one of the leading hospitals. Her friends will be glad to learn that she has entirely recovered.

Mr. W. F. Washington, the photographer, and proprietor of the "Gallery on Wheels" is in town this week. His headquarters this week next will be Wakefield.

Mrs. Geo. W. Blount, of Wilson, sister of Mr. F. N. Egerton, is visiting her people in this county. It is her first visit to Louisburg in 19 years, and she seems to be enjoying the pleasure of mingling with and visiting the many friends of her childhood who are still living in and around Louisburg.

Dr. R. F. Yarborough, of Louisburg, has been appointed by Governor Glenn, as a member of the Board of Directors of the State Hospital at Raleigh, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. L. J. Fink, who has been elected as assistant Physician. The appointment of Dr. Yarborough is a good one, and is highly appreciated by his friends in Franklin.