

THE LOUISBURG COLLEGE

THIS WAS COMMENCEMENT WEEK HERE

Fine Sermon by Rev. Mr. Smoot—Good Address by Dr. Currell—Fine Essays—Splendid Concert.

The Commencement Exercises at Louisburg College opened Sunday last with the annual sermon to the Graduating Class at the Methodist Church by Rev. T. A. Smoot of Grace Church Wilmington. He took as his text John 11-26 and announced as his subject "The Divine and the Human Statement of Religion. The writer feels unequal to the task of giving a synopsis of the sermon but will nevertheless mention a few impressive thoughts as memory recalls them.

He pleaded for a larger and broader conception of true religion, insisting that it was something more than the mere recital of a narrow creed. It was not in the intellect or through the will but a supernatural touch to one's soul giving an experience of joy and happiness that no language could adequately express. He was unusually happy in illustration, one of which was that of the eagle which had dropped from the eyrie and was placed with the barnyard fowls and while these had no realization of its real power and might and could not be induced to fly but being carried to the housetop and given full view of the rising sun, its pinions unfolded and the king of the birds sailed away forever. Another was that of the resonator which delicate instrument enabled the ear to catch sounds that were otherwise lost. "Thus young ladies, it is your province as educated women" to go out into the world catching the wails of woe and misery unheeded by other ears, relieving the sorrowing and distressed as well as enjoying the songs of gladness. The speaker mentioned the great need of educated cultured workers. "Shall we be flotsam and jetsam on the great tidal wave of religion flowing on through the centuries or real live active participants.

Mr. Smoot has a most pleasing delivery and his discourse ranks easily with the very best of the great sermons that have been delivered here by the ablest men of the conference. Monday evening the Annual Banquet of the Alumnae Association was held. Covers were laid for sixty five guests and the feast was served in a delightful manner by Dughi of Raleigh. Mrs. J. S. Barrow President of the Association acted as toastmistress and delivered the address of welcome. Mr. T. W. Bickett then addressed the guests in an able and characteristic address. The toasts and responses were:

Class of 1908—Miss Annie Bagley.

School in the Olden Days—Mrs. Laura Ballard.

Success to Prohibition in the Old North State—Miss May Holmes.

My Girlhood's Home Friends—Mrs. Anna Lawson.

Our Wives—Mrs. W. H. Ruffin.

The College—Mrs. T. W. Bickett.

The responses were all in happy vein, the utmost good cheer prevailed and it was near the midnight hour before the banqueters retired, closing another of these most enjoyable annual events.

An interesting feature of the Banquet was the presence of five lady graduates of more than forty years ago.—Mrs. Blount of Wilson, Mrs. Lawson, of South Boston, Va., Mrs. Bettie King, of Warrenton, Mrs. J. S. Barrow and Mrs. Laura Ballard, of Louisburg.

Tuesday evening the class in Elocution under Miss May Jones presented a highly amusing 3 act comedy to an immense audience that thoroughly enjoyed the many humorous situations. There was not a dull moment throughout, the young ladies giving life, motion and action to the parts rather than the usual parrot-like reciting of the lines.

Monday afternoon at five o'clock the Junior Music Class gave a Recital. The program consisted of instrumental and vocal numbers, the participants showing the usual painstaking care of their excellent instructor, Mrs. Laura Ballard.

Tuesday afternoon the Art Exhibit was open to the inspection of visitors. It was not our fortune to view the Exhibit but we learn that it was up to the usual high standard and many of the drawings showed real talent.

Wednesday morning the Commencement Exercises proper were held in the College Auditorium, a very large audience filling every available seat. Rev. A. P. Tyer, Chairman of the Conference Committee on the College assisted Mrs. Allen the President in the ceremonies of the occasion which were opened by the singing of the Doxology. Rev. Geo. M. Duke led in prayer. After the singing of an inspiring hymn and a musical selection the Literary address was delivered by Dr. W. S. Carrell of Lexington Va. He took as his subject "Books Beneficial and as a Bane."

No mention of the address should be made except in its entirety, and we can only give the drift of his thought by a few references from memory. The culture of the inward man marks the outward conduct. Books are necessary for the culture of the intellect and of the emotions. It is impossible to read all the published books, therefore choice should be made of the best literature and one's reading should be methodical. Dr. Carrell evidenced his own keen sense of humor by injecting into his address many humorous anecdotes and witty references. The address in all respects was characteristic of a wide culture and intimate knowledge of the best literature. The appreciation of the audience was shown by rounds of applause. The presentation of medals followed some musical numbers.

The Latin Medal was presented to Miss May Amanda Holmes by Prof. Wingate Underhill, Mathematics to Miss Belle Mitchiner by Mr. T. B. Wilder, and that of History to Miss May Amanda Holmes by Dr. Currell. The Junior Music Medal was presented to Miss Sallie Mountain by Rev. Mr. Tyer. The Ballard Music Medal to Miss Alice James Coeten by Rev. Mr. Singleton, of Wake Forest.

The presentation of Diplomas and Certificates was then made by the President and Bibles to the Graduating Class by Rev. L. S. Massey. The Class Hymn then followed after which Rev. Mr. Tyer chairman of the conference committee announced that the committee was at work in the matter of the transition of the College and asked that patience be shown as their progress was necessarily slow. The College now belongs to the North Carolina Conference and Dr. Tyer announced that such improvements as the patronage of the institution justified would make in the future. He said amid the plaudits of the audience that the committee had elected Mrs. Ivey Allen to be President of the College. The selection is an admirable one, Mrs. Allen having demonstrated her ability and qualifications for the position. Under her presidency the college is prospering greatly and will continue to do so in the future.

The absence of Miss Anna Perry a member of the Graduating Class who is critically ill with meningitis, tinged with sadness the exercises of the morning. Not one in the auditorium but felt sorrow at her mis-

fortune and intense longing for her early recovery.

The Annual Concert was the closing feature on Wednesday evening. Under capable management of Miss Williams the ladies acquitted themselves well, while the vocal numbers showed the training and culture of that most excellent lady and musician Mrs. P. H. Cooke. The usual joyful interchange of nothings between the lads and lassies followed the concert. This delightful hour is the chief social event of the College year, a time for the renewal of old and the forming of new friendships, indeed an hour full of pleasure for both old and young. The Louisburg College has passed another milestone and we trust that fortune will favor her in the future as she has done in the past.

Dispensary Election.
The vote on the Dispensary which applies only to Louisburg township was as follows:
For Dispensary 129. Against 213
The repeal of the Dispensary bill means the establishment of a Dispensary, which will be established December 1st, when the Dispensary will go out of existence.

County Canvassers.
The Board of Canvassers met in the Court House yesterday at 11 o'clock, and organized by electing E. W. Morris Chairman and J. R. Collier, Secretary. They at once proceeded to canvass the official returns from the various precincts, and when they had finished the result was announced at the Court House door. The vote by townships will be seen in another column.

Eastern Star.
Mr. R. M. Garrell, Grand Patron from Ore Hill, N. C., was here last week and organized the Order of the Eastern Star—Cornelius Chapter, No 39. The officers elected are as follows:

Mrs. Mary Lancaster, W. M.; C. E. Gupton, W. P.; Miss Lillian Crudup, A. M.; Mrs. J. J. Barrow, C.; Mrs. A. H. Fleming, A. C.; J. J. Barrow, Sec'y.; Miss Mary Best, Assistant Sec'y.; Dr. H. A. Newell, Treas.; J. H. Mitchell, Chaplain; J. S. Lancaster, Marshal; Mrs. Maggie Sikes, Organist; Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Assistant; Miss Mary Hines, R.; Mrs. F. W. Wheelless, E.; Miss Alice Hines, M.; Miss Mary Best, E. Mrs. George Alford, W.; and D. E. Miller, S.

Cut it Out.
The high prices of meat have naturally resulted in a reduced demand. In Chicago the reduction is said to be at least 50 per cent. Perhaps the high prices will do good in teaching people a more varied dietary. It is conceded that we have been in the habit of eating too much meat. But physicians and scientists demonstrate this and newspapers disseminate the information in vain. Meat once a day is sufficient. But the general habit with our city dwellers is meat three times a day. In this connection it is curious that while this country produces rice we use it so little. It is one of the most nutritious of foods. It can be served in many ways. It is cheap, and one of the most wholesome of all foods. As for taste, that is a matter of taste. We do not, as a people, like rice greatly unless it is sweetened so as to be virtually disguised. Meat, always meat has become so much a part of our bill of fare that almost everything else becomes subsidiary. If we should seize the present moment of meat scarcity to direct attention to our great rice product and endeavor to increase its use, we should do ourselves a great service, both as to health and economy.—Ex.

—Louisburg has been full of visitors this week, attending the commencement at the College.

THE STATE GOES DRY.

MAJORITY OVER FORTY THOUSAND IN STATE.

Buncombe County Gives Largest Majority—Franklin Goes Wet by Eighteen Majority—Election Very Quiet in Franklin.

In the election last Tuesday on the question as to whether the people of the State were for or against "the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors" a very large majority of those who voted are against the traffic. In fact the majority was much larger than a great many thought it would reach. Buncombe county seems to be the banner, having rolled up a majority of 3,600.

The majority in the State will probably reach 45,000, as predicted by some of the "dry" advocates last week. Even Rowan (in which Salisbury is situated) went dry, and New Hanover (Wilmington) only went wet by a small majority. Wake, Durham, Johnston and Edgecombe are among the counties that went wet. Franklin is wet by only 18 majority, which shows that the county is about equally divided on the question.

The official vote by townships in Franklin is as follows:

	Dry	Wet
Dunns,	105	117
Harris,	74	87
Youngsville,	144	61
Franklinton,	213	82
Hayesville,	71	65
Sandy Creek,	75	144
Gold Mine,	33	159
Cedar Rock,	87	184
Cypress Creek,	31	105
Louisburg,	247	95
	1,080	1,098.

Majority wet, 18.

Graded School Election.

The vote in the Graded School Election on Tuesday was as follows: Registered votes 282. Number voting for school 224. Against school 2. The votes of those who did not vote in this box counted against the school, as it took a majority of the registered vote. As will be seen the number of votes required was exceeded by 82.

Tax on Bachelors.

It may become ere long a seriously debated point whether a tax upon bachelors might not be imposed to the advantage not only of the imperial exchequer, but to the position of the evergrowing army of women in our population. Such a tax would be a revival, not a novelty. In the reign of William and Mary, when the whole population of England was less than the present population of London, an act was passed obliging all bachelors and widowers above twenty-five years of age to pay a tax of one shilling yearly; a bachelor or widower duke, £12 10s; a marquis, £10 a year. A curious combination; this of a tax upon single blessedness and social glory and one which conceivably might be revived with advantage.—[London Court Journal.

The Cattle Tick.

Mr. B. A. Gallagher government inspector, in Louisburg, to investigate the cattle tick and fever among the cattle in Franklin which are now hemmed in by quarantine. He will have three assistants and a good part of the summer will be spent first in locating diseased cattle areas and then in stamping the trouble out. The government is paying all costs in the work even to the remedies used. Mr. Gallagher says that crude Beasmont oil is the best known remedy. The inspectors have finished with Warren county and are now gradually working a chain

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. C. T. Stokes went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. A. W. Perry Jr., of Elizabeth, was in town Sunday.

Mr. D. C. Strickland returned Tuesday from a visit to Greensboro.

Mr. H. T. Beasley, of Elizabeth, was a visitor to our town this week.

Mrs. Joel G. King, of Warrenton, was among the visitors to Louisburg the past week.

Miss Lizzie Whitfield, of Franklinton, is visiting friends and relatives in and near town.

Mr. T. J. King, of Richmond, Va., spent two days in the county this week, visiting his people.

Miss Belle Strickland, who graduated at the Greensboro State Normal College, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Pauline Smith left Wednesday to attend the commencement exercises of the Littleton Female College.

Miss Margie Mason, who has been attending the Greensboro Female College, returned home Wednesday night.

Mrs. T. Blackwell Cooks, of Washington, N. C., after visiting his relatives in and near Louisburg, returned home one day this week.

Mr. Chas. F. Carroll, of Warrenton spent several days in Louisburg this week, guest of his father-in-law, E. H. Maysberry, Esq. Mrs. Carroll and child who accompanied him here will remain in Louisburg a short while.

Little Miss Helen Thomas, who has been visiting the editors family, returned to her home in Raleigh Tuesday. She was accompanied on her return by little Miss Eleanor and Louise Thomas, who will spend some time with her.

WALL STREET SUPPORTS TAFT.

There may be some doubt about how great the revolt of Labor will be against Secretary Taft, but that Wall Street interests will warmly support him with its money and votes seems certain. That representative Wall Street banker, Jacob H. Schiff, the partner of that "millionaire of great wealth," Mr. Rockefeller, has accepted the Vice-Presidency of the Taft organization of the State of New York. He declares, "that with a right insistence for due and proper regard of the law, all classes of our citizens will, with Mr. Taft as President, become readily convinced that every legitimate interest will be safe in the hands of their Chief Executive."

From this we may assume that Mr. Taft will receive the united support of the Wall Street influence, and that bankers and retired managers will vie with each other in filling the "dough-bags" of the Republican party. The maintenance of great wealth have evidently, as Mr. Schiff says: "Become readily convinced" that they "will be safe" in the hands of Taft.

A REFORMER QUIETED.

A very pertinent question was asked Medini McCubbin, of the Chicago Tribune, by Representative Ryan, a Democratic member of the Committee investigating the Paper Trust. "If similar conditions could be shown to exist in other industries should the tariff affecting them not be revised also?" Mr. McCubbin declined to express an opinion other than through the columns of his newspaper. As the Tribune has been noted for expediting tariff reform in "half years," and then supporting manufacturers for election, it really looks well revised more than helping it.

THE SPURIOUS CONGRESS.

The Sixtieth Congress will pass into history as the Spurious Congress. It has done nothing worthy of a great representative body. In its appropriations, it has been more extravagant than any of its predecessors, and will leave the government \$60,000,000 in arrears on the first day of July next, and \$160,000,000 in arrears on July 1, 1909, so that money will have to be borrowed even for running expenses. It has refused to modify the tariff system on wood pulp and print paper. It has enacted currency legislation of the worst possible type, legislation not in favor of the interests of the people at large, but of Wall Street.

of counties to the westward, this being the next county. They are not here because of any special need of their services or of any special call but for the reason that this county is next to Warren in this chain of counties now under quarantine. Cattle cannot be shipped from Franklin to points north or east or west, not even to Henderson. Cattle owners are welcoming the inspectors and extending them every possible aid in their work.

U. D. C. An Announcement.

June 3rd being the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, it is desired that the day be fittingly observed. To this end crosses of honor will be presented to Veterans. There will be an address by Mr. R. B. White, of Franklinton, and a dinner will be given the Veterans by the members of the Jos. J. Davis Chapter.

It is asked by the members of the Chapter that contributions to this dinner be given by the friends of the Veterans, throughout the county, and that such contributions be sent to the Court House, to the office of Sheriff Kearney, as early as possible, on that morning.

Mrs. J. S. Barrow, Pres.
Mrs. R. H. Davis, Sec'y

Early Morning Fire.

The fire alarm sounded about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning and cries were heard that the Mattress Factory was on fire. The fire boys were on the way to the fire within three minutes after the alarm and within ten minutes thereafter had two streams playing on the flames. The fire started from the sluck hacker, a nail or grit, it is thought having gotten in the machine.

The flames spread rapidly and within a few minutes after the alarm the entire second floor and roof were ablaze. The fire was confined to the second floor!

The loss is very great, and it is not thought the amount of insurance will cover it.

Judgment of the Hour against the Newspaper.

The man who handles the local department of a newspaper learns after the experience not to expect even briefly expressed thanks from a column of pleasant things, but he knoweth, as surely as cometh the winter that a single line in which there is an unintentional representation will cause some one to be heard from as if from a bomb top. And we add that when he has made pleasant mention 999 times of some person, place or thing, but on the thousandth time fails to do so, he must not expect to be forgotten. The omission may have been from accident, inadvertence or even an acute lack of knowledge. It matters not. The simple fact remains and he will be judged by that.

The above from an exchange in Virginia is so applicable to every newspaper, that it could be reprinted without quoting, and not be held as anything beyond a local condition.

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