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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SESSION COMES TO A CLOSE.

The Annual Sermon Was by Rev. L. T. Howard And the Address by Hon. John H. Small—Both Fine.

This has been commencement week at the Louisburg Female College, and it is a pleasure for the Times to record the fact that another very successful and satisfactory session of this noble institution has come to a close.

The commencement exercises opened on Sunday morning last when Rev. L. T. Howard, the able young Methodist minister who is pastor of the church at Morehead City, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class, which took place in the Methodist church, same being filled almost to its utmost capacity, by home folks and many visitors.

The sermon was very appropriate and most elegantly delivered, the speaker exhibiting a most extraordinary memory in his quotations. Taken altogether it was one of the most satisfying sermons of the kind this writer has heard on similar occasions. The sermon of Mr. Howard, at night, was also very fine, and, as was the case in the morning, was very edifying to his audience. The president made a wise selection when she secured the services of Mr. Howard to preach the annual sermon.

The event towards which all true and loyal daughters of Louisburg College look forward with eager anticipations, the Alumnae Banquet, was held in the college dining hall on Monday night.

The occasion proved to be one of unusual interest, for many things conspired to make it auspicious.

The reunions of quite a number of the various classes, the enthusiasm and interest being manifested by these classes in the larger and broader plans for the future of their Alma Mater; the presence of the board of trustees; the sense of good will and comradeship everywhere; the various toasts sparkling with wit and humor, with bright hopes and tender interests for the future of the college; All these made the Alumnae Banquet of '09 one not soon to be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Although absent, the beloved President of the Alumnae, Mrs. J. S. Barrow, sent a letter of welcome and cheer, especially urging every member of the Alumnae to use every effort in her power to aid in raising funds for the M. S. Davis Memorial Association, and suggesting some ways in which this may be done.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. J. E. Malone acted as toastmistress, and in her gentle, gracious way which ever lends dignity and charm to any occasion, she presided with ease and was most happy in her welcome to the Alumnae.

In toasting the College—Past, Present and Future, Rev. L. S. Massey paid a glowing tribute to the great and noble work done by Mr. M. S. Davis for Louisburg College, and which more than any other one thing has made for the college in the past its record of high and lofty ideals, and sent out into the world so many noble women, so well equipped in mind and heart to bless and enable the future. He also cast a prophetic eye into the future, seeing the closer connection of the college with the Conference, which has been done so much in the last two centuries for the education of its youth and the enlargement of its educational institutions, brighter and broader things far for Louisburg College in the future than have ever been done in its even its past or present.

We would dare say that no Col-

lege Alumnae Association in the state is better organized and more ably managed than that of Louisburg College. And that this is due largely to the untiring efforts of its most valuable secretary, Miss Cora D. Bagley, whose heart is thoroughly in the work, and who gives of the very best that is in her to the fostering of this noble work.

Those present were Mrs. M. S. Davis of '59; Mrs. J. E. Malone, Mrs. Ivey Allen, Mrs. Laura Ballard, Mrs. M. J. Jackson ranging from '60 to '80; Mrs. K. P. Hill of '90; Mrs. Mattie Williams, Mrs. Sallie Wilson Meadows, Misses Lucie Foster and Mabel Davis of '91; Mrs. Bird Person Nicholson and Miss Cora Bagley of '93; Miss Matilda Foster of '94; Mrs. Mammie Massenburg Carroll, Mrs. Bessie Upperman Palmer and Miss Lucie Jones of '95; Mrs. Minnie Egerton Hicks and Miss Sallie Pleasants of '96; Miss Mary Underwood of '97; Mrs. Nannie Spivey Clarke, Mrs. Kathleen Stille Bonner, Mrs. Bettie Hill Reavis, Misses Hallie Jones, May Jones, Mattie Ballard, Maud Dickens and Annie Strickland of 1900; Miss Blanche Egerton of '03; Misses Katie Furman and Mary Malone of '04; Misses Nana Malone and Lucie Berry of '05; Misses Nellie Wilson, Josephine Pernell and Lula Massenburg of '07; Misses Alice James Costen, Mary Alfred Cooper, Mary Webb and Emma Duke of '08; Misses Mary Foy, Elizabeth Joyner, Willie Lee Thomas, Mammie Wilder, Annie Allen, Maude Hicks, Carrie Marrow, Bessie Ormond, Marguerite Harris and Fannie Belle Thomas, Mrs. P. H. Cooke, Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, Mrs. L. L. Joyner, Misses Grant, Herring, Williams and Allen, members of the Faculty or former teachers; Mrs. F. B. McKinnis, Mrs. Dowman, Messrs. Ivey Allen, M. S. Davis, Revs. L. S. Massey, G. F. Smith, J. H. Shore, A. J. Parker, A. P. Tyer, and Messrs. B. W. Ballard, Z. W. Lyop, J. T. Flythe, F. B. McKinnis of the Board of Trustees.

Despite the inclemency of the weather quite a large crowd assembled on the campus on Tuesday afternoon to witness the Class Day Exercises, and the scene was one of brightness and beauty, as each class preceded by its President bearing a class banner marched around the campus. Following is a programme of the exercises:

- Grand March.....
- Chorus.....
- Class Toasts.....
- Freshman..... Lizzie Lee Aycock
- Sophomore..... Ernestine Hayes
- Junior..... Madeline Kearney
- Senior..... Elizabeth Joyner
- Class History..... Fannie Belle Thomas
- Song..... Carolina
- Prophecy..... Marguerite Harris
- Will..... Bessie Ormond
- Presentation of Class Gift, Mary Foye
- Song..... Medley

On Tuesday night the musicale by the Junior Class took place in the College Chapel, and the young ladies taking part rendered the well arranged programme in a pleasing and entertaining manner. The exercises consisted in music and recitations and the large audience was highly entertained.

The Chapel was filled to overflowing Wednesday morning when the Hon. John H. Small, the able Congressman from the First District delivered the Annual Address to the Graduating Class. The exercises were opened with a soul-stirring song, "True-hearted, Whole hearted, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. P. Tyer.

Mr. Small was then introduced in a very appropriate manner by Rev. L. S. Massey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and for about an hour this distinguished North Carolinian spoke. After a few preliminary remarks regarding the hospitable reception tendered him upon his first visit to Louisburg, he announced as his subject "Community Building." He handled his theme most

admirably and elegantly, holding the rapt attention of the large audience as he proceeded by logical argument and apt illustration to impress the great truth that what a man or woman receives in the way of training and culture or achieves of wealth or power is only really valuable to him or her or to society in so far as it is employed for the material, moral or social uplift of the community. He declared that the distinguishing characteristic of our present civilization as contrasted with those which have flourished and decayed in the past, was the unselfish co-operation of men and women everywhere in movements and undertakings which made for the welfare and advancement of the race as a whole. The speaker paid a magnificent tribute to those men and women now to be found in every community the secret of whose influence and power lay in the prompt unselfishness with which they were ever ready to assume aggressive leadership in any cause which meant the betterment of the community-life in any respect.

It is evident that his audience was deeply impressed and that it came away thinking over what he had said as well as praising the eloquent way in which it had been said. We regret that we have not space for a full synopsis of Mr. Small's address, for he delivered a message which it would profit the individual of every community to learn and put into practice.

At the conclusion of the address Rev. L. S. Massey presented Diplomas to the following graduates: Misses Annie Louise Allen, Mary Franklin Foye, Marguerite Harris, Maude Fargurson Hicks, Laura Elizabeth Joyner, Carrie Marrow, Fannie Belle Thomas, Willie Lee Thomas, Mammie Agnes Wilder. He also presented certificates to a number of young ladies who had completed certain courses.

Each graduate was then presented with a bible, the presentation speech being made by Rev. F. A. Bishop.

The Mathematics Medal was awarded to Miss Annie Norwood, presented by Senator B. T. Holden.

The Latin Medals were presented by Rev. A. P. Tyer to Misses Mammie Agnes Wilder (Senior) and Mary Hayes, (Freshman.)

The Music Medals (Mrs. Ballard's Class) were awarded Misses Mary Hayes and Lucy Smithwick, and presented by Rev. A. J. Parker.

Rev. Mr. Massey announced to the audience that the committee appointed at the last annual conference of the Methodist church to make the legal transfer of the College property to the conference had completed their work and that the College was now owned in fee simple by said Conference. He also said that it was the purpose of the conference, with the aid of the friends and well wishers of the College to erect, at an early date as possible, a memorial building, in memory of the late President, Matthew S. Davis. This was greeted with hearty applause, as was also the announcement that Mrs. Allen had been unanimously re-elected as President. Mr. Massey announced that the Fall session would open early in September and the Board of Trustees had great hopes for a successful future of this noble institution of learning.

The Grand Concert always winds up the commencement exercises on Wednesday night, and is quite an interesting and enjoyable feature.

It is on this occasion that the music pupils display their skill in this delightful art, and when the efficiency and faithfulness of their tutors are reflected through their pupils to the appreciative listener of sweet and "timely" music. The programme of this occasion was elegantly arranged and most artistically rendered.

Immediately after the conclusion of the concert programme the following medals and prizes were awarded: B. W. Ballard Music Medal award-

ed to Miss Annie Bowers, presented by Dr. A. H. Fleming.

Music Prize given by Miss Costen, awarded to Miss Myrtle Critcher, presented by Senator B. T. Holden. Prize for Improvement in Penmanship, awarded to Miss Patsy Edwards, presented by Rev. F. A. Bishop.

Prize for securing largest number of subscriptions to Echoes—the college paper—won by Miss Miss Willie Lee Thomas, and presented by Rev. F. A. Bishop.

After the concert then came the "good time" between the boys and girls, which is looked forward to by these young people with joyous anticipations for months before it arrives.

Thus ended one of the most successful sessions of Louisburg Female College.

NOTES.

The Board of Trustees of the College had a meeting on Tuesday when the property was formally turned over to the Board by Rev. A. P. Tyer, Chairman of a Committee appointed by the conference. The members of the Board present were Revs. L. S. Massey, G. F. Smith, J. H. Shore, A. J. Parker, and Messrs. J. T. Blythe, B. W. Ballard, Z. W. Lyon and F. B. McKinnis. They organized by electing L. S. Massey President, A. J. Parker Vice President and F. B. McKinnis Secretary. The officers were elected as an Executive Committee. Mrs. Ivey Allen was unanimously elected President of the college.

The faculty for the Fall session is not yet complete and will be given later.

The following were the Commencement Marshals: Chief—Miss Sarah Jones, assisted by William Barrow. Assistants—Miss Callie Corbett, assisted by Wilson Green. Miss Viola Arrington, assisted by Badger Hart.

Mrs. Barrow's Concert.

The concert by Mrs. J. S. Barrow's Music Class in the Opera House on Thursday night of last week was very much enjoyed by the appreciative audience. The children acquitted themselves finely, and the tableaux at the close were beautiful.

Resolutions of Respect

At a meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's Church the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Whereas, God in His inscrutable wisdom has removed from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant that most faithful and efficient member, Wiley Perry Neal, who, while yet in the prime of a life of most effective service to his God and brother man, is taken from us,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, that while we, his co-workers in the Church Militant will miss sadly his kindly co-operation in all good works and generous support in all that pertained to the advancement of the work of the almighty Father, and while we, as friends mourn for his presence, his sympathetic, genial daily intercourse with us, and while we bow in humble submission to God's will, yet in a grateful memory of his life we give glory to God that He has given to this community in his departed servant a God-loving, God-fearing and God-serving man, who from his early youth has been identified with this church, and who was for many years a faithful member of the Vestry and Junior Warden, and a Christian without guile. Of such, surely may we say, is the kingdom of Heaven.

Resolved further, that we tender to his family, whose loss is incomparably greatest of all, our most sincere sympathy, and that the Secretary be instructed to have this resolution published and furnish copies of the same to his family.

GRADED SCHOOL CLOSES.

MOST SUCCESSFUL SESSION SINCE ESTABLISHMENT.

Reports of Trustees and Supt. Mills Were Very Satisfactory—Interesting Address by Rev. Mr. Swope.

The closing exercises of the white Graded School of Louisburg took place on Friday of last week.

The school opened as usual Friday morning and the various classes finished up the work of the session. At 12 o'clock a public debate took place in the auditorium between the larger pupils, the query being, "Should the Government own the Railroads?" There were about 12 on a side and the debaters all did well and it was very evident from the good points scored that they had made quite a study of the question. The judges decided with those representing the negative, that the Government should not own, but control, the Railroads.

The closing exercises took place in the auditorium at night, and although the weather was unfavorable the attendance was quite large. An opening chorus was sung by the school, which was followed by a report from the Trustees, read by Mr. W. H. Ruffin, Secretary of the Board. The report was a most satisfactory one. Among other things, it said that the current expenses of the schools were being met promptly; that there had been no default in the payment of interest on bonds, and the sinking fund was in correspondingly good condition. The teachers had all been paid in full and there was no outstanding debts against the schools for maintenance. The report also showed that the limit of levy for maintenance, allowed by law, had not been reached, and from present indications, the Board did not anticipate that it would be necessary to levy the limit for this purpose.

At the request of the Board of Trustees Supt. Mills made a Statistical Report; among the important features being that by comparison with other Graded Schools in the larger cities and average towns the number of pupils in a room are very much in favor of our schools.

He also gave the enrollment and average attendance of the white school for the session, as follows: Enrollment 268, average attendance 177. For the past four sessions the enrollment was 1905-06, 205, attendance 138; 1906-07, 232, attendance 140; 1907-08, 232, attendance 154. [The average attendance does not show up as well as it should and this is a matter of very great importance that should be looked into by the parents. Superintendent and teachers cannot build up and maintain a successful school without the aid of the parents of the pupils.—EDITOR.]

The Superintendent's report also showed that since the establishment of the school the number of tardies have been reduced at least 75 per cent, and during the present session there were twelve pupils who were not tardy in a single instance, as follows: Euna May Hayes, Pearle Massenburg, Genevieve Thomas, Fannie Louise Thomas, Pattie Aycock, Roxie Harris, John Harris, Graham Egerton, Aubrey Waddell, Cade Hayes, Mvcon Smithwick and Willie Collie. The last named has not missed a day or been tardy during the past three sessions. Certificates were presented to these twelve for their punctuality and regular attendance.

Dr. E. F. Dixon, State Auditor, who was to deliver the address of the occasion, wired at the last moment that he was unavoidably detained elsewhere, and Supt. Mills was fortunate in upping Rev. Mr. Swope to entertain the audience, which he did to the full satisfaction of the large and very appreciative

audience. What he had to say was very appropriate, and we regret that we are unable to give a synopsis. All the parents should have heard it.

As stated before, the present session has been the most successful in the history of the school, and Superintendent Mills and his excellent corps of teachers deserve the thanks and hearty co-operation of the entire community in their faithful work.

The Board of Trustees at a meeting recently held re-elected Superintendent Mills and the same teachers: Prof. E. L. Best, Misses Joyner, Yarbrough, Best and Mrs. Ragdale.

Carmack on Religion.

The following gem is from the pen of the late Senator E. W. Carmack, of Nashville, Tenn., who was murdered some months ago by Robin Cooper:

"I dispute no man's freedom of opinion, though why any man should be willing to believe that man has no preeminence over a beast I do not know. You say that you cannot believe the miracle of the resurrection. Let me tell you the story of a greater miracle than that. It is the story of a poor peasant, a member of a despised and subject race, himself despised, the place of his birth despised by his own countryman. In a little while he dies a felon's death, and all those above him forgot he ever lived. Yet somehow his words lived on.

"Philosophy with all its wisdom, priestcraft with all its terrors, kings wielding the iron power of all the world, but over armies, over dying dynasties and crumbling thrones, rivers of blood and seas of fire, that power swept on and on until it has made conquest of the earth, until every king on every throne bows down in adoration to the dead peasant of Galilee, and the very instrument of his felon's death has become a symbol of salvation to all mankind. Do you believe that story? It is the story of a greater miracle than that a man died and rose from the dead.

"Young gentlemen, be not among those who scoff at religion which is the last hope of the world, whose consolation you yourself will need in the time of affliction and the hour of death."

A Few Hints to Young Men.

Some people only do what they are paid to do and some people are only paid for what they do. Do enough to be paid. Discard forever false pride. The peacock is beautiful but his flesh is no good to eat. A business man wants worth, not a dandified man who is afraid his hands may be soiled by coming in contact with honest work.

Many young men make a mistake by thinking they will do too much, consequently they do too little and fail because they don't get a raise. Remember your employer is entitled to do as he likes about loafing on the street, you are supposed to be at your place of business, meet your customer at the door and make him feel he is doing you a favor to buy your stuff—not that you are doing him one to sell it to him. Go neat and clean always, but don't make a fool of yourself about your looks. A conceited, stuck-up man never yet made a success as a business man, because he thinks more of self than he does of his customers or his business. Let your employer see you take an interest in his work and push it and he will take an interest in you. Stay at the front door when not busy. Customers don't generally come in at the back door. Don't think more of yourself than any one else does of you.

ONE WHO WAS TAKEN BY.

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