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## CLOSING EXERCISES AT THE COLLEGE

### Bacalaureate Sermon Delivered by Dr. G. B. Strickler, of Richmond, Va.

DR. W. B. NORTH DELIVERED THE SERMON BEFORE THE Y W C A SUNDAY EVENING

The Exercises Began on Sunday Morning and Lasted Through Wednesday—Breaking of Dirt for the M. S. Davis Memorial Building—Shows Great Progress in Education.

The Annual Sermon at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock was the beginning of the closing exercises of the Louisburg Female College. The weather was fine and proved to be all that could be asked for, and a large number of our people and many visitors gathered to hear the sermon before the graduating class. The college girls occupied the central section of the church with the graduating class just in front of them. The services were begun by a beautiful organ voluntary by Miss Sallie Williams, the Director of Music at the college, after which several pretty selections were sung—among the number being a beautiful duet by Misses Jones and Wilcox. The pastor in a few appropriate remarks turned the church over to Rev. A. J. Parker, financial agent of the college for the day, and after making the announcements for the college, in a few very fitting remarks Rev. Mr. Parker introduced the speaker, Dr. G. B. Strickler, of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., who delivered one of the finest sermons we have listened to in many a day. He took his text from John 7-17, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." And with this subject he made it very clear that if it was a man's desire to know God and do His will, that God had promised him he should know the doctrine and know His will. His sermon showed much research and study and was highly enjoyed by the large number present.

In the evening at 8:30 o'clock Rev. W. B. North, of the North Carolina Conference, delivered the sermon before the young Women's Christian Association, of the college, at the Methodist church. His text was taken from 119 Psalms 18th verse from which he delivered a very able and interesting sermon. It showed a great deal of research and thought and proved to be an excellent sermon for the occasion.

On Monday evening at 5 o'clock in the college chapel was held the Junior Recital. Quite a large number had gathered to witness the performance of the little ones and they were well repaid for their being present. All of them did so well it would be impossible for us to determine who deserved any special mention, but it was easily seen that they had been earnest and painstaking in their study and had been the recipients of the very best of training.

This recital was composed of music and recitation and Miss Dickens, the instructor in these branches, should feel proud of her class of little folks and they of their excellent teacher.

Louisburg became the mecca for many pilgrims this week. The unusually large number of visitors attending commencement shows something of the interest and devotion of former students for the college. In honor of their return the Alumnae Association holds an annual banquet which is regarded as the most delightful feature of commencement by those who attend.

The parlors and balconies of the Lancaster Hotel became the scene of an animated throng on Monday evening and the hotel lobby, the center of interest to many who assembled there to catch a passing glimpse

of beautiful gowns and fair women. At nine o'clock, 'neath a most artistic combination of lavender and white, the college colors, the guests took their places about the elegantly spread tables in the dining room, Mrs. J. S. Barrow, President of the association as toast mistress was at her best. After the bright welcome address, she called upon Miss Frances Thomas, '09, to welcome the class of 1910, the youngest members of the association.

An elegant seven course dinner was served; the Juniors according to custom, serving the guests. At intervals during the banquet the following toasts were responded to:

"Now and then ye men of wit  
Will condescend to take a bit."  
—Mrs. J. S. Barrow, Toast Mistress

The Girls Who Wear the Mortar Boards  
—Miss Frances Thomas

To the Comet Seekers—The Fortunate and the Unfortunate  
—Miss Mabel Davis

Women's Clubs  
—Mrs. E. C. Jones

To the Country School Ma'm  
—Miss Katie Sherman

The Alumnae  
—Miss Annie Jerome

June and its Possibilities.  
—Mrs. T. W. Dickert

The toasts were all replete with humor and beautiful in sentiment. Just in time to see the eclipse of the moon the hour for adjournment was announced and the toast mistress, after a brief farewell proposed a toast to Mr. J. S. Lancaster, Louisburg's new caterer.

The class day exercises on Tuesday afternoon were seriously interfered with by the fearful rain and wind storm which swept over our town just before the hour of the beginning. The exercises were to have been held on the north side of the campus under the large spreading oaks. A stage had been erected and the necessary seats provided, but the rain drove all in doors, there the exercises proceeded in spite of the elements on the outside.

Every girl had her dinner bucket and was clad in pure country fashion of by-gone days. Miss Norwood played the role of teacher, while the rest of the class were pupils. The class prophet pictured a checked life for the girls—all having their share of good things. The class will was a unique documents and the local bits were fine. It was the girls turn to even up in a good natured way, a number of old scores against the various members of the faculty and they used the opportunity to good advantage.

In spite of the rain a good audience was present and all enjoyed it largely.

On Tuesday evening quite a large crowd gathered at the Opera House to witness the Expression Recital. This recital was composed mainly of Miss Dickens class in expression. The exercises included a nice and well set four act drama entitled "A Girl in a Thousand." The scheme was pretty and the parts well filled. Each of the fourteen girls who took part in this play are especially deserving of special mention and their splendid rendition gave evidence of the excellent training they have received.

Between the acts were recitations by Misses Maggie Floyd, Camilla Yarborough, Madeline Kearney. Each of the young ladies did exceedingly well, but little Miss Yarborough deserves special mention for the ease and gracefulness in which she delivered her recitation.

A male quartette composed of Dr. A. H. Fleming, Senator, B. T.

Holden, Messrs. W. D. Jackson and L. M. Hales, rendered two nice selections that were much enjoyed by the entire audience.

The evening's entertainment was closed by a very pretty "Daisy Drill" and a pantomime scene. The drill was composed of twelve little girls dressed in long robes trimmed in green hedge and daisies and presented a very pretty scene. The pantomime represented the Lotos Eaters and was rendered by the larger class in eloquence. At the time of this scene Miss Dickens read a beautiful poem on the subject and colored lights were thrown on the stage by the use of a moving picture machine. Taking the entertainment in the whole it was all that could be asked for and was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance.

Wednesday's programme, consisting of graduating exercises, literary address and the formal breaking of the ground for the erection of the Matthew S. Davis Memorial Building, completed the commencement exercises at The Louisburg Female College for the current year. The college has never had a more brilliant commencement than this, the crossing over of the present year, and the interesting features of some of the exercises are of great importance to its history.

The graduating class, headed by its President, Miss Janice Elizabeth Norwood, entered the auditorium, which was already filled to its utmost capacity; at 10:30 and occupied in a body, seats reserved on the structure. The processional was in grand order.

Love Divine that most excellent and inspiring hymn, was sung by the entire congregation, after which the opening prayer was led by Rev. J. H. Shope.

Rev. L. S. Massey then introduced the speaker, Dr. Edwin M. Potat, President of the Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

Dr. Potat, after laying most effectively the back ground by his introductory remarks, announced as his subject "Happiness." He emphasized the different meaning and significance of the word considered from the stand point of different individuals in different stages of life. It depends upon who is talking as to what kind of a good time they are having, and what in their opinion constitutes a good time. To a hog the word means wallowing in a mud hole; to a Sir Isaac Newton, working mathematics—at this juncture a loud groan was heard to issue from one of the under-graduates seated near the front, which gave rise to laughter and applause.

The speaker classified his subject under two heads, viz: enjoying ones self and denying ones self. All happiness says he, consists in either one or the other. Enjoying ones self from a selfish standpoint is the wrong road to true happiness, the bigger the ego, the more bitter the troubles in store; whereas the true road to real genuine happiness is self denial and service to others. Happiness in its broad meaning does not consist in what you put on nor in what you have in your pockets. Some very large houses have exceedingly small men living in them, and we also find large bank accounts with mighty small men behind them. It is better, said he, that you girls marry a man worth a million dollars and not have a cent than to marry a man not worth a cent and who has a million dollars.

To get the most out of life and realize its fullest meaning you must crucify egoism, eliminate self and devote your life to one of service to others. Happiness consists in your willingness to help others and helpfulness always produces happiness—any other course is a blunder with a tragedy in it.

The address was concluded with the following injunctions, viz: Look up, not down.

Look out, not in.  
Look forward, not backward.  
Lead a hand.

A more splendid and appreciated address was never delivered in the College Halls.

Fall from beginning to end with wholesome suggestions and inspiring thoughts of the highest type it was a literary gem characterized by research and polished by a pleasing personnel.

According to the time honored custom, bibles were delivered to the members of the graduating class, and the following medals were awarded by Rev. L. S. Massey, viz:

The M. S. Davis latin medal to Miss Letitia Christine Midgett.

The mathematical medal to Miss Letitia Christian Midgett.

The B. W. Ballard medal, given for most improvement during the year, to Miss Ruth Allen.

The winning of these medals is an honor sought by all and the recipients should feel proud of the distinction.

The following officers and teachers were reported to have been elected for the next ensuing college year, viz:

Miss Ivey Allen, President.  
Mr. Ivey Allen, Secretary and Treasurer.

Misses Bagley, Foster, Dickens, Preston, Underwood, Davis, Williams and Holmes, teachers. Vacancies in the faculty to be filled later.

The laying of the corner stone had to be postponed, caused by the failure in the arrival of the material in time to lay the foundations. This was not due to any neglect on the part of any of those connected with the affair, but by a cyclone that unroofed the brick kiln and made the delivery of the brick on time impossible. The ceremony was changed to that of a formal "breaking of dirt." The exercises were opened with singing by the school and the large number of friends present.

"The Kings Business" prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Underwood, of Littleton, and a short address by Rev. L. S. Massey who paid a high tribute to the memory of the late M. S. Davis in whose honor the building is named.

The speaker told the audience of the extensive plans that the board had made for the improvement of the institution, and when finished will be second to none in the state. He said further that it would be necessary for the town to rally as one man to their help and remove every obstacle out of the way of any effort that lies between them and success. At the close of the address it was announced that Mr. M. S. Davis, Jr., had been selected by the Board to dig the first shovel of dirt, following this all the girls of the college were given the privilege of digging a shovel full.

They came forward in a large number eager for the privilege. One of the teachers was so enthusiastic and earnest that she could not stop the shovel until it had made three trips from the hole to the pile of loose dirt.

If any one wants to purchase this historic shovel for \$100.00 let him speak up. The service was an interesting and impressive one, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. W. Bailey.

Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock was the occasion of the grand Concert which closed the commencement exercises of this well known and time honored institution. The chapel was filled to overflowing with guests who had gathered to enjoy the social feast which is always in store for them on these occasions, and in this one they were no less pleased than heretofore. The programme was very tastefully arranged and splendidly rendered, and consisted of vocal and instrumental music and recitations all of which was indeed good and much enjoyed by the many people present. It is not

strange that the occasion was so much enjoyed when it is remembered that it was the time for the recital of Miss Sallie Williams' music class and Miss Louise Preston's vocal class. These two young ladies, masters in their duties, have won an enviable reputation among our people, which they justly deserve. The entire entertainment was of a high order, and reflected much training and study on the part of the pupils and great care and patience on the part of the teachers. After the exercises were over an informal reception was given the girls and young men who for quite a while enjoyed themselves until it became their duty to bid each other "good-bye" until another time.

Just before the last piece was rendered Rev. A. J. Parker announced the names of the following young ladies that were out the honor roll: The highest for the past two years were Letitia Midgett, Annie Jerome, Callie Corbett, Evelyn Clarke, Mary S. Egerton, Sarah Jones, Mary Hayes, Bessie Norwood, Annie Norwood.

The highest for the past year were Letitia Midgett, Annie Jerome, Louisa Wilder, Callie Corbett, Evelyn Clarke, Julia Wetherington, Virgie Knight, Sarah Jones, Maggie Floyd, Sallie Gardner, Mary S. Egerton, Acree Johnson, Bessie Norwood, Annie Norwood, Mary Hayes, Viola Dixon, Nora McSwain.

Taking the commencement exercises as a whole they show a decided improvement in educational lines over the past occasions. With the present good management together with the many improvements that are to be made this year we feel safe in saying that, although this well-known institution has made a past that it is exceedingly proud of, it will continue to add laurels to its crown in the future.

The marshals were as follows, Chief—Miss Margaret Jones, with Mr. W. D. ... he gets: Miss Laurane, Joyner wife, Mr. Cade Hayes, Miss Virgie Knight with Mr. W. B. Barrow.

#### REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees held their annual meeting in the parlors of the college Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The reports showed this in many respects the best year in the long and useful history of the institution. The financial agent's report showed that he had been hard at work and that the new building proposition was in need of funds—real cash that will purchase building material. Let all who read take heed.

Misses Tuttle, Grant and Davis retire from the faculty much to the regret of the board. Miss May Holmes, of Wilmington, will fill the chair of History and Bible during the coming year. The filling of the other vacancies were referred to the executive committee which will be announced later. Dr. Burt was elected college physician who will have at his command a trained nurse to look after the health of the institution for the coming year.

Extensive repairs of the old building will be made during the summer. The routine business was transacted. Officers of the board were elected as follows:

Rev. L. S. Massey, of Oxford, President.  
Rev. A. J. Parker, of Louisburg, Vice-President.  
Mr. F. B. McKinne, of Louisburg, Sec. and Treas.

#### Baker—Egerton.

We take the following items from Sunday's News-Observer: The following invitations have been received by friends in the city: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicholas Egerton request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Blanche Wilnot to Mr. George Spencer Baker Wednesday morning, June the 1st, 1910 at 10 o'clock, at home Louisburg, N. C."

## 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.

Boyd Meadows, of Dunn, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. T. A. Person, of Greenville, is visiting in town.

Dr. E. A. Moye, of Wilson, is a visitor to Louisburg.

Mrs. W. E. Uzzell left yesterday for Apex to visit friends.

Miss Louise Thomas, of Franklinton, visited relatives in town, this week.

J. L. Dorsey, who has been employed at Allendale, S. C., has returned home.

Rev. L. S. Massey, of Oxford, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

S. A. Newell, of Williamston, visited his people in and near Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. C. F. Carroll and little children, of Waraw, are visiting her people in town.

A. S. Parker returned from Trinity Park High school, Durham, the past week to take vacation.

R. Y. McAden, wife and little son visited Mrs. McAden people at Millbrook the past week.

John Winston and daughter, Miss Mary, of Youngville, visited Mrs. E. L. Harris the past week.

Mrs. M. L. Shore, and little children, of Raleigh, are visiting relatives in and near town.

Miss Irene Sledge, of near Mapleville, left Monday for Greenville to attend the summer school.

Weldon Egerton, who has been attending school at the University, returned home the past week.

Palmer Bailey returned home the past week from Webb's school at Bellbuckle, Tenn., to spend his vacation.

J. H. Finlator and bride returned from their bridal tour Tuesday morning and will make their home in Louisburg.

Miss Janie Blanchard, who has been visiting Miss Eleanor Cooke returned to her home in Hertford one day the past week.

E. F. Thomas, Marvin Jones and Courtney Egerton returned the past week from Plumtree where they had been attending school.

Miss Maude Hicks returned home the past week from Greensboro, where she has been attending school at the State Normal College.

Rev. A. J. Parker left yesterday for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the directors of the Christian Advocate called for the purpose of electing an editor.

D. E. Miller, F. W. Hicks, A. A. Clifton and Dr. C. H. Banks, went over to Henderson Tuesday night to complete their degrees in the Commandery.

Miss Daisy Rosser, who has been attending school at Meredith College Raleigh, visited Mrs. E. L. Harris the past week while en route to her home near Ringwood.

Mr. H. D. Egerton, of near Louisburg, left Tuesday for Raleigh to meet with the Educational Committee of the North Carolina Farmers Union which was held jointly with the State Board of Education on Thursday. It is the purpose of this joint meeting to have the rural schools of the state teach the science of Agriculture.

It is reported from Laurel that Cleveland Foster, J. R. Parish and June Egerton caught a "whale" there Wednesday that measured 81 inches long and 12 inches in circumference, and weighed 17 lbs.