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Annual Address, John Edgar

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one of the best, if not the best ty," Leon Steele. Oration, o "Milestones, That ommencement in the history of Johnson C. Smith University. The commencement exercises began on Friday night, May 29, with the High School graduating class receiving their certificates, and ended on Wednesday aftern June 3, with the College and Theological classes receiving their diplomas, and the institu-tion conferring honorary derees and giving prizes to suc-

Good weather prevailed throughout The crowds were large and enthusiastic. The fact hat a new auditorium is needed vas forcefully illustrated by the ery large audiences that were ked into the University chap-

The music was up to the usual high standard. The Quintette brought down the house more than once, and the orchestra was in fine shape. Dr. Long was the directing genius.

The orations by the students were thoughtful and well deliv-ared. Several of the speakers as-ended to great flights of orato-

The outstanding feature of the ommencement was the large umber of alumni and former The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the chapel auditorium by the Rev. W. R. Craig, D. D., of Latrobe, Pa. The President, Dr. H. L. McCrorey, had charge of the service, Dr. C. N. Lerking mode the invest. tudents of the University who attended for the grand re-un-ter sponsored by Dr. Joe S. Wil-liams, of Seneca, S. C. The men lived over their school days as they met and mingled with each other. A re-union meeting was C. N. Jenkins made the invoca-held in the chapel, when the men tion. Dr. W. C. Hargrave read in a reminiscent and witty mood made effective speeches.

al items of business bearing upon the development and advancement of the school were attended to. Among other things the he saw. Association presented the school with a gift of \$400 to be used Matt. 6:19. "Seek ye first the class Day Exercises.

To the earnest Christian on the Chime Clock Fund. The kingdom of heaven," etc. He announced as his subject, "Life's Senior class were full of serious Life's a story ever new; J. L. Hollowell was the orator Relative Values." Dr. Craig said thought as well as wit and huand made a notable speech. Oth- every man is a religious being, mor. The boys not only picked Brother, what is life to you?" er speakers enlivened the occa- The gospel is, therefore, an ap- out one another for thrusts of

The Association appointed a is constantly seeking something, sors got a generous share. commission to select a graduate for where there is no vision and athletic manager in co-operation no seeking the people perish. with the athletic manager of the Civilization is the result of man's school.

The Association also took the matter of building an athletic field under advisement.

The officers of the Association are as follows: President. Dr. W. L. Metz, Edisto Island, S. Vice-Presidents, Rev. S. Q. Mitchen, Brunswick, Ga., and Dr. J. A. Pethel, Charlotte; Sec., Dr. C. H. Shute; Assistant Recording Secretary, Dr. Field S. Russell; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. L. B. West, and Treas-

The Association adopted reso-C. Smith and Mr. J. B. Duke for at all. The good is often the enter, S. C. eir generous gifts and ex-emy of the best. Money, for in-

their lives. It is only when for hings come first that men as freest and most capable of the freest and most capable of noblest achievements. The sermon was a masterly fort. The smeaker held the att-tion of the audience from

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tion of the audience from the beginning to end.

The Rev S. Q. Mitchell prays fervently at the close of the most. The Cuintette sang soft "Still With Thee." Rev. I Cauthen, of the Gethsemane M. E. Zion church, blessed the offering, and Dr. W. H. Davis son. of Mt. Carmel Bapta church, pronounced the benedition.

tion.
Junior Prize Contest. This is always the big night at Commencement. This yea was no exception. The prize was hotly contested. Prof. F. B. Syphex presided. The invocation was made by Dean Yorke Jones of the School of Theology of the institution. The benediction was made by Dr. R. P. Wyche, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Oration, "Education in North Carolina." Vance H. Chavis Oration "Electricity the Genii of the Modern Aladdin," Har-mon Perrylands dama H ad T

The program was as follows Marche "Lorraine," Ganne.

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-a. New Flower Song, Czibulka

-- Cration, "The Psychological

Effect of the Negro's Rapid Acquisition of the Civilized Arts." David Pri Allendim & Mi

Oration The Challenge of Knowledge George L. Allen. beMusica "Barcarolle," (from Tales. of Hoffman), Offenbach, String Orchestrad to anetaining

Oration "The Eternal Struggle for Peace," Engene A. Arm-

full of thought. The Alumni five deliar gold piece went to Mr. Lestrongonol. A. A. A. A. A. avelle. "A Oration, "Enemies of Truth." on Steele, of Mocksville.of udge WH Graham HyanyaM . mas splendid address from the sub-Music, (Duo) Venetian Love Song! Nevin, Members of the University Quintette Vintvill Oration, 'The Reward of Con-

entration, James O. Harris, Oration, The Greatest Wonder, Samuel C. Johnson.

Music, "Bill O'Fare." University Quintette. Benediction.

The young men made splendid tion. Dr. W. C. Hargrave read addresses which evoked great the Scriptures. Rev. L. B. West applause. The judges were: Dr. made effective speeches.

offered prayer. In presenting C. J. Baker, of Atlanta, Ga.;
The Alumni meetings were the most largely attended, and were pressed the pleasure he had in Ga.; Rev. Marion S. Sanders, effective and far-reaching in the having him present, and Dr. and Mr. A J. H. Clement, each history of the institution. Sever-Craig in turn told of what a of Charleston, S. C., and Dr. L. pleasure it was for him to visit B. Ellerson, of Newark, N. J.

the institution for the first time. The gold medal offered by the He was highly pleased with what Alumni Association went to Mr. Samuel C. Johnson, of York, Life's an everlasting effort Dr. Craig selected for his text S. C.

peal to a natural instinct. Man their witticisms, but the profes-

Re-Union Exercises.

After dirner on Tuesday the large gathering of Alumni and to our own racial group. seeking in science, in govern-ment and religion. Men must have material things—food, clothing, knowledge, etc., but there are of last investment of these are of less importance than pher. Classes from 1877 to 1925 spiritual values. The power to were represented. It was an intute of Edinburgh, Scotland, on New school buildings in cities, secret of success.

We must make a choice of values because life is so short that we can do only so much in the time allotted to us, and we should seek to achieve the best.

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Cial movement in the world to ditorium where the reunion exday is more interesting; few, if any, more important." He then propounded to himself and proceeded to answer the three questions that to him were the determining a total expenditure in the world to cial purposes, such as supervision, summer schools, vocational propounded to himself and proceeded to answer the three questions that to him were the determining a total expenditure in the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special would these underded in the world to call purposes, such as supervision, summer schools, vocational propounded to himself and proceeded to answer the three questions that to him were the determining a total expenditure in the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special would these underded in the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special would these underded in the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special would these underded in the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special would these underded in the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special would these underded in the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special would the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. Other special world the world to cost of \$5,000,000. O The Association adopted reso-who gives religion the second B. Johnson, '99, Greenville, S. lutions thanking Mrs. Johnson place in his life gives it no place C.; Prof. A. A. Adair, '07, Ches-

seed their appreciation of the stance, is an essential thing of by Rev. J. G. Murray. The opstance, is an essential thing of life, but it is not the best thing. Character is better than money. In his final words to the class line on Friday night, Prof. S. Williams, principal, presided, by Williams, principal, presided, for them in the pursuit of their he pursuit of their he program follows:

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The common of the stance, is an essential thing of life, but it is not the best thing:

Character is better than money. Dr. Williams. He then introduced the speakers who made short and interesting addresses. Dr. Craig told the young men that the most difficult problem for them in the pursuit of their for them in the pursuit of their aspirations is to keep secondary that the most difficult problem for them in the pursuit of their the Saver of Life." He stated that the ministers and teachers that the ministers and teachers than 12 millions, it can no longer than 12 millions to 2 millions to 2 millions to 2 millions to 2 millions to 3 millions

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ause and take note of the s plies on hand and their value, udit the books of the concern and definitely determine the status of affairs. This period of reckoning, first of all, brings those concerned face to face the mist beautiful to the mist beautiful to the status of the section of the status of the section of the with the mistakes of the past. In the light of the experience these mistakes have brought, one is mistakes have brought, one is enabled more clearly to analyze the causes that contributed to those mistakes. Thus fortified, a new goal is set, with errors of the past eliminated, and the business goes forward.

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With this thought in mind w may aptly compare the work of his university with a big business organization, and these commencement exercises enable us to check up the mistakes of the past and then go forward. The development of human char-acter is the highest type of busness in which any organization an engage, and that is the Godgiven privilege in which this rand old institution has been engaged for nearly 60 years fitting men for service, equipping them for life work.

What is life? you ask. That deends upon the point of view In the words of another-

To the preacher life's a sermon.

To the joker it's a jest, To the miser life is money, To the loafer life is rest. To the lawyer life's a trial, To the poet life's a song,

along.

"To the soldier life's a battle, To the teacher life's a school; Life's a good thing to the graft-

It's a failure to the fool; To the man upon the engine Life's the making of a grade; Life's a gamble to the gambler, To the merchant life is trade.

"Life is but a long vacation, To the man who loves his work To shun duty t othe shirk. To the earnest Christian work-

In 1907 the late Andrew Carnegie, the great iron master and morality.

be appreciated when we realize that it was made in the face of the most tremendous odds, for 000 in 10 years, 45,000 ben

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illustration, permit me to an outshor athletic m the campus of one of schools which I witnes spring. Not being specia his sphere clearly showed benefits to be derived from se thought I'll heveld

Then I turned from the com petitors to the spectators. Hundreds of undergraduates, young men and young women, the flower of the race and strong in their school pride, met the eye. From such as these our future leaders must come.

Suddenly my attention was again drawn to the athletes. There were the starters, the timers, the scorers, the judges— all graduates of our schools and fully qualified to conduct such a meet. But what met the eye? Those on the side lines had broken past the stakes and ropes set to keep the field clear and were swarming over the field.

In protest against some unfair decision? you ask. No, no, not at all. Instead this disregard of the rules of the school occurred just because in their unrestrained enthusiasm every one wished to congratulate a favorite winner. spiritual values. The power to discriminate and to estimate the relative value of things is the body repaired to the chapel au-

ment. Seated on the rostrum were the determinants as to whether or not the four-year period of approximately \$15,000,000 of public done his best to render some should be ashamed to die who had not the Association heard with regret the accident of Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, in which she sustained a broken arm, and telegraphed its sympathy and a bouter of flowers.

The Association adopted reso-who gives religion the second on the rostrum were. Seated on the rostrum were. Prof. J. E. Ratley, '77, minants as to whether or not our particular group could hope to attain full-fledged citizenship. His first question was, "Has the State. See this is more money than was sent on the whole public seen to achieve the best. Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. P. Crawford, '77, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. J. G. Murray, '80, Moorespent this eacident of Mrs. Johnson was, "Has the State. Seen to the whole public seen to achieve the best. Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. P. Crawford, '77, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. J. G. Murray, '80, Moorespent this first question was, "Has the State. Seen to the whole public seen to achieve the best. Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. P. Crawford, '77, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. J. C. Johnson, '79, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. P. Crawford, '77, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. J. C. Johnson, '79, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. P. Crawford, '77, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. J. P. Crawford, '77, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. J. P. Crawford, '77, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. J. C. Johnson, '79, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. P. Crawford, '77, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. J. C. Johnson, '79, Company of the four-year period of approximately state of the four-year period of approximately state of the fo graduates of Johnson C. Smith



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teacher school of two or three months' duration was the rule

and the seven months' city grad-

ed school was the exception. The Negro has evinced and continues to evince a desire for education

MR. JOHN E. SMITH.

Who needs treatment right Carnegie as a "passion." Coming now to my own State,

and I am proud of the fact that it was in Charlotte that I was born, North Carolina has with the next face years appeared in the analysis of the same appeared in the individual viewpoint, in the past four years appropriated \$2,200,000 for its higher institutions of learning for Negroes-four Normal Schools and the Agricultural and Technical College. These are actual appropriations for buildings, improvements and maintenance. It should be remembered that much of this is still used for secondary education, since all of these schools must, for the present, maintain high school departments in whole or in part.

A building program of nearly period, 1923 and 1924, is now be-I shall attempt this evening ing completed at these instituto outline a process of reasoning tions. This includes dormitories, that will enable each one pres- dining halls, homes for princient to answer that question for pals, administration and class himself, especially as it applies room buildings, shops, laundries, homes for faculty members and the like

The salaries of Negro teachers lover of education, in an address in this quadrennium, 1921-1925, before the Philosophical Insti- will be in excess of \$7,000,000.

dian?" This question was asked (white) and all other state insti-because prophets of evil had tutions, in the decade 1895-1905. unreasonable demands. Life predicted the extinction of the No four-year period prior to Negro between the meeting 1910 in the State's history used constituted authority. What flames of shiftlessness and im-so large a sum on all the public does life mean to you, underschools, white and colored. M.