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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 36.

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## COMMENCEMENT AT INGLESIDE

Thirty-three year ago Ingleside Seminary at Burkeville, Va., sent out her first class of graduates—twenty-six in number. Attention was called to this fact by the mother of one of the graduates of this year's class who turned to a friend and said, "It is just thirty-three years exactly since I was leaving here a graduate."

Almost a third of a century, yet how swiftly the years have passed. With head and hands and heart ever overfull and busy, almost would we say with Holmes, "Old time is a liar; We're twenty tonight."

But these "sweet girl graduates," and undergraduates pressing close upon their departing steps—all these, with eyes bright with anticipation, yet filled with a sweet seriousness, give us to realize that they are eager for their part in the work there is to do. And they go forth, and prepare to go forth, firm in the conviction that they each, like Esther of old, have "come into the kingdom for such a time as this."

Few classes have passed from the Grammar to the High School Department of the Seminary with as general approval of teachers as did the twenty-one who made that step on the night of Friday, May 25th. A Camp Fire Girls' play, "The Call of Wohelo," was put on with all the spirit its title demands. The winsome seriousness of the young actors made even older hearts thrill with a desire to heed and follow in very truth "The Call of Wohelo." We anticipate a splendid graduating class in 1932; and may every Camp Fire Girl of May 25th, 1928, be there.

Sunday morning in President Alter's sermon to the graduates, he discussed the "Six Whereins of the Book of Malachi," the Old Testament's last words to the Jews as a people. He said to the class that there were more than six groups with whom the young women were going out now to assemble, who were hiding their sins or putting up impudent lips, or holding out resentful hands, saying, "Wherein is this an offense in an advanced age like this?" Dr. Alter has a course of lectures on the Old Testament Books each year. His timely remarks were, doubtless, drawn from the last of these.

Monday night the graduating class wove all the usual "Class Night" ideas into their play, "A King's Daughter." During the first part of the play, the general thoughtlessness and, too often, selfishness of the group calling themselves "King's Daughters" caused one to meditate—"What's in a Name?" But ere its close the unselfish devotion of "Nan," too poor and too overworked to "belong," and the honesty and loveliness of "Polly," too young to "belong," have together had their effect, and everyone is on the way to "live happy ever after," having learned what it means to be in truth "A King's Daughter."

At mid-day Tuesday the Alumnae Association met for business and luncheon. An account of this pleasant and profitable meeting was provided for during the business session.

Tuesday night Ingleside's Glee Club brought to us "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," with "His queer, long coat, from heel to head—half of yellow and half of red." Then, "down in the cellar in the dead of night," the rats held celebration—"grave old plodders, gay young friskers; bushy tails and flowing whiskers."

The unstudied grace and

fresh sweetness of the children's voices told in no uncertain way of how infinitely greater value they are than many a "thousand gilders."

Wednesday morning at ten o'clock began the final exercises of the week. The address was given by Prof. Freeman H. Hart, of Hampden-Sydney College, who captured and held both the hearts and minds of his large and appreciative audience.

Our story would be incomplete did we neglect to mention the twenty-six certificates given for having completed successfully Dr. Oliver's course in "Preparation for Teaching the Bible," the sixteen certificates for memorizing fifteen or more chapters or large portions of chapters in the Bible; the ten Bibles given for having memorized and recited correctly the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

As first and second honor girls respectively in the class of '28, Annie Wilson, of Danville, and Eva John Brown, of Jetersville, were awarded scholarships in Knoxville College in Tennessee.

Barber College in Alabama has awarded a scholarship to which some conditions are attached. This scholarship is to be awarded when these conditions are met by the recipient of the scholarship.

A tiny liberty-bell pin is given each year to the leader of each class.

In the Senior class this went to Annie Wilson who has collected four of these in her four years of High School work.

In the Junior class Drucilla Roberson, of Charlotte, C. H., Va., has followed this example and this year carried home her third liberty-bell.

Mabel Hancock, also of Charlotte, C. H., entered Freshman class this last fall and won her first liberty-bell; also a prize of \$2.00 as leader of the class in Freshman Bible study.

Rachel Swann of Amelia C. H. entered the lowest of our two Grammar grades in the fall of '26, and, following the example of the High School girls, carried home with her this spring her second liberty-bell.

Willie Mae Cureton, of Waxhaw, N. C., entered Ingleside's lowest Grammar grade this last fall and won her first liberty-bell. If she follows the example of the upper class girls, she has a chance ahead for real work and for the winning of five more bells.

Dr. W. B. Taylor, Ingleside's medical advisor, has, for two years, made it possible to give three well earned prizes. For the greatest improvement in sewing, a pair of fine scissors and a sterling thimble to Eva John Brown, of Jetersville, Va.

For greatest improvement in cooking, a small gold brooch to Elsie Wright, of Amelia C. H., Va.

For greatest improvement in piano lessons, a small gold brooch to Mary E. Johnston, of Charlotte, N. C.

A special prize of a large print New Testament to Cora Lee Williams, of Sutherlin, Va., for having completed the Bible memory work of an entire term in less than half the usual time.

Last, but certainly not least, came the announcement that for the fourth year in succession Ingleside's Sunday School Volunteer Band had won last summer the trophy presented by the "Department of Sunday School Missions to the School Accomplishing the Largest Results in Proportion to Its Enrollment."

For the past three years the trophy has been a silver loving cup, which was to remain the permanent property of the

school which won it three successive times. At last commencement time Rev. F. C. Shirley, who has charge of the S. S. V. B. work, presented this cup for the third time to Ingleside.

This fall, the new trophy, a beautiful hand carved wooden shield with silver lettering, is to be presented.

And so, on a wave of enthusiasm for, and eagerness to attack the work planned for this summer in and about their own homes, churches and communities, the graduating class went out for the last time as students from Ingleside. As a school year, 1927-1928 has ended.

Wisdom, they tell us, is applied knowledge. The summer months, the years to come, will be the measure of the wisdom we have gained.

A GUEST.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COLORED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

In Session at Greensboro, N. C., June 1-7, 1928.

Whereas the Christian women of the Synodical of the Southern Presbyterian Church do annually conduct a Workers' Conference for the development and training of the leaders of the Negro race; and

Whereas the majority of the faculty are members of the various auxiliaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church, who give their service annually gratis; therefore be it resolved,

1st. That we, the delegates of this Conference, do gratefully appreciate the wonderful teachings of the profound principles given by these consecrated, Christian women.

2nd. That we are especially grateful to Rev. R. A. Brown, D. D., who has a full program each day and a very full life, yet sacrificed sufficient time to give us four of the most profound Bible lectures we have ever heard.

3rd. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Jones and Mrs. Peace for the use of the dormitory, refectory, chapel and the lovely entertainment, because they did not leave one stone unturned that would add to our comfort and happiness during our stay here on this lovely campus.

4th: Words of commendation are too limited to express our gratitude to the wonderful "girls" who looked after the satisfying our inner man.

5th: To Rev. H. C. Miller, his choir and congregation and friends we extend our grateful appreciation and thanks for their cooperation in making our Conference a wonderful success. And the outing given us over the city by St. James church members was indeed an enjoyable pleasure to each delegate.

6th: That each delegate here will realize that if she fails to "pass on" what she has received here, she not only fails those at whose expense she came, but she fails her "Saviour."

7th: To Mrs. M. L. Foster, who came to us from South Carolina, we are especially grateful. She has given us something that will interest and attract both young and old.

8th: To Misses Margaret and Annie Rankin and Miss Sue Hall words fail us here to express our appreciation to you. But we pray God that each of you will live long to continue this great and good work among our group, because all that has come to us came through you, and the entire success of this Conference is due to your untiring efforts and zeal. God bless you.

Respectfully submitted, Committee:

MRS. A. M. JAMES,  
MRS. C. F. RUFFIN,  
MRS. C. C. BLUE.

## MARY POTTER COMMENCEMENT

Mary Potter school has experienced a most successful year in every department. The school year officially closed on Wednesday, May 16, with the graduation exercises. There were several points of special interest and merit. First, the sermon on May 13, which was delivered by the Rev. John W. Lee, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa. The sermon in many ways was a masterpiece. It was deeply spiritual, highly intellectual, and very instructive. Dr. Lee used as a text Luke 12:15. He stressed the real meaning of life and the attitude which one should take. "Service," said he, "is the key to a real life." He also said "We should strive to get sufficient of this world's goods to make that service of most benefit to the greatest number." It would be hard to conceive of a person who heard that sermon, and then not be better prepared for the duties and trials of life.

On the morning of commencement, there was such a crowd assembled in the Auditorium, the processional was delayed 10 minutes, while a way was cleared for it. The invocation was offered by the Rev. Dr. Cotton, of Henderson. Music for the occasion was rendered by the Glee Club and the Quartette. There were two student addresses. Miss Willie J. Barbee had as her subject, "The Dignity of Labor." Miss Barbee won second place in scholarship rating. Mr. Garland L. Crews used as his subject "The Building of a Race." In addition to being the ranking student of his class, Mr. Crews was also the winner of the first prize in the State Contest as sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Mr. Crews is the first Negro student to win this prize in the State. This should stimulate Negro youth to forget their handicaps and apply themselves to developing their gifts and powers.

The main feature of the day was the address by Dean W. S. Turner, of Shaw University, Raleigh. Dean Turner was indeed in the spirit on this occasion and, as a result, delivered a most timely, encouraging, and instructive address. He not only held the attention of the class, but also captivated and held the audience practically spell-bound during the entire address. His subject was "The Quest for the Good Life." Some of the main points as outlined by the speaker were: I. What determines the quest? The outlook. The age of which we are a part. (A) What do we want? (1) Basic things—food, wealth, fame. (B) The Negro youth wants exactly what the white youth wants. He wants just what America has to offer—"The Best."

II. Inner meaning of spiritual value of life. Material wealth is not to be worshipped—it is a means to an end. Progress—Evolution in society, constant change is necessary. Education. Here the speaker pointed out and stressed the many and varied aspects of education, and impressed upon the members of the class the increasing importance of education. He struck an important note when he advised against the unwise doctrine of everybody going to college; and emphasized the present and ever-increasing need of an economic background. Dean Turner closed by saying "Education is not an end, it is a process, beginning at the cradle and ending at the tomb."

Certificates, diplomas and prizes were presented at the close of the address. The State Department of Education

awarded certificates to the ten members of the Teacher-Training Class. The 31 members of the graduating class received diplomas. Presentations were made by the Rev. Geo. C. Shaw, Principal.

Mr. Garland I. Crews has the option of accepting one of two scholarship prizes: one offered by Lincoln University, Pa., and the other by Knoxville College, Tenn. Several other students were awarded prizes in Domestic Arts, Manual Training and Scholarship.

The class of 1928 made quite a marked departure from the time-honored custom of giving. Their gift to the school was very unique, consisting of a nice paper rack, a handsome collection of books, and a goodly sum of money as a "trust fund" to purchase other books to add to the 1928 class section of the Library. With the inspection of the various displays Mary Potter Memorial School ended a most joyous day and closed a prosperous year, bidding adieu to all. School re-opens on Wednesday, September 12, 1928.

The Rev. Walter G. Anderson, Vice-Principal and co-pastor of the church, has just completed his first term in Mary Potter. His influence is seen and felt in every department of the work. He is an invaluable aid to Dr. Shaw.

Doctor Shaw leaves in a few days for Europe, where he will spend the entire summer traveling. His itinerary will take him to Rome, Athens, Constantinople, Jerusalem, Cairo and Alexandria. He will spend considerable time in France and Germany. He hopes to return in time for the School of Methods.

## GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD OFFERS MOREHOUSE COLLEGE \$300,000 ENDOWMENT FUND.

Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. John Hogg, President of Morehouse College, announced at the close of the Commencement exercises, June 5, that the General Education Board of New York City has offered to the college the sum of \$300,000 toward an endowment fund. The offer is a conditional one, and depends upon the raising of an equal amount by the institution within a time limit of three years.

The total sum is to form an endowment for the support of the faculty. During its sixty-one years of existence and growth Morehouse College has been noted for its training in leadership and character, made possible by an unusually strong—though comparatively small—Christian faculty. Under the guidance of such teachers, the College has sent out graduates who are leaders in the religious, business, educational, and social life of the Negro. Today the Presidents of 10 Negro colleges are graduates of Morehouse College, and four of these head land-grant college, state-supported institutions. Many of the race's strongest and most helpful ministers claim the College as their Alma Mater, as do scores of business men, professional men and social workers.

With an enlarged faculty the possibilities are even greater. With it, the influence for good upon Negro youth, and ultimately upon the race as a whole—for the College now numbers among its student body representatives of almost every State in the nation, will be more widely felt.

It was perhaps a coincidence—but a significant one—that one of the commencement speakers should choose for his subject, "Negro Interest in Education." President Hope, too, in a short introduction to his announcement of the General Education

Board's offer, emphasized the need of greater Negro support for our institutions of learning. And now the challenge has come! The General Education Board, through its generous offer, has manifested its belief in and hope for Morehouse College as an influence in the life of the Negro youth and the Negro race. It remains for the friends of the institution to accept the challenge and respond to it in no uncertain terms.

The Commencement exercises marked the sixty-first anniversary of the College, and the thirtieth anniversary of Dr. Hope's connection with the College. Sixty-one years have resulted in added equipment, an enlarged faculty, and a greatly increased student body. But in spite of this last indication of growth—the college department now has an enrollment of 411, and more and more emphasis is being laid on its development—the institution still has the atmosphere of a "progressive," small Christian college, devoted solely to the education of Negro boys and men.

Plans will be made immediately for a campaign to raise the \$300,000 on the success of which the gift depends. Immediately after the exercises, the Alumni Association, under the leadership of its President, Mr. P. M. Davis, manifested its loyalty to the College, by meeting and pledging itself to raise \$100,000 among the colored people of the South.

With the present endowment of \$320,000, it is the hope of the President that the campaign and gift will raise the endowment to \$1,000,000.

The College is fortunate in having on its Board of Trustees, vitally interested in its welfare, such prominent and publicly active men as: Dr. Carter Helm Jones, Chairman of the Board; Dr. E. R. Carter, of Georgia, Sec. of the Board; Dr. Frederick Lent, of New York, President of Elmira College; Mr. F. S. Etheridge, of Georgia; the Reverend James B. Adams, of New York; Dr. Avery A. Shaw, of Ohio; Mr. W. B. Hale, of New York; Dr. James M. Nabrit, of Georgia; Mr. Louis Newton, of Georgia.

## DANVILLE INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The Industrial High School at Danville, Va., closed May 29, after a busy and successful season under the direction of Prof. F. D. Davis and the Rev. Thos. B. Hargrave.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. J. Lee White, of Durham, who preached an able and instructive sermon from the theme, "Streams in the Desert." We shall never forget Rev. White's beautiful message.

Thursday night, May 24th, the Grammar grades produced a beautiful play under the direction of Mrs. Daisy Clark and Mrs. Claborn.

Friday night the 5th and 6th grades produced a lovely play.

Monday night "Sewana," an Indian play, was rendered under the direction of Mrs. T. B. Hargrave and Miss Derah Beavers.

Tuesday night was the banner night and the auditorium could not hold the crowd. Mr. Wm. Oliver and Miss Pearl Pinchback were highly rewarded for the two highest averages. The orations were on a high order.

Rev. H. C. Miller, pastor of St. James Presbyterian church, Greensboro, N. C., made a wonderful address. We shall never forget the timely instructions which were given by Rev. Miller.

We were delighted to have present Dr. C. J. Baker, of At-

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