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EDITORIAL COMMITTEES' ADDRESS.

We publish today an address to the people of the State, signed by the Conservative Central Executive Committee. This address is well suited to the time and circumstances which mark the present state of affairs by which we are surrounded. The address is calm, dignified and unimpeachable, and appeals to the judgment, and not to the passions of the people. We hope it will be read and considered by every man in the State, white or colored, Republican or Democrat, and to this we would recommend that our candidates throughout the State will read it on the stump during the campaign. We shall strike off a large number of copies of this address for distribution, and those desiring them will please send their orders, after Tuesday next.

DECLINES.

It will be seen from the following letter that the Chairman of the County Conservative Convention, Dr. H. Jones, Esq., declines to accept the nomination as candidate for the House of Representatives. This will be much regretted by the many friends of Mr. Jones, as well as by the Conservative party throughout the county.

CARY, July 2nd, 1870.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., declining the nomination for the House of Representatives, which I hasten to answer. I regret, very much, that circumstances have prevented me from complying with your request, by accepting the nomination, but, as I do, that no citizen has a right, under ordinary circumstances, to withhold his services when called upon by his fellow-citizens, I must, therefore, respectfully decline the nomination, tendering to you, as Chairman, and through you to the Convention, my warmest thanks for the honor and partiality of my fellow-citizens.

Very respectfully and truly yours, Dr. H. JONES.

In consequence of the non-acceptance of the nomination by Mr. Jones, it has been suggested that there be a meeting of the delegates appointed by the different townships to the County Convention, held at Raleigh on Saturday July 16th, to supply the vacancy, and attend to other important matters.

We therefore, in the absence of a County Executive Committee, and at the suggestion of many friends, notify the former delegates to the County Convention to meet in Raleigh on Saturday 16th inst.—at the notice be circulated as extensively as possible that there may be a full attendance.

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PROSPECTS OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

A friend asked us recently why we did not write, as the signs of the times fully justify, at the prospect of a grand Conservative victory in the coming election. We told our friend that was not necessary, and that it ill accorded with our disposition, but that we could easily say what we thought about the election, basing our opinion on facts that must be apparent to all.

At the adjournment of the last session of the General Assembly, we thought that the Radicals, in the next election, would be able to carry twelve, perhaps thirteen, Senatorial districts. This opinion was based on the then apparent fact that the party had in a great manner, fallen to pieces. Deacons, who, next to Holden and Littlefield, were the Ajax of the party, had been disgraced and expelled from Congress. The Standard had denounced the boast men of the party, such as Gen. Dockery and other Republicans of his type; it had also denounced the Legislature, as mass, excepting only a few of the most unprincipled carpet bag members, known to be the most corrupt of the body.

The State had been robbed as openly as if Capt. Kidd had met Treasurer Dave on the Capitol Square and taken his bonds from him.

The silence of the Governor, while this was going on, was a silent rebuke to the assistance every reflecting man in the State that he had given to the party.

The Governor, through his Directory, made Littlefield and Swenson Presidents of the Western Division of the Western N. C. Railroad; he could have had them removed at any moment, but he did not. He and they then worked, and are to this day working harmoniously together. They sent to New York together. A large amount of Western Railroad bonds was thus discovered. (It, indeed, it were not known to him before) to have been misappropriated. He knew it that day, in Henry Chase & Co's office; he knew it yet, but he continues Milton Swindler Littlefield, (as the Rutherford Star calls him) as President of the Road, that he may continue to swindle the State.

There are twenty-eight Senatorial Districts which, we believe, will elect Conservatives, in spite of Holden, Kirk, Clarke and the militia.

In this estimate we do not count Wake and Franklin, which Judge Fowle's friends are so anxious to carry. A friend from Franklin also puts down that county as certain for Fowle and Davis.

Neither in the estimate do we include Pitt, the worst carpet-bag ridden county in the State. But Pitt voted Democratic in the Presidential election, and we think it likely she will do the same in the present election.

Wayne is not included in the twenty-eight, although we believe the prospect is good that she will go Conservative.—Brogden was elected before in that county by less than forty votes. He stood so intimately connected with the men that plundered the State, during the last Legislature, that we think that at least forty men in that county have lost confidence in him.

There were many Conservatives in every county of the State who failed to register for the last election, and many who registered failed to vote. In Wake, at least four hundred and eighty who registered failed to vote in the election. We put down thirty three of a colored voter who has never heard of a colored voter who failed to vote.

In the twenty-eight districts we have alluded to, the evidence is unmistakably in favor of the success of the Democratic Conservative ticket. The prospect for a majority in the House of Commons is still more certain, if possible.

Our opinion in regard to our success in the coming election is based on other grounds, also.

Holden's administration is more wicked and corrupt than Brownlow's was in Tennessee, and Brownlow's fell. The people sat in judgment on him and condemned him in a most unmistakable manner. In Tennessee, at the last election, there was not a single Senator, and only six Representatives in the House elected, North Carolina is following in the same direction.

When Senator Winstead of Person left the Legislature, on the adjournment, he was heard to say that, with the exception of Walker, not a Republican member of the last Legislature from Wake county to the mountains could, in his opinion, be re-elected, and that his county would go 400 majority against the Republicans in the next election. A gentleman from that county tells us that he will go at least 600 against them.

The Governor's brother-in-law, Capt. Harrison, told the Governor that the white men of North Carolina were like aged lions; "they will beat you 20,000 votes," said he, "when they find out their strength." A well informed gentleman from the mountains tells us that Polk and Mitchell are the only two counties west of the Capital, that may be counted as Radical in August. But their majority in Polk, at the last election, was only 90; and we should not be surprised that Capt. Whitehead carries Polk; thus leaving Mitchell the only Radical county in the West.

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The Committee on resolutions reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we approve of the political principles set forth in the address of the Conservative members of the General Assembly, and adopt them as our platform in the present campaign.

Resolved, That this meeting endorse the nomination of the Hon. Wm. M. Shipp as the Conservative candidate for Attorney General, and that it supports of the nomination of Major L. C. Latham as our candidate for the Senate, and to the eminent pledge a hearty support.

The Chairman appointed J. Edwin Moore, Dennis Simmons and W. A. Washburn Esq's, the Executive Committee for the county of Martin.

On motion the thanks of the Convention were tendered the Chairman and Secretary, and the Secretary instructed to furnish the Raleigh SENTINEL a copy of the proceedings of the meeting for publication, and that the *Tarboro Southern* and *Honoke News* be requested to copy. Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

W. M. R. HYMAN, Chm.

WILSON G. LAMB, Secy.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Thirteen young men graduated at Davidson College on Thursday June 30th. Three of these were the chapel Hill students; of these three, one was a "first class man" and the finest of the day. The other two were "second class men." Thus it is that the students who were driven away from Chapel Hill, are taking their influence to other institutions. The student who, being that they could finish their education at the University of North Carolina, at Yale, at Princeton, at the University of Virginia, at some of the best schools of the land, have been of those who were trained at our old University, the training they sought there, and would still seek in their native State. The problem to be solved by the denominational Colleges in North Carolina, is "Can these institutions supply what once was supplied by the University of the State?" The friends of each, of course, say "Yes." They only can verify this answer. The Freshmen, whose credit embraces perseverance and rejects falling from grace, will sojourn and steadily go on in good old paths to all parts of our country, for many years, reposed in them as teachers and trainers of young men.

The largest crowd to be found in North Carolina, assembling before the commencement at Davidson College. Thirty years ago, the commencement exercises were held in a hall in the city of Raleigh. Those who were present were the sons of the South, and the daughters of the North. The women's right to the homage of the gallant, the polite and the educated sons of their neighbors. Last year visitors from the Middle North Carolina expressed gratification at finding at Davidson, evidence that there were still in our State those who, although expelled from Chapel Hill, would still be a pains to show their appreciation of the higher culture as well as those who are to be known by their fruits as successful in promoting this culture. This year the commencement exercises were repeated by the same crowd from South Carolina to see the fair and hear the wise of North Carolina near their their homes. Nor was their gratification visionary. The subjects of the following Senior orations, all the modes in which they were treated showed that their authors were in full sympathy with the movements of the times, and that they were well prepared to add to the momentum that is forcing society forward to some level higher than it has yet attained.

These speeches were as follows:

Latin Salutatory—Wilson J. McKay, Harrell county, N. C.

Address of Welcome—The Archbishop, Raleigh, N. C.

Address of Welcome—James H. McClintock, Chester, C. H., S. C.

Address of Welcome—S. Henry Bell, New Hanover county, N. C.

"The Demands of the Times"—J. Lewis Bell, Greensboro, S. C.

"Science in the Middle Ages"—George Sumner, Asheville, N. C.

"God and our Country"—Edwin W. Kerr, New Hanover county, N. C.

"Success on what does it depend?"—Alexander Malloy, (Bassett), Richmond county, N. C.

"Agriculture, the Basis of National Prosperity"—Robt. B. McAlpine, Union county, N. C.

"The Orphan of the South"—William A. McKay, Currituck county, N. C.

"Theological Action"—George G. Clifford, (Excuse!) Salisbury, N. C.

"The Revolution of Nature"—Emmett A. Ramsey, Marysville, Tennessee.

"Chinese Immigration"—Joseph K. Rankin, Lenoir, N. C.

"Let us too be up and doing"—Wilson J. McKay, Harrell county, N. C.

Valedictory Address—James B. Smith, Anderson county, S. C.

Messrs. Smith, McKay, McClintock and Sumner, were "the first honor men" of the class, and their speeches were worthy of their scholarship. Besides these, the efforts of Messrs. J. L. Bell, McAlpine and Milner were regarded as of more than ordinary power and interest.

On the Wednesday evening preceding, the representatives of the two Societies asked the public to decide whether the Pulitanshop Society, with old "Dan" blue colors or the Episcopalian Society with red colors, should receive the prize of praise for oratory.

These speeches and speakers were as follows:

"Write me as one who loves his fellow man"—J. Harrison Lowry, European Society, McMinn county, Tennessee.

"Let all the ends thou aimest at be thy country's, thy God's and truth's"—Faskell McCall, Philanthropic Society, Robeson county, N. C.

"The Lost Cause"—Erasmus E. Erwin, European Society, Clarendon District, S. C.

"Home"—M. H. Woodfin, Philanthropic Society, Lenoir county, N. C.

"Individual Rights"—J. Harvey Hammet, European Society, Manning, S. C.

"Our Father Star"—James A. Smith, Philanthropic Society, Robeson county, N. C.

The public, generally, assigned this sought for praise to Mr. Erwin for the manner of his effort, and to Mr. McCall for the matter. One thing young men of college ought to remember above all things, and that is they did not go to college to study politics, and that their auditories did not assemble to hear them talk in either a historical or a philosophical manner. It was not Solomon his declared that the month approacher of the abundance of his heart. An old Latin writer has learned the art of writing "de rebus et personis" in the hands of Cicero, and Sophocles, and the youth of Cicero, and Sophocles and secure themselves on such subjects, and the graves of Academics well, and are not to be taken for the poet-politician as high in the papers and from the stump.

These manifestations of what and how young men are likely to write and speak breathe the audience, at Davidson, heard words of a profound wisdom from the lips of Judge Aldrich of South Carolina, who was a Judge, whose learning and courtesy and "a good report" was necessary to secure a seat on the bench. His subject was "the demand of the times." These, according to one who is eminent for exemplifying what he taught, are nobility of aim and courtesy of manner in every performance of duty, so that our land may be full of gallant gentlemen, and general ladies—mankind—that we may have a Republic with a government that know their rights and their duties, and that all our proper occasions, men who are as once progressive and conservative—economical, and free to use what we have according to the suggestions of liberty or the appeals of economy, and finally, carefulness in association with the dead in their writings, whether with the present by sight and by sound or with the absent by the fancy and the imagination. An appeal to our women whether married or single, to help our men supply these wants of the times, was very timely and very eloquent, as being examples of such men as our land ought to be filled, with concluded an address which was listened to with the deepest attention. It was timely, well considered, clearly expressed and impressively uttered.

It is to be hoped that at all our colleges the various commencement exercises will be confined to the Sunday of the week. They are entirely out of place when placed among Annual Addresses, representative Essays and Senior Orations. Utterances from the pulpit by a minister of the Church are always regarded as belonging to a sphere entirely apart from the mere speculations of Philosophy.

If any body could have made a crowd on Wednesday of a Commencement week, we think as if preaching, the Rev. Dr. McQueen of Sumter, South Carolina, would have made it serious. But the task is too great for any one man. The Rev. Dr. McQueen's comparison of the discussion of the nearly contemporaneous conversions of the Gentiles, the Philosopher, the Soldier, and the African, would have left the profound impression that this very able and eloquent handling of these typical and prophetic events was well calculated to produce. It seemed impossible for the aged to doubt, while listening to this devout interpreter of things divine, that the time is fast approaching when "Zion's King shall reign victorious, or for the young to rejoice in cooperation, in making this kingdom glorious, over all the earth. But the Holy Sabbath day is the time most appropriate for the indulgence of such high hopes and solemn resolves. In this respect the Baccalaureate sermon, preached this year by the Rev. Mr. Atkinson of Raleigh, had decidedly the advantage of this sermon before us. William's Missionary Association.—Mr. Atkinson's theme in the morning was the sanctifying power of divine truth in the soul of man, and at night the necessity of a child like disposition as to receptivity to secure the end of that power. Reason was successfully applied to the measure of a perfect state, as attained by any soul which can know or feel, or will. Revelation was also cited abundantly and felicitously, to fortify the positions suggested by reason. It was the incarnate word, without which nothing was made that was worthy of being called into existence. It was the word that is in man and what ought to be there—as in He who needs no testimony from man concerning man's condition, that prayed "Sanctify them through thy truth." It was the great inspector and revealer of the thoughts of all hearts that assures us that we must become as little children, if the truth does us the good it is intended to do. These two sermons unconsciously prepared the way most fully for Mr. McQueen's sermon—and this fully endorsed the positions taken by Mr. Atkinson, on the principle "semper salus magis quam prosperitas." These Commencement sermons are of more than ordinary interest to the public. The solemn circumstances that attend them, give them peculiar force. It is a great satisfaction, at such a time, to listen to such discourses, full of weighty thoughts, that by the divine blessing make sink deep into souls, and are not to be forgotten as long as life is in all lands. It is to be hoped that such sermons will never lose its force.

People cannot be solemn and sorrowful all the time, even when they come, as the girl came to be married, "a purpose." No those who were serious before the representatives of the pulpit and the bench, and who wept at the valedictory of the Sentinels were ready for a laugh when they gathered to witness the tomfooleries of the Ugly Club, on Thursday night. Indeed, some snatched their sobs with a smile when "good bye" was said to the girls—Everybody there knew that "for an hour or so" was "underdone," as the boys say, in making. They had got a heap of foolishness out of them, to elect Gov. Vance a member of their fraternity. But the Governor, in his own inimitable, unrepeatable way, with infinite humor, destined his honor, rather he resented the disgrace of being counted as one of such a K.K.K. looking set. The "Ugly Club" was a very rich, and very happy, and very redeemed, the evening from the dullness that is apt to accompany wit cut and dried. This is very likely to be trimmed out of all possibilities of shape, and to be dried past all possibilities of being sustained again.

The music for the evening was furnished by the male Brass Band, which fully sustained the reputation of that venerable town, as being the home of sweet sounds and the resort of fair forms. From Salem, the city of peace, one has a right to expect a concert of harmonious tones, and in this regard the music of Davidson was distinguished. We will say no overer by disparaging words, but to hear something worth hearing, or to eat something worth eating, and that with either body or soul.

Two Two Angels.—A traveler, who spent some time in Wake, relates a beautiful parable which he told him by a dervish, and it seems even more beautiful than Sterne's celebrated fable of the accusing spirit and the accusing angel. "Every man," says the dervish, "has two angels, one on his right shoulder and one on his left. When he does anything good, the angel on the right about his side, and the angel on the left side writes it down, and he writes till midnight. If before that time the man knows his duty, and his angel writes what he has done; but if not, at midnight he seals it, and the beloved angel on the right shoulder weeps."

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