DEGREES CONFERRED UPON GRADUATES OF THE A. AND M. COLLEGE FOR PROFI-CIENCY IN PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE.

HEALTHY-MINDED SPEECHES.

This Institution of the People Celebrates the Close of its Seventh Year --The Audience Fills the Hall--Prizes Presented by B. R. Lacy -- A Farethe Young Men.

The college hall was quite filled yesterday morning at eleven o'clock with a cheery audience to witness the closing exercises of the seventh year of the

some came out of sheer interest in the great work being done by this school. Among these, of course, were the trustees, who between their two meetings, were sitting in two rows of seats to the left of those on the platform, looking upon results and seeing that they were good. Others in the audience were ex-Commissioner John Robinson, Mr. Josephus Daniels, Mr. T. K. Bruner, Mr. S. L. Patterson, Mr. J. W. Thackston, Mr. Sam Ashe, Justice Walter Clark, Hon. J. B. Batchellor, Prof. J. A.

On the platform, President Holladay sat in the centre, flanked on the right by His Excellency Governor Elias Carr, and Messrs. J. C. Dey, H. Wiswall and W. A. Bullock, young men who were soon to deliver their orations. On the left sat Mr. B. R. Lacy, Rev. John N. Cole and Messrs. M. B. Hunter and J. A. Bizzell, the two latter, also, being on the programme for orations.

A breeze of good humor went over the audience from the bracing notes of the band, after which there came a hush as the Rev. John N. Cole offered up an

earnest and impressive prayer.

Then began the orations by the young, graduates, President Holladay first introducing, in a neat way, Mr. M. B. Hunter, of Mecklenburg county, whose subject was "Looking Aloft."

Of all animals, man alone learns and improves by his errors. From Tubal Cain to Edison, man has been an inventive animal. Progress is sometimes regular, is often spasmodic. Man's proneness to evil is his great hindrance. We wrong thing than not to believe at all. He compared a lack of faith to a ship on the ocean without helm or crew. Pessimism exaggerates the man of heathenism and the growth of agnosticism. Concluding, he predicted that, as the world grows better, the penalty of hanging would be done away with, and that woman would be given the ballot if she wants it.

Mr. Hunter was followed by Mr. J. A. Bizzell, of Cumberland county, whose talk on "Recent Chemical Advances,"

kept everybody interested. He opened with a dash of humor which sent a flutter of smiles over the faces of the girls, specially, and then fixed the attention of the audience upon several modern achievements in science, which gave them new knowledge. Among these were noted by the speaker the new cyanide process for "snatching gold from its base surroundings," thus bring-ing into the available wealth of the world that gold in North Carolina which heretofore has been locked up in the sulphates of iron, lead and copper. The speaker thought that the freeing of such gold would pay better than the discussion of free silver which amused the people. He spoke of the coming cheapness of light in the new illuminating gas called calcium carbide, and monazite, which has just been discovered in quantities in North Carolina, had its merits likewise exploited. New discoveries by chemists as to the constituency of the atmosphere were noted, and newly found explosives were touch ed upon, as were improvements in cooking, and a new process that was in sight for the making of sugar at a cost of less than a cent a pound. Thus the audience was put on the atmosphere of showing possibilities which made the applause natural at the close of the speaker's interesting remarks.

Although Mr. Dey's subject was put down on the programme as "The Eleva-tion of Labor," President Holladay in his introduction was requested to announce it as "The Education of the Laboring

Mr. Dey is a young man with every sign of promise about him: he took for his subject that which the world is discussing more than any other to day, and therefore, he at once caught the ears of those in front. While fully cognizant of the wide import of his subject, he kept its application well limited to North

Carolina. Mr. Doy said that some people maintained that thinking and manual labor were not to go together. It was a libel on the Almighty to say that He required the suppression of intelligence in North Carolina, or the depression of the multitude. No stable foundation could be laid for a State except in men's minds. The power of a people lay in its mind. The whole speech was excellent and was

Mr. H. Wiswall, Jr., of Beaufort county, came next with "Man and The Machine," as his subject. He did not brough, Locust Hill, Caswell county.

GRADUATES WHO WORK | make the fatal error of giving political interpertation to his subject, but was practical throughout, saying that man created the machine and the machine made him the ruler of the universe. Mr. Wiswall said that a cotton picking machine would make the raising of cotton profitable even at five cents a pound, and that the people would be the gainer.

Mr. Wiswall referred to the day of projectile-cars which would make the trip to San Francisco in ten minutes, which made the people laugh, but people laughed in the thirties, too, at the talk of railroads.

"Brains as a Fertilizer," was the subject of Mr. W. A. Bullock, who was last

on the list of college speakers.

Mr. Bullock spoke of the improvidence in the management of farms incident Holladay--Everybody Pleased With the Young Men.

Well Talk to the Seniors by President upon ignorance, illustrating by reference to the untimely felling of forests, which in preventing two rapid evaporation after the passage of winds over the country stored the moisture for the land as well as prevented in many cases injurious overflow of streams. The intelliexercises of the seventh year of the North Carolina College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts.

Most of the people, of all ages, went from Raleigh, the first glance at those gathered giving the eye the notion of pretty young women, dressed in light airy, fairy Lillian stuffs, with all the colors of summer gardens in their waving, wafer brimmed hats.

But there were others: they came from places away, women and men who were mothers and fathers of students, and some came out of sheer interest in the great work being done by this school. gent thus finally got possession of the ed that outside men and money would not come to North Carolina unless North Carolinians could show by skilled farming the power of the land. Summing up the results of the work of this college, Mr. Bullock said that two classes of men were being made, namely, well-informed, brainy farmers and brainy mechanical engineers.

The young men had acquitted themselves well, and the excellence of their efforts at the close of each speech had been recognized in the bestowal upon them of laps-full of choice flowers, which they regarded with pride, looking bashfully for the cards on each offering to see the particular names upon them, or the particular name as the case might

The band played again, after which Mr. B. R. Lacy, Commissioner of Labor, came to the front to make a presentation of Freshmen prizes in Agriculture. The winners appeared, amidst applause, as Mr. Lacy read the list which was as follows: Mr. A. R. Kennedy, of Lenoir, for having done next to the greatest amount of

mr. Variable of the dollars.

Mr. S. H. Beck, of Burke, for most work on farm—prize, ten dollars.

Mr. Paul B. Parks, of Cabarrus, for most improvement in agriculture-prize,

gold medal. Mr. Lacy, in presenting the prizes, made a brief talk, full of hard horse sense, saying that the tendency nowadays seemed to be to trust to luck and not enough to labor; to take a short cut. The sudden growth of David from a lad regular, is often spasmodic. Man's proneness to evil is his great hindrance. We are only great through goodness, and only happy through virtue. The battle between good and evil is being waged in every country and in each one of us. The world is very weak. It longs for the burning words of strong men. Pessimism weakens and destroys. It made Poe, Elliott and Carlyle weaker. It is cowardly. Opticism is the striving after these prizes. "Whatsood the promotion of the striving after these prizes." Whatsood the promotion is the striving after these prizes. "Whatsood the promotion is to be daries, irrigating and beautifying new daries, irrigating and beautifying new territory. Life then offers ample scope for your ambitions in every line. What you take from it is but an atom of the whole, and it is for yourselves to so use that atom as to make it expand like the genie of the Eastern fable when loosed from his petty prison.

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the audience applauded. At this point the honor-roll was handed up by Prof. Withers, Secretary of the Faculty, to President Holladay who read as follows:

Students whose average grade for the year on all studies has not been less than 90 out of a possible 100.

SENIOR CLASS: Howard Wiswall, Jr., Winsteadville, Beaufort county; James Adrian Bizzell, Fayetteville, Cumberland county; Walter Austin Bullock, Williams-Vance county; Lee Borden Ennett, Cedar Point, Carteret county; Abram Hinman Prince, Henderson, Vance county.

JUNIOR CLASS: George Stronach Fraps. Raleigh, Wake county; Robert Graham Mewborne, Kinston, Lenoir county.

FRESHMAN CLASS: Nurna Reid Stansell, Allenton, Robeson county; Joseph Frederick Hunter, Brinkleyville, Halifax county.

Distinctions in the Graduating Class. FIRST DISTINCTION: Mechanical course,

Howard Wiswall, Jr., Beaufort county; Agricultural course, James Adrain Biz zell, Cumberland county. SECOND DISTINCTION:

course, Walter Austin Bullock, Vance county; Mechanical course, Samuel Christopher McKeown, Chester, S. C. This reading, also, was followed by the applause which invariably makes

everybody feel good when they see young men doing well. Presentation of diplomas came next. The speakers on the platform arose, as

well as the rest of the degree-men, to the number in all of twenty-three, while President Holladay called the names out slowly as follows: Batchelors of Science: James Adrian Bizzell, Fayetteville, Cumberland county; James Washington Brawley, Granite Hill, Iredell county; Walter Austin Bullock, Williamsboro, Vance county; Edwin Speight Darden, Speight's Bridge, Greene county; Joseph Charles Dey, Cur-rituck, Currituck county; Lee Borden Ennett, Cedar Point, Carteret county; Charles Wyllis Gold, Wilson, Wilson county; Abram Hinman Price, Hender-

son, Vance county.

Batchelors of Engineering: Thomas
Martin Ashe, Raleigh, Wake county;
John Isham Blount, Clinton, Sampson county; David Clark, Raleigh, Wake county; George Washington Corbett, Jr., Keith, Pender county; William Kearney Reith, Pender county; William Kearney
Davis, Jr., Louisburg, Franklin county;
Isaac Henry Harris, Warrenton, Warren
county; Christopher Miller Hughes, Raleigh, Wake county; Malcolm Beall Hunter, Charlotte, Mecklenburg county;
Samuel Christopher McKeown, Chester,
South Carolina; Mann Cabe Patterson, Durham; Orange county; Victor Vashti Privott, Rocky Hock, Chowan county;

Mechanical Engineer: Charles Marcel- than any other one in it. This may or us Pritchett, Cartersville, Georgia. The subjects of theses for graduation

Brawley, The Milk Separator—Theoretical and Practical; W. A Bullock, Brains as a Fertilizer; D. Clark, Designs of an Auditorium for a College; G. W. Corbett, Jr., Design of a Foundry for a College; E. S. Darden, Tile Drainage; W. K. Davis, Jr., Relation between Actual and Indicated Horse Power for Engines; J. C. Dey, The Irish Potato; L. B. Enter St. C. Dey, The Irish Potato; L. B. Engines; nett, Tee Main Principles of Stock Breeding; I. H. Faust, Construction and Reading of a Current Meter; C. W. Gold, Tile Drainage; W. H. Harriss, Relation between Actual and Indicated Horse Power for Engines; C. M. Hughes, Construction of a Galvanometer of High Resistance; M. B. Hunter, Design of a Water Supply and Electrical Pumping Plant for a College; S. C. McKeown, Design of a Dynamo; M. C. Patterson, There is an eloquent suggestion in the Speakers, even then agreat point with the speakers, even the agreat point with the speakers, even the speakers, even the speakers, even the speakers, even out of ten of them to be stifled into failure by city competition, and to be ruined for return to the simple life not of the cities, seven out of ten of them to be stifled into failure by city competition, and to be ruined for return to the simple life not of the cities, seven out of ten of them to be stifled into failure by city competition, and to be ruined for return to the simple life not of the cities, seven out of ten of them to be stifled into failure by city competition, and to be ruined for return to the simple life not of the cities, seven out of ten of them to be stifled into failure by city competition, and to be ruined for return to the simple life not of the cities, seven out of ten of them to be stifled into failure by city competition, and to be ruined for return to the simple life not of the cities, seven out of ten of them to be stifled into failure by city competition, and to be ruined for return to the simple life not of the cities, seven out of ten of them to be stifled into failure by city competition, and to be ruined for return to the simple life not of the cities, seven out of the cities, seven out of the cities of Partial Construction of a Machine for Testing Lubricants; A. H. Prince, educated, yet not too proud to Steamed Cotton Seed vs. Raw Cotton go back to the farm. In this, perhaps, Seed as a Food for Milk and Butter Production; V. V. Privott, Design of a Grand Stand for Pullen Park; H. Wis-wall, Jr., Construction and Reading of a Current Meter; C. G. Yarbrough, De-sign of a Dynamo; C. M. Pritchett, Balancing of Engines.

The President's Common-Sense Talk. In giving the diplomas, President Holladay made no attempt at speech-making: he simply made a fatherly talk to the boys over whom he has watched for four years and whose all-round qualities are perhaps not known to any one so well as to the president. He seemed to speak to them as an older companion to younger thing so beneficial, or that gave me such companions, very happily at times, causing hearty laughter to come to every-

"To-day," said President Hollady,
"you receive diplomas in testmony of
four years successful study, and I congratulate you on winning this proof of
no small amount of hard work. Perhaps you may think the bat-tle over and the victory won, but you are mistaken. The keenest competition is still before you. Perhaps, also, some of you are already listening for the foot falls of fame stealing behind you. Let me give you, then, a parting lesson: get at the true value of things now at the beginning of your real wrestle with life, diplomas include . They only certify that we have given you four years of guidance, that we have seen you through a season of mental and moral gymna sium, and that we believe you are fairly equipped to go into the struggle, without being placed at a disadvantage—that is all a diploma means, and is worth, and any other virtue it possesses de-pends on the use you make of it. Remember that after all, knowledge is but a little casis in the great desert of ignorance, and each succeeding genera tion by earnest effort enlarges its boun-

from his petty prison.
"These diplomas are but pretty leaves of parchment but they are symbols. The ancient Greeks, I have told you that they had the cleanest, keenest and deepest and most original minds the world has ever seen, were ready to study for years and even to risk their lives to acquire a crown of oak leaves, but it was not the mere chaplet of leaves it was the symbol of other and higher things that aspiring youth studies and strive for, and the diplomas are not mere rewards for past labors, but they also gave bonds with us as witnesses in pledge of far higher more a duous and valuable labors though your future lives. Look for that life-work thoughtfully and carefully. Do it manfully, thoroughly and then but not till then will the real crown of your reward come. May the blessing of God bring it to you in this world and the world to come.

Mr. Holladay departed several times from the main line of his talk to give way to his natural sense of humor. His reference to the competition in store for the young men from the smart young women now taking college degrees was exceedingly amusing.

The morning exercises, which closed the session, ended with the benediction by Rev J. N. Cole, after which the crowd scattered over the grounds and through the buildings.

The bonds betweed this college and

the people seem to grow stronger year by year. It is getting to be the pet of North Carolinians. They seem to take a common interest of a new sort in the idea of the country lad's being educated just as he is being educated at this school. Some people have gone so far as to say that the Agricultural College is doing more good in the State

may not be true. One thing, however, is true, which is the fact that the speeches J. A. Bizzell, Steamed Cotton Seed vs. Raw Cotton Seed as a Food for Milk and Butter Production; J. I. Blount, Construction of a Machine for the Determination of Coefficient of Friction: J. W. Brawley, The Milk Co. their feet hard upon the ground all the time. It is just possible that that the practical, concrete training of these boys, turn their thoughts toward thems that older people are thinking about, and themes whose solution is immediately necessary for progress. Another thing is suggested; of those speak ers, at least two are going back on the farm to work, where what they have learned will be put to the best of uses. If the other students go back to their country homes in the same proportion as the speakers, even then a great point will have been gained. In the time gone, all nearly, have gone to the cities, seven out training which turns the boy out well more than in anything else, lies that uplift of the common people toward greater national strength.

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