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THE 104th annual commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina were held last week and were much enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be present, and were a success in every particular. The baccalaureate sermon by Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson, of Mississippi, is said to have been one of the very best ever delivered on a similar occasion, and the literary address by Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, was a perfect gem. It is doubtful if such a sermon and address were delivered at any other commencement exercises [illegible]. The speeches and orations of the students were exceptionally good, and reflected much credit upon their authors, and fully sustained the old-time reputation of the South for oratory.

In addition to the college and high standard of the literary exercises, we are [illegible] and commended the [illegible] conduct of all the students [illegible] the slightest incident [illegible] mar the pleasure and success of the occasion. Locally, [illegible] the commencement of [illegible] colleges many of the [illegible] guilty of [illegible] some acts, which are not to be [illegible] able to them and [illegible] what with the [illegible] of the peace, of the [illegible]. But at Chapel Hill, last week, every student seemed and followed like a gentleman during the best [illegible] tain his guests.

The graduating class [illegible] fifty members and [illegible] since 1860. [illegible] other graduating classes since the existence of the University [illegible] tained so large a number, and those four were the classes of 1857-58-59 and 60. And in the class was represented every county of North Carolina [illegible] citizenship, from the [illegible] son to the poor boy who had [illegible] the latter class.

[illegible] students and they [illegible] sons of the richest. And all North Carolinians cannot be [illegible] fact. Yes, there are [illegible] poor boys [illegible] the highest scholarship [illegible] our State University, [illegible] working their way [illegible] lege to [illegible] station, among the [illegible] gentlemen [illegible] the good [illegible] were [illegible] and labor had worked [illegible] through college [illegible] and by [illegible] elected the poet and the orator [illegible] the other was appointed [illegible] the five hundred [illegible] money, and before [illegible] scholarships [illegible] come to the University with [illegible] money to pay for advantages, [illegible] decided to work for them as [illegible] time. One worked [illegible] for 6 [illegible] students in the [illegible] mill, where a large number of the students boarded. Another worked from sunset until midnight, every night, [illegible] the dynamo for the electric light. Neither felt ashamed to do his work, and both commanded the highest respect of their fellow students, as well as of the faculty.

This refutes most [illegible] the false assertion, sometimes made, that "Chapel Hill is the college for only the rich man's sons." And every good citizen should heartily endorse the sentiment expressed by President Alderman, when he said that he hoped the day would never come when any poor and deserving boy in North Carolina should be turned away from his State's University for the want of money!

GEN. ANDREW D. COWLES, of Statesville, published in last Tuesday's issue of the Charlotte Observer, a very able argument in favor of the proposed suffrage amendment to our State constitution. General Cowles is one of the ablest and most prominent Republicans in this State. In 1896 he was the Republican candidate [illegible] for governor in the [illegible] ly expresses the sentiments of a better class of Republicans in this State.

It was our pleasure to attend, on last Friday, the closing exercises of the graded school at Durham, which is decidedly the pride of that progressive town, and we only wish that every town in the State had its equal. We are quite sure that none has its superior.

The school building is one of the handsomest public buildings in the State, being a large three-story brick building with a basement, beautifully situated, and cost with its equipment about $27,000. The number of pupils in attendance the past year was about 350, and, to give still better accommodations, the taxpayers of Durham, on the first day of last month, voted an issue of town bonds, to the amount of $16,000, for the purpose of erecting another school building in another portion of the town. And, as a proof of the growing popularity of the graded school it may be mentioned that a [illegible] new building has been added, which, as a gift, by [illegible] of Durham to the town, [illegible] the school when [illegible].

[illegible] in this school [illegible] girls [illegible] all correspondence. Also [illegible] number [illegible] Durham [illegible] Randolph county near [illegible] old person in Wayne. That is [illegible] considerable for the heretofore of this county. Kingsbury Lane lived in the county with his uncle John Lanier [illegible] was grown, when he left saying he was going south, and that he would never return, and he never did return. He died in New Orleans in 1867 and left several thousand dollars worth of property. His uncle John Lanier owned a mill on Beaver township till his death in 1875. The mill was then bought and owned by Crosby Check the father of Joseph Check now living near Siloam.

The wife of Mayor Ward, of North Wilkesboro, nearly killed an infant a few months ago, by giving a dose of laudanum when she intended to administer another medicine. Wilkesboro [illegible] 19th.

[illegible] got into a [illegible] church at Stone Spring, and stole the Bible and five hymn books.

Kingsbury Lane Estate.

We are indebted to Mr. J. T. [illegible] for the following [illegible] Kingsbury Lane, formerly of this county, [illegible] Mr. Pittman [illegible] Lane. [illegible] Randolph county [illegible] Wayne. [illegible] Wm. Lane. [illegible] says there are three people in Randolph county now [illegible] old person in Wayne. That is [illegible] considerable for the heretofore of this county. Kingsbury Lane lived in the county with his uncle John Lanier [illegible] was grown, when he left saying he was going south, and that he would never return, and he never did return. He died in New Orleans in 1867 and left several thousand dollars worth of property. His uncle John Lanier owned a mill on Beaver township till his death in 1875. The mill was then bought and owned by Crosby Check the father of Joseph Check now living near Siloam.

Washington Letter.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2.—More men, more blood and more money for the Philippines. That is the cheering outlook. Mr. McKinley has become convinced that Aguinaldo successfully played the role of brier fox in his dealings with the blue-coated and red-trousered American civilian commissioners, by staving off active military operations against him until the rainy season, while he was preparing for another campaign in the fall. He has also become convinced that any further delay of the volunteers in the Philippines who wish to come home will be dangerous. Convinced of these two things there was nothing left for him to do except to decide to issue a call for volunteers to go to the Philippines, under authority of the army act of the last Congress. He has made that decision, but, in keeping with his usual custom of giving the public an excuse for his every important act, will defer issuing the call for volunteers until he gets a cablegram from General Otis saying that more men are needed over there. It has been found impossible to get any considerable number of the volunteers now in the Philippines to re-enlist, although each man who does so is given travel pay amounting to about $[illegible].

The punch [illegible] for the first time in more than a year [illegible] Washington. It uncovered the bold [illegible] House of Representatives [illegible] Speaker Reed [illegible] Minister [illegible] Secretary [illegible] presented by Sir [illegible] Pauncefote and diplomatic [illegible] were present. The Minister has many personal friends in Washington, which was the occasion [illegible] he was called on by many [illegible] afternoon.

Although negotiations have not been formally broken off there is practically a deadlock over the Alaskan boundary. Mr. Hay has charged that Great Britain has not been [illegible] and Lord Pauncefote has [illegible] that Great Britain [illegible] the Alaskan [illegible] taxes for its support. Of the six members of the Alaskan commission, three are Canadians, one is a resident of Alaska, and one is a resident of the United States. The Canadians have been [illegible] against the United States [illegible] Lodge [illegible] Senate [illegible] Canadian [illegible] Senate [illegible] Canadian [illegible] Senate [illegible] Canadian