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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA—ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT, &c.

Regarding Education as the great conservator of our free Institutions, it always gives us pleasure to record evidence of its growing importance in public estimation. The last was Commencement week at Chapel Hill—the seat of our University—and we imagine we shall be borne out in the assertion, by all present, that a more imposing and brilliant occasion has never been witnessed in the Republic of Letters in North Carolina.

On Commencement day (Thursday) it was computed that at least fifteen hundred persons were present at the Exercises, among whom were some of the most distinguished citizens of the State, besides an unusually large number of Trustees, and the greatest collection of Ladies ever before seen—a circumstance of much more importance to the young gentlemen of the College, than all the rest combined. We are highly gratified to state, that the situation of our University was never more prosperous than it is now. The high and acknowledged reputation of the learned gentlemen who compose its Faculty, with a President at its head, eminently qualified by nature and education for his responsible position, entitles the Institution to the commanding and lofty influence which public opinion is now disposed to admit as its due.

The following Trustees of the University were in attendance, viz: His Excellency Gov. Graham, Ex-Governor Morehead, Hon. D. L. Swain, James Mebane, Esq., Dr. James Webb, John D. Hawkins, Esq., Hon. Wm. H. Battle, Charles Manly, Hugh Waddell, Esquires, Hon. James S. Smith, Hon. Jno. H. Bryan, Louis D. Henry, Charles L. Hinton, Robert B. Gilliam, Nicholas L. Williams, George F. Davidson and Weston R. Gales, Esquires. The Public Exercises, which commenced on Tuesday, were continued on each day until the evening of Thursday. On Tuesday, at 4 o'clock, P. M. a Sermon was preached to the Graduating Class, by the Rev. Mr. GILCHRIST, of Fayetteville, from CONSTITUTIONS I. Ch. 13, v. 11 and 12. "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know, even as also I am known." The acknowledged and distinguished reading gentleman, prepared his auditory for a display of mental power which was fully realized, and which was well calculated to exert a happy influence in forming the principles of youthful aspirants after distinction.

On Tuesday night, the following young gentlemen, selected from the Freshman Class, delivered Orations, viz:
1. Henry G. Williams, (Franklin) Houston's defence before the House of Representatives.
2. Thomas C. Pinckard, (Alabama) Everett's Fourth of July Oration at Cambridge.
3. James H. Cameron, (New Orleans) Phillips's Speech before the "British and Foreign Bible Society."
4. Thomas H. Holmes, (Clinton) Phillips's Character of George III.
5. Thomas E. Watson, (Chapel Hill) Bell, on the "Tari" of 1832.
6. John K. Strange, (Camden) Riezi's Address to the Romans.
7. John W. Cameron, (Fayetteville) Webster, on the "Greek Mission."

On Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, a Procession was formed in the College Campus, under the direction of STEPHEN F. POOLE, Marshal, assisted by Messrs. WILLIAM A. DANIEL, RICHARD N. FORBES, LUCAS HOLMES and WILLIAM B. MEARES, which moved in the following order to the new Chapel, viz:
1. Musicians.
2. Members of the Freshman class.
3. Members of the Sophomore class.
4. Members of the Junior class.
5. Graduating class.
6. Alumni.
7. Citizens of Chapel Hill and its vicinity.
8. Strangers and Visitors.
9. Teachers of Schools.
10. Parents and Guardians.
11. Clergy.
12. Faculty.
13. Trustees.
14. Governor of the State and President of the University.
15. Orator of the day, attended by Committee.

While passing the monument of President CALDWELL, the members of the Procession uncovered their heads. Upon reaching the Chapel, it opened, and the Procession entered in reversed order. After the immense auditory were seated, the Annual Address was pronounced before the two Literary Societies, by the Rev. T. F. DAVIS, of Salisbury. We express, we are confident, the general sentiment, when we say that a more chaste, beautiful and appropriate effort has been rarely elicited. Its subject was the capacious powers of the Mind, and the high duty of cultivating them to full expansion, and the Address abounded with cogent reasoning, classical allusions, and the aptest illustrations, with a vein of unlighted piety ran through the whole, and bespoke the sacred character of the speaker. We hope we see this Address in print, though we heard that its author, with characteristic modesty, had declined such publicity.

On Wednesday afternoon, there was a most interesting meeting of the Alumni Association, at which Gov. MONROE presided. No less than ten Alumni of the Institution have died since the last Commencement, and very interesting Biographical sketches of each were read by different members of the Association, viz:
Of Hon. James Martin, by Charles Manly, Esq.
Of William S. Mason, by Hon. W. H. Battle, Esq.
Of Hon. Joel Holman, by Geo. F. Davidson, Esq.
Of Professor Edward D. Simms, by Professor Greene, Esq.
Of Robert H. Cowan, by Rev. T. F. Davis, Esq.
Of Greene M. Catlett, by Professor Greene, Esq.
Of Jno. N. Barkdale, by Samuel Phillips, Esq.
Of James W. Campbell, by William J. Clark, Esq.
Of R. W. Tomlinson, by W. S. Mullins, Esq.
Of Thos. Hill Spruill, by Tutor A. G. Brown.

The afternoon was so far advanced, when the interesting exercises of the Alumni Association were brought to a close, that there was not time to hold the Anniversary meeting of the Historical Society of the University. We obtained a copy, however, of the very valuable Report prepared for the occasion by the Secretary, Tutor PHILLIPS, and shall publish it entire in our next.

At night, there was Declaration by the following young gentlemen, Members of the Sophomore class, viz:

- 1. Lionel L. Levy, (Ss. Carolina) McDuffie on the "Removal of the Deposits."
- 2. William H. Howerton, (Halifax, Va.) Osgood on the "Removal of the Deposits."
- 3. Eli W. Hall, (Wilmington) Omond's Dream from the "Castle Specie."
- 4. Elias C. Hines, (Raleigh) First "Phillippic of Demos then."
- 5. John Pool, (Elizabeth City) Webster on the "Panama Mission."
- 6. Louidas C. Ferrell, (LaGrange, Ga.) Clay on the "New Army Bill."
- 7. William H. Manly, (Raleigh) Elogy on Henry Clay. (Anonymous.)

It will be perceived on consulting the list of Speakers on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, that there were representatives from six States in the Union—a fact, of itself, illustrating most strongly the estimate in which the University is held abroad. Thursday was the Annual Commencement, and was a day of exhilarating interest. At 10 o'clock, a Procession was formed, as on Wednesday, but a much more imposing one, which moved to Gerard Hall, every nook of which was densely crowded, exhibiting a rare assemblage of beauty, fashion and intelligence. The following was the Order of Exercises for the day, viz:

- FORENOON.
1. Sacred Music.
2. Prayer.
3. Salutatory Oration, (in Latin).
Thomas F. Davis, Salisbury.
4. Oration. "Public opinion should be enlightened."
Thomas J. Sumner, Lincolnton.
5. Oration. "Greek Tragedy."
Edward Dromgoolle, Brunswick, Va.
6. Oration. "Pleasures of Literature."
James J. Herring, Lenoir.
7. Oration. "Tendency of the Age to Ultraism."
P. Garland Burton, Mecklenburg, Va.
8. Oration. "True Theory of the Constitution."
Frederick D. Lente, New Bern.
9. Oration. "Periodical Literature of N. Carolina."
Ralph P. Buxton, Fayetteville.

- AFTERNOON.
1. Oration. "Influence of National Isolation."
Reuben C. Shorter, Alabama.
2. Oration. "All is Vanity."
George V. Strong, Sampson.
3. Oration. "Incompleteness of Reason to control the Passions."
Jesse P. Smith, Fayetteville.
4. Oration. "Grandeur of the Missionary Character."
5. Annual Report.
6. Degrees Conferred.
7. Oration. "Responsibility of Talent," with the Valiedictory.
Jos. J. B. Batchelor, Halifax.
8. Prayer.

The Orations delivered by the young gentlemen above named, were of course original, and left on the auditory not only a deep impression of their own intellectual acquirements, but of reflected honor worthy of the distinguished literary reputation, zeal and industry of the heads of the College. The Senior or Graduating class consisted of the following gentlemen, viz: William E. Barnett, Joseph J. B. Batchelor, Charles Bruce, Peter G. Burton, Ralph P. Buxton, Samuel J. Calvert, Samuel W. Cockrell, Thomas F. Davis, Edward Dromgoolle, E. L. Dusenberry, Alexander B. Hawkins, James J. Herring, Eugene J. Hinton, Owen D. Holmes, Pleasant A. Holt, H. O. W. Hooker, Virginia H. Ivy, Frederick D. Lente, Langdon C. Manly, Richard H. Mason, Thomas C. McMillenny, William T. Mebane, Alexander D. Moore, Lucien H. Sanders, Reuben C. Shorter, Thomas F. Slade, Jesse P. Smith, Dewitt C. Stone, George V. Strong, Thomas J. Sumner, Leonidas Taylor, Samuel D. Wharton, Thomas E. Whyte. The sight of so many young men who, after a daily association for four years, were about to separate, perhaps never to meet again, awakened the most lively emotions even in those who had been long accustomed to such scenes. May the many high hopes and fond anticipations which animate their young hearts and enthusiastic temperaments, be all realized on the great theatre of life!

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred, in course, on the several Members of the Graduating class. The Honorary Degree of Master of Arts was conferred on the following gentlemen, viz: Willis W. Alston, of Sumter District, S. C.; David A. Barnes, of Northampton county; Robert R. Bridges, of Tarboro'; Francis T. Bryan, Military Academy, West Point; Kenelm H. Lewis, Tarboro'; Thos. J. Morcise, Sampson; William S. Mullins, Fayetteville; Thomas Ruffin, Misoort; Rev. Albert Shippey, Cheraw; Joseph T. Sommersell, Salisbury; Calvin H. Wiley, Oxford; Charles P. Heartwell, Virginia; Jeremiah W. Murphy, of Lincoln; and J. Randolph Clay, late Charge d'Affaires at Vienna, and now Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg.

And the Honorary Degree of LL. D. was conferred on WILLIE P. MANOUF, of the U. S. Senate, a Graduate of the class of 1815; on JONAS Y. MASON, Attorney General of the U. S.; and a graduate of the class of 1816; and on JAMES K. POLK, President of the United States, and a Graduate of the class of 1818. The festivities of the week were closed by a delightful Entertainment, given to the Graduating class and the other Members of College, and furnished by Miss HULLIARD, whose reputation as a creator of good things is too well established to need Newspaper endorsement. It was "a splendid affair," and will not soon be forgotten by those who participated in its pleasures. It may be truly, if not poetically said, that
MINERVA'S Hall well shone that night,
With beauty's glowing splendors,
Bright eyes and forms both shed their light,
On our country's true defenders.

any of the out-breaks, which have so frequently disgraced other Colleges, should be attempted at Chapel Hill, they will be met with an energy befitting the crisis: For, the Trustees are determined, as far as in them lies, that the character of our State, as a law and order-loving people, shall suffer no stain by College Riots. Though, it is due to the young gentlemen of the Institution to say, that with the exception of the single instance alluded to, there never was, at any former period, greater quiet, or less cause for complaint. The action of the University, through all its articles, is sound and healthy. May it continue to flourish yet more and more, yearly to send forth from its walls, a race of men to bless and adorn our highly favored country!

THE DUTY OF THE WHIGS.
The Whigs of North Carolina, above all others, should be the last, silently to surrender up into the hands of Loco Focism, the selection of those to whom are to be entrusted the government of the Country. However other States may have vacillated, however recreant they may have proved to their interests, and the hopes and expectations of the Patriot, yet the good old North State has remained inflexible and firm as her mountains. The numerical strength of our opponents in any particular District, should not deter us from making battle against them, in the approaching Congressional Election. Such was not the spirit that actuated the Whigs of the Revolution—nor such craven thought was entertained, when the dark cloud of war hung over us, and immense swarms of the enemy were constantly landing on our shores. No—relying upon God and the righteousness of their cause, they valiantly met the enemy, and continued gallantly to struggle, until the proud bird of Liberty perched triumphantly upon our banner, and we declared ourselves a free and independent Nation. Let us imitate their noble example, let us meet the myriads and satellites of power, sword in hand, determined to do battle in defence of those principles, upon the ultimate success of which, we believe depend the perpetuity and happiness of our beloved country.

The Whig party is the great conservative party of the Union. Let it maintain its integrity, and, ere long, the honest of all parties will come to its aid and save the Union from destruction. If the Loco-focs and their foreign allies can live under the reign of King Hickory the second, surely the Whigs can. And though the wheels of business may stop, or be rendered nugatory, by the weighty clogs of Loco-focism, yet we have a country and a government worth saving. Whigs of North Carolina, let us unite, and enjoy the proud satisfaction of transmitting it in all its primitive purity to future generations. Let us call upon the spirits of our Revolutionary forefathers—our Adams, and all the host of our Revolutionary sires. They forsake not the name. Its associations are glorious and heart-stirring. Defeat with it, is more desirable than victory, under the bleak banner of Loco-focism, although tinselled over with the false and hypocritical drapery of modern Democracy.

Let us then bestir ourselves, determined to do our duty, our whole duty. In the language of the lamented CHERRY—"the enemy are in the field, and they must be met."

THE NEWBURN DISTRICT.
We rejoice to learn, by the subjoined extract from the last "Newburnian," that the Whigs have determined not to let the election for Congress in that District, go by default. It is true, they may have a choice between the two "Democratic" aspirants for Representative in Congress, but the avowed principles of both are equally adverse to those of the Whig party, and the success of either would therefore be detrimental to our pure and sacred cause. Prompted by a determination to do all in their power to send one to Congress who will truly reflect their sentiments and wishes, they have determined to run as their candidate, RICHARD S. DONNELL, Esq. of Newburn; a young gentleman of a high order of talents, generous and noble, and a whole-souled Whig—we expect to hear that he will give Messrs. TOOLE and CLARK something else to do beside quarrelling with each other.

By the way, we hope the laudable spirit manifested by the Whigs of the Newburn District, will excite a like praise-worthy movement among our friends in this District. We have a much smaller majority to contend against—we have talent, we have energy, and by proper exertion we believe we can succeed. Let us resolve to try it.
But to the extract:
ATTENTION WHIGS!!
RICHARD SPAIGHT DONNELL, OF CRAVEN, OUR CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS.

For some time we have felt a degree of mortification seldom experienced, at the small prospect there was for a Whig candidate in this Congressional District, at the approaching election. In the contest which has been waged with such fierceness by the Democracy for some weeks, between the friends of Clark and Toole, we have taken no interest; really regretting the existence of a feud even among our political adversaries; and we are heartily glad that we are now able to make a suggestion, which may throw oil upon the troubled waters. As the conductor of a Whig press in the District, we feel that the sky be brightens above us, and the clouds are ripe upon a white girl, and sentenced to be hanged, but escaped from jail before the time of his execution arrived, has been caught and safely lodged in jail, there to await the execution of the law. He was taken in Mecklenburg county, where he had been secreted in a cave.

Our Democratic friends will feel a degree of unwelcome consolation that they will have to contend with an opponent, whose gentlemanly deportment and lofty bearing, entitle him to their high consideration. P. S. Since the foregoing was in type, we have received the "North State Whig," containing a Card from Mr. TOOLE, announcing his withdrawal from the canvass—thus leaving to Messrs. DONNELL and CLARK "an open field and a fair fight." The Whigs, we perceive, are buoyant and enthusiastic as to the success of the contest.

Let the cannon to the trumpet speak.
FLORIDA.
The election for Governor, Members of Assembly, and a Member of Congress took place in Florida on Monday last week. We learn, from a highly respectable source, that the Whigs have probably carried the State, with the exception of Congressmen, the Loco Foco candidate (Mr. Leavy) being very popular. Should this turn out to be so, we say—
Let the cannon to the trumpet speak.

FREE POSTAGE.
After the 1st of July, Newspapers printed in Raleigh will go free to the following Offices, viz: In Wake County: Eagle Rock; Flemington; Forestville; Fish Dam; Holly Springs; Kelvin Grove; Neuse; Newlight; Rolesville; Rogers' Store; Wake Forest; and Wakefield. In Orange: Chapel Hill; Morningsville; and Prattsville. In Chatham: Grove; Hackney's; & Roads. In Johnston: Smithfield. In Franklin: Franklin.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.
The "Hillsborough Recorder" publishes the proceedings of a County Temperance Convention held in that place during the May County Court, at which there were present one hundred and twenty-five Delegates. The object of the Convention was to memorialize the County Court to put a stop to granting licences for retailing liquor, and to express their disapprobation of the practice of treating in all electioneering campaigns. A Resolution was also passed, that a Temperance Convention be held annually on Tuesday of May Court. The cause is said to have gained a fresh impetus, in that section of the State.

There is much in the experience of every man, to confirm the remarks contained in the following article. It is more perceptible, of course, in larger cities, but there are Towns no larger than our own, in which the question "what does he do for a living?" calls upon the spirit of our Revolutionary forefathers—our Adams, and all the host of our Revolutionary sires. They forsake not the name. Its associations are glorious and heart-stirring. Defeat with it, is more desirable than victory, under the bleak banner of Loco-focism, although tinselled over with the false and hypocritical drapery of modern Democracy.

THE FRENCHMAN'S DOG.
OR A DOSE ADMINISTERED BY THE DOCTOR.
There is a class of men in this world who go for the most trivial cause bluster and look big. They are of the Bob Acres school, and will swagger and swear they have killed or can kill a dozen men a day; but once test their metal, and like the valiant Bob their courage oozes out at their fingers' ends. Let one of them be met with a bold front and like the friend of Willson Patterson, so far from exhibiting a desire to inflict personal chastisement, he is apt to become laudatory of the action at which he first affected to take offence.

FOR THE REGISTER.
Mr. GALES: It was truly gratifying to see the unanimity with which the largest bench of Magistrates that have met for some time, decided almost unanimously in favor of making full provision for all the Deaf and Blind of this County. This act is one of the most noble of their whole lives, and they will be able to look back upon it with heartfelt pleasure, when they see this class brought from perfect darkness to education, to light and knowledge, with the ability of transacting business for themselves. And it is desirable that all who are able to educate their own children, will have no time in sending them up as the School is now in successful operation; and it is hoped that the philanthropists who may have business at the different Courts, will see that immediate action is taken on this subject, and if possible, that one should be sent from each County. No time ought to be lost, as the "School has commenced under the most favorable auspices. Editors, and all friendly to this best of institutions, will please give this as much publicity as they can.

A VISITOR.
CAUGHT AT LAST.
We learn from a gentleman of Carbarrus, that DAVE, a negro boy, who was convicted in the Superior Court of that county of committing a rape upon a white girl, and sentenced to be hanged, but escaped from jail before the time of his execution arrived, has been caught and safely lodged in jail, there to await the execution of the law. He was taken in Mecklenburg county, where he had been secreted in a cave.

GREAT FIRE AT QUEBEC.—A fire broke out in Richardson's Tannery in Quebec on Wednesday last. The Quebec Gazette supposes that a population of about ten thousand would be without a home. Nearly all Saint Rock Suburbs were destroyed. The fire was still raging, threatening an awful destruction of property.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.
William E. Prechard, Collector of the Customs, Camden, North Carolina, vice George W. Charles removed.
Post Master James M. Palmer has been appointed Post Master in Hillsboro', in the place of T. Clancy, Esq. deceased.

ITEMS.
The Athens Courier calls the President's ill-famous James K. Polk's Fact.
Mr. Houston, ex-President of Texas, is delivering Temperance addresses in New Orleans.
On Dixie—The Crescent City says, it is reported that Robert Tyler, Esq., has in Press "The Road to Orléans, a Family Drama, in four acts, dedicated to Dejean, and illustrated with an outside view of the White House.

We understand that the Rev. Wm. H. Foster, is preparing a History of the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina, in compliance with a request of the Synod of the State.
THE OLD NORTH STATE UNMATCHED.—Messrs. Wren & Mason, Richmond, Va. sold, at auction, yesterday, my No. 1, hhd. at \$85 per hundred—I have received \$479 50 for it. It was bought by James Thomas, Jr., who also bought my No. 2 at \$17 50.
The death of John B. Dawson, Esq., a member of Congress from Louisiana, is announced.
A DEDICATION.—Dr. J. H. S. last novel, the Sybil, is thus beautifully dedicated to the author's "better half."
"I would inscribe these volumes to one whose heart ever prompts her to sympathize with the suffering; to one whose taste has often chastened, and whose judgment has ever guided, their pages; to a most faithful friend, and a perfect Wife."

The marble bust of Gen. Harrison, executed by the sculptor Clingler, while in Italy, and purchased from his widow by the citizens of Cincinnati, has arrived in that city. It is pronounced by good judges a work of great triflingness and merit.
Queen Victoria was but 26 years old the 24th ult. She is like to have as large a family as Queen Charlotte, wife of George 3d.
The Crowned Heads.—Paris in the month of August next, will exhibit the imposing and exciting spectacle of no less than six crowned heads at one and the same time, viz: Louis Philippe himself, the Queen of England, the King of the Netherlands, the King of Saxony, the King of Prussia, the Emperor of Austria, and the Emperor of Russia.

DIED.
In this County, Mr. Robert Ray, for many years in succession, though not recently a Door-keeper of the State Senate. He was a native of Sussex County, Va. had been for 39 years a Member of the Methodist Church, and was one of the best of men.
In Newbern, on the 1st instant, of pulmonary consumption, Mrs. Julia Ann Becklin, wife of Capt. William Becklin, in the 24th year of her age.
In Cumberland county, on the 29th ult. Archibald, son of Thomas and Catherine M. Kay, aged 9 years. Also, on the Turnpike road Mrs. Margaret McLeod, wife of Murrell McLeod, aged 72. And on the 15th ult., Mr. Murrell McLeod, husband of the deceased.

P. H. WINSTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW.
WILL attend the Courts in the Counties of Wake, Martin, Halifax, Northampton and Hertford. He is located at Wm. Beck's Company, from which place he will not be absent at any time more than four or five days.
June 5, 1845. 46-6t

60,000 Shingles.
WANTED at the Raleigh Rail Road, for which the Cash will be paid.
June 7, 1845. 46-5t

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE RALEIGH AND GASTON RAIL ROAD CO.
held in the City of Raleigh, on Monday the 2nd of June, on motion, William Peck was called to the Chair, and A. B. Smith was appointed Secretary. It appearing that a majority of the Stock was not represented, it was moved by J. D. Hawkins, Esq., that this Meeting adjourn to the 9th of July next.
WILL. PECK, Chairman.
June 10, 1845. 46-6m

JUST PUBLISHED. PLATO CONTRA ATHEOS.
PLATO against the Atheists, or the tenth book of the Dialogue on Laws, accompanied with critical notes and followed by extended dissertations on some of the main points of the Platonic Philosophy and Theology, by Taylor Lewis, LL. D., Professor of the Greek Language and Literature in the University of New York in 1 Vol.
Also, The Dutchman's Frenzy, by J. K. Paulding, in 1 Vol., new Edition.
Barnes' Notes on Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians, in 1 Vol.
A System of Latin Verification, in a series of Progressive Exercises by Charles Anthon, LL. D., also, No. 26 Harper's Illustrated Pictorial Bible. The above Publications have just been issued from the Press, and are for sale at the N. C. Bookstore, Raleigh, N. C. TUNNEN & HUGHES, 46-6p
June 10, 1845.
THE FLOUR we wanted, is come to hand, or part of it. WILL. PECK, Raleigh June 3. 46-3t
The Exercises of Mrs. Simpson's School for young Ladies & Children, will be resumed on Tuesday, the 10th of June. A few more girls can be accommodated with Board. Raleigh, June 4, 1845. 46-9t