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THIS TRIED AND TRUE FRIEND OF THE FARMER WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER.

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June 23, 1894

EDITOR OF PATRON AND GLEANER:

We have just returned from the meeting of the Directors of the State Board of Agriculture and the trustees of the A. & M. College. It was also commencement of the college. Nine boys graduated. There were near two hundred in attendance during the year. It is a military school now, and is drilled by a regular U. S. officer. The acquirements and general deportment of the students is deserving of the highest praise. The indication is now for a much larger attendance next session. A large dormitory is being erected to meet the occasion. The Trustees expressed their approbation, by a resolution, commending the management of both the school and farm by the faculty and supervisors. The addresses of the graduates were highly sensible, and well delivered. Gov. Carr presented the medals and premiums that were won by the boys. His address to them was ornately written, and abounded in that rare practicable, good common sense known to be possessed by the Governor. Mr. Primrose, Chairman of the Trustees, delivered the diplomas. We have but seldom heard a more attractive and interesting address than his. Col. Hatch, M. C., was expected to deliver the address before the students, but failed to appear. His place was filled by Mr. Fab. Busbee. Though he had but one night to prepare, was equal to the occasion. In the rapidity of thought, versatility of attainments, attractiveness of oratory, Mr. Busbee has but few equals in North Carolina. He received much applause when he complimented the farmers for their former governor and their Agricultural and Mechanical College. He then paused for a moment as if filling with emotions, and with a voice, and words, and actions, that would have been worthy of S. S. Prentiss or Mrs. Siddons, he informed the immense audience that our senior Senator had invested his accumulated immensities in land and stock and implements, so now today he is the largest farmer in all North Carolina. This rapture fell upon that audience with a quietness and stillness as falls the tiniest leaf from the frailest tree; only one old farmer let escape one semi-sigh or groan. That was all.

It was plainly manifest that it was bringing in a kind of impromptu side-show that was not laid down in the programme or expectations.

The State Board elected Dr. Twitty, of Rutherford county, to fill the unoccupied term of the lamented Dr. C. D. Smith. No better man can be found than Dr. Twitty. We served in the Legislature with him and know him well.

The State Board of Agriculture spent thirty-four thousand (\$34,000) dollars for the big show at Chicago, and lacked eight hundred (\$800) of paying out. Of course this includes the free ride and expenses of the committee that went on only to see that the exhibit was being properly cared for by the clerk, Mr. Bruner, and the special superintendent, Mr. Wilson, men noted for competency and assiduity. All of this money, every dollar, came from the hard earnings of the farmers and laborers of the old North State. This committee has not informed us how many farmers they saw there from the State. They furnished the money; but few, very few, went to Chicago to see the show. This thing of taking the farmer's money for the Col-

umbian Exhibition, in my humble opinion, was all wrong. While I impute no wrong motives to any one, I feel proud today to think I did my best against it. I could not see how the Board of Agriculture was any more authorized to spend \$34,000 to encourage a show at Chicago, than they had to spend the same amount for John Robinson's circus at Weldon or Raleigh or anywhere else. That is the way the money goes; and yet men of "high estate" (like President Taylor of Wake Forest) are daily complaining of the State's aid to higher education; and people everywhere unable to pay their taxes, manufactories closing for the want of funds, and strikes against lower wages for the first time springing up among us. There are many things wrong in old North Carolina as well as Washington, D. C., of which the people should look into, and I believe they will look into, and at the same time help the PATRON AND GLEANER.

W. R. W.

THE A. & M. COLLEGE.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES BY ONE OF THE STUDENTS.

In honor to the class of '94 of the A. & M. College, I think it the duty of each member of the college to have the closing exercises published in his home paper, or rather county paper; therefore, I take a privilege as well as a pleasure, in reporting the same to my beloved little paper, the PATRON AND GLEANER.

On Friday night, June 15, every boy was free from examinations, and the beat of drums and blow of horns and "yells" of college students could be heard for miles around; every body was merry.

Saturday was a day of general recreation.

Sunday as "Old Sol" came up and gave prospects of a beautiful day, the heart of each boy was cheerful but before night a cloud which lay in the West covered his face, and the fear was that we would have but a small crowd to hear the Baccalaureate sermon, to be preached by a well known light of the Methodist church—Dr. Creasy, of Charlotte. At 8:30 o'clock, when all the congregation had been seated, a beautiful and pleasing sight, to the young men of the college, took place; this was the coming of Dr. Creasy, leaning upon the arm of our beloved Col. Holladay, President of the College. Dr. Creasy took his text from Zachariah 4:7 and from this text he showed how mountains had been made plains, with such illustrations as Robert Fulton, George Stephenson and Edison and others. Everybody enjoyed the sermon and many said it was the best they had ever heard.

Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock were the only exercises of the day, it being class day. The program consisted of two orators, Walton and Pearson; class historian, David Cox; class prophet, C. E. Corpenning, and presenter of prizes, R. D. Patterson, all of whom did great credit to themselves and to the College. Those of special mention were Mr. Pearson's oration, and the ready wit of Mr. Cox. The large crowd present expressed themselves as being well pleased and entertained.

Tuesday, the day set for the address by the Hon. Mr. Hatch, a member of Congress from Missouri, but he was detained from coming by urgent business in the House; therefore it was beginning to look doubtful about having an address, but North Carolina being blessed with able men and men who cannot be surprised in brains, one of her true patriotic sons, Mr. F. H. Busbee, with only one night's notice, delivered

the address to an audience which realized in him a true friend to the farmers of the country. It might be well said that every body enjoyed Mr. Busbee's address, as much as if Mr. Hatch had been there to deliver one.

The address being over the cadets were commanded to "fall in" in front of the main building. The drill lasted for an hour and the visitors seemed to enjoy it right much, but for the cadets it was right warm, for it was in the heat of the "ay. At 4 o'clock were programed to drill, but rain prevented. After the morning drill the visitors were invited to go through the shops and dairy to see the boys work and some of their completed work.

Every one seemed well pleased.

Wednesday being regular commencement day, the graduating class delivered their orations, five of the class having prepared orations on practical subjects; they were as following: Z. G. Rogers, subject, Brains Versus Mechanics; David Cox, Optimism and Pessimism; John H. Saunders, Electricity; Benj. F. Walton, There is Life in the Old Land Yet; Chas. Person, The Effect the Engineer has had on Civilization. All did exceedingly well; no special mention.

The orations being over, Governor Carr delivered the medals to those "Freshmen" who were successful in winning them by work upon the farm. Then Mr. Primrose, of Raleigh a member of the Board of Trustees, delivered the diplomas to the following: Messrs. Pearson, Rogers, Corpenning, Cox, Wilson and Saunders. They receiving the degree of B. S. The exercises were closed by prayer by Dr. Daniel of the First Presbyterian church of Raleigh. At 8:30 p. m. the parlors of the college were thrown open for a reception of friends of the college by the faculty and their wives.

This occasion was enjoyed by many, and especially among the boys, for several of them had their "best girl" with them.

At 12 o'clock the boys began to tell each other "good bye," and it was a sad parting, especially with the class of '94, who have done faithful work together, now parted forever, probably. Thursday morning the boys began to leave and now, I hope, are at their respective homes enjoying the happy hours of country farm life. Respectfully,

M. R. V.

Margarettsville, N. C.

Some Bits of Nature.

[For the Patron and Gleaner.]

There are thousands of insects that make no provisions at all for the rearing and protection of their young, as regards homes or nests, but depend altogether on the bodies and eggs of others for that purpose. They display a wonderful instinct in the selection of the proper "grub" or caterpillar and the right kind of egg, which alone will supply the proper nutriment for the support of their young. There is scarcely an insect so small, but what has its parasite and the old saying that "larger fleas have lesser fleas to bite them" is literally true. The Ichneumon fly belongs to this class, being a perfect parasite. The species are very numerous, being about 2,000 in the United States alone.

They prove of incalculable service to the farmer, their instincts leading them to do for his advantage, what all his contrivance could not effect, a great many destructive insects being kept in check by them. It deposits its eggs upon the outside or within the bodies of their victims—as soon as the eggs hatch, the young commence consuming the fatty matter of the larvae, without injuring the vital organs. The young undergo transformation within the living insect or eat their way through the skin and spin their cocoons on the outside, from which, after a longer or shorter time, they come forth perfect insects. The larvae from which they emerge are so enfeebled by the great drain made upon them, that they die without becoming the perfect insect.

The ovipositor of some species is quite long, and is filled not only to penetrate the bodies of larvae, but wood, it is worked in the wood like an awl, and thus enabled to deposit its eggs in the bodies of the larvae hidden within. On a hickory tree from which a portion of the bark had been taken, I have found the dead

body of the Ichneumon fly, with its ovipositor inserted so deep in the wood, that it could not withdraw it and it had died in the attempt to insert its eggs in the bodies of the larvae within the dead wood.

There are some very minute species of this fly, that deposits its eggs in those of other insects, the young feeding upon the juices of the larvae, growing within the egg—coming out at maturity perfect ichneumons.

The different kinds of Botflies—such as the horse, sheep, &c., are also examples of this class. The horse botfly or nit fly, as it is more commonly known, deposits its eggs upon the different parts of the body of the horse, from which it is conveyed to the stomach and then hatching is called the "grub" and is supposed by many to be often the cause of the horses death. While many veterinary surgeons and perhaps all say, they produce no bad effects whatever, and seem rather disposed to claim that instead of being injurious, they are beneficial.

The botfly of the ox, is found in tumors on the backs of cattle, from which, when fully grown, they work their way out and fall to the ground appearing as a fly in August and September. They are commonly called "wolves" and nearly every animal has its peculiar species. They are found in the rabbit, squirrel, mice, &c., &c.

Man himself is not exempt from a species of this parasite, but in Mexico and tropical America, it has been found beneath his skin. Frogs are not even exempt, as four species in Australia have been found containing them and it is said the frogs invariably die, when they leave them.

It has been a belief entertained by many for generations, I suppose, that a dog bitten by a snake will become full of young snakes and die. This belief is still common. I have seen intelligent people, at least considered so in regard to other things, who held this belief, and no amount of reasoning could convince them to the contrary, and I expect to have many of your readers down on me for denying that there is the slightest reason for anyone entertaining for a moment, this belief. This supposed snake is only a worm, the "Strongulus Giganteus," peculiar to the dog, as much so, as the "grub" is to the horse, and while the dog may become in bad health and die from the bite of the snake, yet it is impossible from the nature of things that snakes should generate inside of him, as the old doctrine "Omnia ex Ovo" will no doubt hold good, 'till the end of time—and no animal whether beast, bird, or fish has ever yet been known to propagate its species with its teeth.

It is one of the many erroneous ideas that have descended to us from our fore-fathers and which we have accepted without reasoning for ourselves, whether it be true or not.

I do not expect to change the opinion of any one, but simply give the facts, knowing how hard it is to convince those who are determined to "hold the same opinion still." There is the same erroneous opinion in regard to the stinging snake—one said to have a sting like a bee or wasp, which it can use just as the bee or wasp use theirs. I have for many years offered twenty five dollars for such a snake, when times were better with me than now and will now give five any time one such is brought me. I have been promised one many times, as they are said by some to be very plentiful and one time had one brought me, whose sting was very plainly to be seen by the bystanders, but when I dissected it and carefully looked for—the sting there was none to be found. Still, year after year, I am promised a "stinging snake," but year after year rots around and still he is not found, simply for the reason there is no such snake ever been made, at least in North America. And so it is in regard to snakes forming in dogs, from the bite of a snake; there is no such thing ever yet happened. I have seen the so-called snake and it is nothing but the worm common to the dog.

BART MOORE.

Grab Town.