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The Seventh Annual Commencement Exercises at This Institution.

Commencement at the State Normal and Industrial College—the pride of North Carolina—is always an interesting occasion, and the exercises last week were fully up to the standard. Commencement week was opened Saturday night with a reception by the faculty to the alumnae and students. The buildings were brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated, and mirth and good cheer prevailed throughout the evening. The reception was strictly informal, but was enjoyed none the less on this account. There was present a large number of the former students of the institution, and to them the occasion was peculiarly enjoyable. It was indeed a pleasure to them to return to the scene of many happy days in the past and participate in this joyous reunion of teachers and pupils.

MEETING OF THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The Alumnae Association held its annual meeting Saturday afternoon, about seventy-five members being present. This is a most remarkable showing when it is considered that during the seven years of the institution's existence there have been about one hundred and fifty graduates. The majority of these are engaged in teaching, some of them being so situated that it was impossible for them to attend the commencement. The Alumnae Association has been supporting one girl in college, and the membership having grown considerably, it was decided at Saturday's meeting to support two in the future. This action on the part of the alumnae is most commendable and shows that they are imbued with the true educational sentiment.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

The annual sermon was preached before a large audience in the college chapel Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev. J. O. Rust, D. D., pastor of the Methodist church, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Rust is a man of pleasing address and powerful intellect, and reached a strong, logical and forceful sermon. He chose his theme "The Complete consecration of Woman," his text being taken from Leviticus 8:25: "And he slew it, and Moses took of the blood of it and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot." The preacher described the elaborate ceremonies of seven days duration with which Aaron was inducted into the priesthood, explaining that the anointing of the extremities of the body is a symbol of the consecration of the whole body to God's service. This plea for a complete consecration, he said, should be especially attractive to young women who have a native aptitude for spiritual truth, which is a singular gift of womanhood. The text called for a life without a period—a long continued sentence of grace moving on into a song of glory.

DR. ALDERMAN'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of North Carolina, delivered an address before the Young Woman's Christian Association Sunday evening at 8 o'clock on his recent tour through the Holy Land. The chapel was again crowded and every one present was delighted with the charming address of this brilliant young educator. In his opening remarks Dr. Alderman said he was present out of an failing interest in the State Normal and Industrial College; that he was not present to tell what could be gotten out of a book, but to tell of what he saw in the Holy Land.

He said all countries that make history interest us. Greece, Egypt and Rome fascinate us, and Israel interests us, because it was here that our Saviour was nailed to the cross. Out of it came our God, our religion, Moses and the prophets, and also the perfect One. The Greeks called this land Palestine because they saw the Philistines fishing on its shores. The speaker said the Jews were highlanders according to their mode of fighting and other characteristics. They did no great thing from a dynastical standpoint, but they had only sixty years of greatness. The literature of the country, he thought, was the essential quality of their greatness.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S EXERCISES.

The chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity Tuesday night by those who had come to hear the representative essays by members of the graduating class. At 8:30 o'clock the chief marshal, Miss Emma Lewis Speight, of Edgecombe county, appeared on the stage, followed by the thirty-nine members of the class of '99—thirty-nine as bright and noble specimens of young womanhood as were ever graduated from any institution. This is the largest class yet turned out by the State Normal and Industrial College, its members coming from twenty-six different counties of North Carolina, four of them being from Guilford. "Caroli a" was sung by the entire assembly, after which Miss Rosalind Sheppard, of Winston, president of the class, welcomed the audience in a few well chosen and gracefully delivered words. The following essays were then read:

"Silence Forces," by Miss Mary Collins, of Halifax county.

"The song of the Shoe" Miss Lewis Dull, Halifax county.

"The Cry of the Children," Miss Susie Baker Saunders, Pitt county.

"The crowning Race," Miss Suddie L. Middleton, Duplin county.

"The Flesh Pots of Egypt," Miss Josephine Laxton, Burke county.

"Flood-tides and Eb-tides," Miss Bessie Ethelwyn Moody, Buncombe county.

Space will not permit even a brief synopsis of these productions, but it is not exaggeration to say that they were far above the average. They treated of living questions and showed a depth of thought that speaks much for the training the young ladies have received.

Miss Lucy McGee Glenn recited "The Message" in a most charming manner, displaying much real elocutionary power. The exercises were brought to a close by the graduating class singing its class song, which was written by a member of the class, Miss Flora Pateeson, of Moore county.

JUDGE CLARK'S ADDRESS.

At Wednesday morning's exercises, which closed the commencement, the diplomas were awarded and a copy of the constitution of North Carolina and the constitution of the United States, as well as a copy of the Bible, presented to each of the graduates. The First N. C. Regiment band furnished music, and this was quite an attraction. Judge Clark's address was a very able and instructive one and was listened to with the closest attention. We regret that we have space for only a few extracts:

"Can I waste time in pleading the capacity of women or her equality with man? Women bear their full share of the trials and sorrows of life; why have they not an equal right to its honors and its enjoyments? If they must take up the burden, they have a right to equal preparation and equal education with man.

"... But though under our constitution women do not vote, the influence of bright, educated, intelligent women upon the result of the ballot box is great and will grow greater. Public opinion is like the atmosphere. It is invisible, intangible, but nevertheless it weighs fifteen pounds to the square inch. Our entire system of government is based upon collecting up and making tangible this public opinion; but as long as any portion of the community remains illiterate and uneducated as to questions arising from popular decision, that portion can be deceived and misled by an interested few. Herein is the real strength of the demand for state education. By no other system than a general and free system can the masses be instructed.

"But though our constitution does not give you political rights, it guarantees to each and every child and to every youth an education. The pledge has been badly kept, but the people have placed it in the constitution of the state, which every member of the legislature is sworn to observe and obey, and public opinion should be aroused to compel them to carry out this pledge.

"It is gratifying to see that this state is waking up, even though slowly, to the necessity of public education, but still we are very laggard. In a recent publication by Prof. Raper I see that he states there are more illiterate whites in North Carolina than in the rest of the thirteen original states combined. How can the state progress and develop till this is changed, for the strength and power of a free state rests securely only upon the intelligence, and patriotism of its masses.

"The spirit of the age and of progress is opening a wider field to women. A juster view is being taken of their capacity and their rights. The establishment of this college in 1891 was a tardy recognition of the constitutional pledge of higher education, which was not restricted to the other sex. Already your numbers have been increased to nearly five hundred. There are many, many times that number of the youth of your sex in North Carolina who are entitled to and should have the benefits of such an education as this furnished them by the state. You and those who have gone, and shall go, out from this institution can so impress yourselves upon public opinion, and upon the legislation of your state, that each year a largely increased number shall be admitted here, and to similar institutions to be hereafter established, until at last the full measure of education guaranteed by the constitution is furnished to all the youth of the state."

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Strive to Possess a Home.

He is wisely provident who, while in health and strength, labors to build up a home, a resting place where to recuperate his energies exhausted by the wear and tear of life's struggle, and where to close out his earthly existence, soothed by the sympathy of dear ones who strive to palliate the pain of frail mortality as it ebbs away. What other earthly treasury to compare with this? What sweet, what sacred associations cluster around the dear name of home. It breathes of protection, rest, comfort, and of loved ones, and whispers to the weary toiler of a retreat and respite from the trials and perplexities of the busy world.

A home, be it ever so humble is a man's palace, let us say; and wife's, yes, a child's love is his own crown, and he whose wife and children wait to give a welcome kiss cannot be a wholly bad man. And though he may be placed in the most humble circumstances, though there cannot be found in all the circle of his friends and acquaintances one who is brave enough to defend his good name against the venom of the slanderer, yet so long as he has a home the good woman of that home and her children will extend to him their sympathy and a loving welcome, which will his troubles from view and dispel despair.

But on the other hand, no home! What a misfortune! How disconsolate! Yet there are thousands who know nothing of the blessed influences of comfortable homes merely because of a want of thrift, or from habits of idleness or of dissipation. Youthhood spent in frivolous amusements and demoralizing associations, leave them at middle age, when the physical and intellectual man should be in its greatest vigor, enervated and without any adequate ambition. Friends, too, at

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