

Eightieth Year Closes The Most Successful Era Chowan College

Largest Number of Gradu-
ates Ever To Receive
Diplomas

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Address By Dr. A. C. Reid
One of High Lights
of Finals

The eightieth annual commencement of Chowan College, May 27-29, marks the end of a most successful year in many respects. The number of graduates this year exceeds that of any other year in the history of the college.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in the college auditorium Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Dr. A. Paul Bagby, of Wilson, N. C., formerly of Wake Forest. Dr. Bagby discussed in a clear and forceful way four elements which make for a successful life. These are, he said, ability, concentration, consistency and faith; and he went on to say that there is a vast difference between failure and failures, and success and successes. The depth and appropriateness of Dr. Bagby's message were greatly appreciated by the large and attentive audience which filled the chapel.

On Sunday evening, Dr. W. R. Burrell, the able and loved pastor of the Murfreesboro church, and professor of Bible at the college, preached the annual missionary sermon. He chose as his topic, "Christianity in Action," and discussed in a fine and stimulating way the missionary motive which should actuate every Christian in every walk of life. It is every Christian's business to be a missionary, he said; to live for others, to serve the people with whom he comes in contact.

The annual session of the Alumnae Association at 3 o'clock Monday was largely attended. Miss Eunice McDowell, president, presided. The same officers were re-elected with the exception of Miss Una White, of Severn, who resigned as vice president, and Mrs. Blanche Sawyer, of Weldon, N. C., was elected as her successor.

The following papers were read: "The Relation of the Alumnae to the Institution," by Mrs. W. H. Kimball; "The Mission of Chowan," by Miss Ella Mae Parker; "What Chowan Has Done to Instill a Love for Missions Among Its Students," by Mrs. Eugene Boone.

At 6:30 o'clock the alumnae assembled in the college dining hall for the annual dinner. About 75 guests were present. President Edwards made a very impressive talk on "The Bright Prospects of Chowan."

At 4:30 o'clock the senior class day program was given. The sophomores, dressed in white, bore the ivy and daisy chain, singing to the seniors the while. When the members of the graduating class had marched in stately file between the chains, and had taken their places on the platform, they looked like a bunch of sweet peas with their bright faces and many colored dresses. Their program, made up of the usual class history, prophecy, poem, songs, will, etc., was expressive of the genuine love of the class for the college which has directed their thinking for four years. Bits of humor and satire relieved the serious tone of the program.

At the conclusion of the program in the chapel, the seniors led the audience to the campus entrance where they had set up handsome columns to mark the driveways and walks. These were presented to the college with fitting ceremony, and were grate-

VACATION GREETINGS

The time has come for the cessation of strenuous studies both from high school and college. We sincerely hope that you may enjoy and profit by the much deserved rest which you have so richly earned. May nature with her balm of healing completely restore any depleted strength which you may have lost. With this, too, we hope that you may be ready for a greater year's work in college than you have ever done yet.

We miss you all very much, indeed, and trust that the time will not seem too long before the opening of school again.

With best wishes for a restful recreation, I am
Sincerely yours,
W. B. Edwards.

fully received by President Edwards. The singing of the Alma Mater concluded the program.

The audience, which assembled in the college auditorium Monday evening at 8 o'clock for the annual concert, was large and responsive, and the program consisting of piano and voice numbers and readings was worthy of a much larger school than Chowan. The songs by Miss Maide Lee Wade and those by Miss Frances Flythe, students of Mrs. Elizabeth Yavorski, of Elmira, N. Y., well merited the hearty applause which they received, as did the piano numbers and readings.

The exercises of graduation morning, May 29, were especially significant and enjoyable. The

C. Reid, professor of philosophy at Wake Forest College, was a classic. Dr. Reid's topic was "The Psychic Heritage of Woman." He discussed in a most stimulating way three of woman's apparently natural traits for the preservation of which the world's need pleads: First, altruism. "Woman is," he said, "the great mother-heart of the world, who intuitively places right above expediency, hope above logic, and duty above comfort." Second, love of the beautiful. "Can one imagine a world without sunsets, with their mountains of purple and gold and silver; without flowers, with their wealth of rich perfumes; without birds, of joyous and lyrical songs; without art, the laughter of children, and all that love and beauty mean? If so, one has some notion of how bleak the spirit of humanity would be should it lose its endowment typified by woman's incomparable beauty." Third, simple faith. Dr. Reid said that man could not fully explain in terms of science, or sociology, or history, or philosophy, or even in

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OFFICERS FOR SENIOR CLASS 1929 ELECTED

Miss Mary Lou Jones Becomes President of the Class of 1929

The following officers for the incoming Senior Class have been elected:

Mary Lou Jones.....President
Mary Whitley.....Vice President
Ruby Britton.....Secretary
Lucille Long.....Treasurer
Bettie W. Jenkins.....

Chowanian Reporter
Agnes Harrell.....Council Member
The out-going officers deserve special mention for the splendid work which they have done this year. It is also interesting to note that the new officers have already begun to assume the responsibilities that daily confront them. It is no easy job to be one of the major officers of a senior class; there is too much business to be transacted and too many responsibilities to be shouldered! But, with the loyal co-operation of the class back of them, we predict "worlds" of success for the new officers.

FRESHMEN AMONG MOST LOYAL STUDENT BODY

The Freshman Class is a wide awake class in deeds as well as in words and even in their first year are showing their love for their college. One can readily see that they have their eyes open and therefore have no trouble in locating the place where some work needs to be done. Not only have they planted a tree to add to the beauty of the campus, but they have remodeled the entrance to the main building. The double door which was cut in the side of the hall gives an entrance from the front hall into the parlor. The floor was scraped and sanded, and the walls and stairways given a new coat of paint. Rugs have

been laid in time for commencement.

The college is, indeed, grateful to the Freshman Class and their advisor, Mrs. Jones, for the work they have done this year.

FRESHMEN GIVE LAWN PARTY MONDAY EVENING

On Monday evening, May 14, the campus on the left of the Administration Building was gleaming with lights; tables and chairs were scattered under the trees; couples were strolling around here and there, and everybody seemed to be having an enjoyable time. What was happening? Why, the Freshmen were giving a lawn party. The Freshmen have been quite busy all the year, trying to have the main hall of the Administration Building remodeled. This party was just another of the means devised for making the necessary funds.

Freshmen were stationed at several tables where all kinds of good things to eat were being sold. Sandwiches, candy, cake, peanuts, ice cream, lemonade and coffee were among the things sold.

PRESIDENT EDWARDS IN FAREWELL TALK TO CHOWAN SENIORS

Young ladies of the graduating class, I congratulate each of you just a moment ago as you received your diploma. Now, in behalf of the trustees, faculty and hosts of friends, I congratulate you publicly and collectively. But what does it all mean? Has the presence of this multitude any material meaning? Has the conferring of degrees any deeper meaning than the awarding of the diplomas? I trust it has! Receiving your diploma is the consummation of your residence at Chowan College, but we trust not the consummation of your study. May I ask what was the purpose for which you came to an institution like your Alma Mater? I make bold to answer this question for you. There was a three-fold purpose: First, to continue to acquire culture; second, to advance in character; third, to abide in Christian principles.

Someone has said, "Culture is the harmonious expansion and development of all the powers which make the beauty and worth of human nature." It is a kind of contagion which you contract from association with the best—either from the printed page of the texts which you have studied, or from the personality of your professors with whom you have communed during the past four years. Yet the mere acquisition of the best through the habits of the intellect—such as, memorizing, thinking, and the like—can in itself be discarded. Not the influence these have on you, but rather the refining influence which you have on others, your broader, richer outlook, the quality of your lives, these should be your goal. You can never perfect yourselves in the acquisition of culture, for this is impossible;

but, you can continue the process. Let us develop the inner, finer qualities of our natures. Be real people first and teachers, or whatever other profession you follow next. Let your personality support your profession, and not your profession your personality. Soon you will launch out into a new environment—the world. This will be exacting—probably more so than your teachers have been. Your reaction to your chosen profession and to your leisure hours determines the measure of your culture.

As you have continued the acquisition of culture, we trust you have advanced in character. Again, someone has said: "Character is an inner urge that causes us to be willing to do a thing when the external stimulus for doing it is removed." It is the little bud planted and cultivated by the teachings we have received from childhood to this good hour, whether it be at the knee of our parental mother, or at the fountain of our Alma Mater. It is the bud, I say, blossoming out into the fragrant flower of life's activities; for, what we are determines what we do, and, in our unguarded moments, we give utterance to our philosophy of life. Yet, the constant advance in character is as a sounding brass and a clanging cymbal, unless we abide in Christian principles. Christianity is our relation to God, and we abide in this holy relationship whether here under the protecting hand of our Alma Mater or after we sail out on life's busy sea as we fellowship with Christ. Your diploma is your passport; you are the mariners; life is the trackless deep. Two voyages are before you—one with no visible goal in sight, the pursuit of which may lead your frail bark through the Scylla of doubt and the Charybdis of controversy and dash it in pieces on the rocks of despair—the other with a definite goal of determination, open-mindedness, ultimate success, and truth. You may be alone in this voyage, and you may come to the parting of the ways and know not which to take—but, I point you to a Pilot, who is always with you, who will show you the way to take, one who will reveal to you the truth, and the Truth will make you Free.

MISS CARROLL TO TEACH AT CULLOWHEE NORMAL

Miss Carroll, head of the English Department here, will teach English in the State Normal, at Cullowhee, N. C., the second summer term, July 23-August 31. Chowan's teachers are known literally from the mountains to the sea.

PRESIDENT CHOWAN SENIOR CLASS



MISS LOUISE McDANIELL

COMBINED ORCHESTRA PLAYS RICH SQUARE

Music Aggregation, Under Direction of Professor Benyunes, Gives Concert

On Thursday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock, the orchestras from Suffolk, Carversville, Franklin, Va., Chowan College, Murfreesboro, Woodland, Scotland Neck and Rich Square, N. C., under the direction of Prof. M. J. Benyunes, of Suffolk, gave a delightful concert in the Rich Square High School auditorium. There were 80 people playing in the concert, among whom were four Chowan girls: Mrs. Camp Vann, Misses Mildred Pinkin, Rosalie Liverman and Juanita Vick.

Quite a large crowd was present and every one thoroughly enjoyed the program. Some of the numbers were especially good. Among those which received most applause were: Clarinet solo, "Weeping Willow Lane," by Ralph Blowe, of Rich Square; saxophone solo, "Sextet of Lucia," by Master C. Cross, of Portsmouth, and a violin solo, "Orpheus," by Mrs. Vann, of Chowan College.

FINE WRITING CLASS GIVES CHAPEL PROGRAM

On Wednesday morning, May 16, the fine writing class of Chowan College presented an interesting program during the chapel period.

The program consisted of a one-act play, "And Both Were Right," written by Ethel Brett; essay, "On Burglars," by Mrs. John Sewell; a story, "The Stolen Umbrella," by Lois Cale, and a poem, "When Love Is Gone," by Louise McDaniell.

The play, "And Both Were Right," by Ethel Brett, was especially good and was greatly enjoyed. It showed talent on the part of Miss Brett. The other numbers were also good, and showed that the class has been accomplishing something in fine writing.

China Painting Department Exhibit Creates Much Interest

The china painting department of Chowan College gave an exhibit in the Alathenian Society Hall May 26-29, of the work it has done this year. All of the hand-painting was beautifully done.

The work done by Mrs. Bob Britton, which included a bowl done in gold and black design, a belleek rose bowl done in enamels with orange blossom design, and a fruit bowl with an Egyptian scarab design received much comment. The acid etched service plates done by Mrs. John Sewell, were the only thing of this kind on display. Mrs. L. M. Futrell had a beautiful console set, done in orange blossoms and tinted in blue and a lemonade set done in blue, gold and ivory. Mrs. John Vann and Mrs. Claude Holloman, of Winton, and Mrs. E. P. Ben-thall and Miss Bernice Lee Parker, of Murfreesboro, had break-fast sets on exhibition. The unique dresser set done in apple green and bird medallions, was hand-

MISS WINBORNE GUEST MEMBERS OF FACULTY

Go Down To Spring, Presumably For Final Picnic, and Give a Shower

On Friday afternoon, May 25, the members of the college faculty assembled at the spring in the woods near Murfreesboro ostensibly for a final picnic supper together, but really to shower Miss Helen Winborne, of Chowan, whose engagement to Mr. Bill Holland, of Franklin, Va., was announced some weeks ago. Upon arriving at the spring, a party of explorers soon discovered a miniature bride and groom apparently caught in a web and suspended by the side of a tree. The web proved to be the most famous one in the world, Cupid's. From this web ran long and concealed threads, and Miss Winborne was instructed to follow these to their logical conclusion. It turned out that each thread terminated in a beautiful and useful gift hidden in bushes or leaves at some distance from the bride and groom, and there was much excitement and many Oh's and Ah's as the packages were opened.

Miss Winborne is a favorite among her fellow teachers, and their good wishes were many.

The party broke up at dusk, but not before they had done ample justice to the picnic supper and ample injustice to their digestive systems.

LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER CONFERENCE

Even though each day's program has been full to the last hour, the students have found time to make plans for the B. S. U. Conference which is to meet at Chowan next October. All are looking forward to welcoming students from the other colleges to Chowan, and are planning and praying for a great conference that will mean much to the work of the B. S. U.

CAMPUS WORKERS HAVE DONE MUCH WORK THIS YEAR

Students, Alumnae and Friends Have Helped In Work

CONTRIBUTORS FOR
THE YEAR LISTED

Before Fall, Landscape Gardener Will Make Blue Print

With the closing of other school activities, the work of the Campus Committee, composed of Mrs. W. B. Edwards, chairman; Mrs. E. B. Vaughan, Mrs. J. M. Sewell and J. G. Liverman, terminates and the committee feels very grateful to the alumnae, faculty, students and friends who have so generously made the many improvements possible. The total amount of money donated to the Campus Fund this year was \$34.84, and the amount raised by other means was \$8.10, making a total of \$42.94, which amount has been invested in shrubbery and evergreen plants. The names of those who made cash donations are as follows:

Miss Newell Mason, Miss Alice Collins, Miss Maude Webster, Miss Mildred Poe, Miss Inez Matthews, Mrs. A. W. H. Jones, Miss Eunice McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edwards, Miss Lou Williford, Mrs. E. B. Vaughan, Dr. W. R. Burrell, Dr. J. A. Clark, Mr. J. G. Liverman, Miss Ethel Crew, Miss Nancy Parker, Mrs. George Underwood, Mrs. J. M. Sewell, Mrs. Ida V. Haywood, Mr. Charles H. Jenkins, Miss Minnie W. Caldwell, Miss Bertha Carroll, Miss Lena C. Terry, Miss Helen Winborne, and the student body.

Among the cash contributions, there was a generous gift by a member of our Board of Trustees, Mr. C. H. Jenkins, of Aulander, with which two deodora cedars were purchased and named for the donor.

In addition to the cash donations, many friends of the college donated shrubbery, plants and bulbs. Those who assisted in the work of the Campus Committee in this manner were:

Mrs. Fred Parker, white lilac; Mrs. R. B. Watson, tulips and lily of the valley; Mrs. Sam Vann, purple crepe myrtle and Japanese quince; Mrs. U. Vaughan, Japanese quince; Mrs. George N. Harrell, lily of the valley; Mrs. George Brett, lily of the valley; Mrs. Walter Ferguson, violets; Mr. Woodard, wild myrtle; Mrs. E. B. Vaughan, fifty cedars; Miss Grace Parker and Mrs. Blannie Parker, Dorothy Perkins roses and ramblers; Elizabeth City Chowan Club, a choice collection of shrubs and flowers, consisting of yellow jasmine, roses, violets, lilies, iris and other garden plants; Mrs. A. J. Jamison, Mrs. R. J. Britton and Mrs. E. B. Vaughan, Scotch broom; Mr. Julian Liverman, privet; Lily Sands and Fannie Vaughan, potted plants, Japanese quince, violets.

Hon. E. F. Aydtette, of Elizabeth City, former trustee of Chowan College, and his brother, have kindly offered to make a cash contribution covering the purchase of shrubs and grasses necessary to beautify the cemetery plot on the campus. These improvements are now in progress and will add greatly to the general beauty of the campus when completed.

The committee already has visions of a more beautiful approach, with a wide, green expanse on either side of the approach. The secret dream of the committee is to develop a lake back of the college, where boats and an open air swimming pool will be in operation.

Sometime before next fall, the committee hopes to have a landscape gardener make a blue print of the one big general plan for the campus toward which the committee will work as it secures the means. However, the committee will not uproot any of the traditions or sentiments that are already connected with our campus; but, on the other hand, it wishes to improve what has already been started.

The Campus Committee is dependent upon the generosity of the alumnae, the trustees, the faculty, the students and friends

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MASCOT CHOWAN COLLEGE SENIORS



LITTLE MISS BETTIE WINBORNE