

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Raleigh, N. C., June 16th, 1869.

WAKE FOREST COMMENCEMENT.

Proceedings of the Trustees.

TUESDAY 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The President delivered a short address.

Prayer, Dr. Pritchard leading. The Secretary read the proceedings.

Mr. G. W. Skinner of Nashville, Tenn., was invited to assist in the deliberations of the Board.

Elders Walters and Jordan, and J. H. Mills were appointed to nominate suitable persons to be elected Trustees.

Elders Hufham and Purefoy reported the following

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reports of the Faculty.

2. Appointment of Committees.

3. Unfinished business.

4. New business.

5. Reports of Committees.

6. Miscellaneous business.

The same was adopted.

The Treasurer read his report showing receipts and disbursements amounting to \$3972 19

(President Wingate read his report: Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees:

In making my annual report at this session of your body, I may be permitted, I trust, to congratulate you on the brightening prospects of our institution.)

Our condition at the beginning of the year was not so hopeful. In the denomination at large the spirit of education seemed to languish.

Our first session opened with diminished numbers. Old students returned with remarkable unanimity, but very few matriculated.

There was general disappointment. One of the officers was released to attend several of the Associations. Letters were written. Over a thousand circulars were distributed, and every stimulant applied within our reach.

This session our prospects are much improved. About thirty new students have joined the College, and we have had a clear increase of over twenty. Numbers however, were expected who did not arrive, but who contemplate coming during the fall and winter. Considering the discouragements of the preceding session, accounted for in part by the financial stringency—we think our present numbers indicate gratifying results, and our future prospects are much more hopeful than at any period since the war.

The present encouraging condition will be rendered more apparent when it is borne in mind that our village furnishes us with little local patronage; that nearly all our students are boarders, and that if this local element be subtracted from our Baptist denominational colleges our patronage is larger than that of any other in our Southern Zion.

When we consider again the condition of our building grounds, Libraries, Apparatus, and general outfit, the means at hand for meeting the current expenses—our condition is far in advance of that of any other Baptist institution of the South, if we except Mercer, which has a larger endowment.

It is to be feared that the friends of the institution have not apprehended this comparative prospect so favorable to ourselves, and have discouraged the immediate workers and the hearts of their brethren by being so much discouraged themselves. In spite of the statement just made, and publicly set forth, more than once, it is not uncommon to meet with brethren and sometimes trustees, who will, in all earnestness begin to make inquiries, and set forth plans with busy brains, as if we were just on the point of giving up the ghost. We do need, in common with almost all the institutions of our southern land, many things—many things which ample means would quickly furnish, but which it is evident we shall not quickly have. But we need now, most of all, the cordial and sustained cooperation of our brethren, and the bold and manly utterance of cheering words, on the part of the avowed friends of the institution.

We shall die if our funeral is talked of so much, and the obsequies, though accompanied by many regretful tears, are so often announced.

The Faculty have had to regret the necessity of some stern discipline during the past session than has been usual with us since the war. But when we consider the influx of new students, it was perhaps to have been anticipated. It must be said to their credit, however, that they have yielded at once to the pressure of discipline, and the great majority have shown such sympathy with us in all efforts to maintain just authority, that real advances have been made in the direction of good order and proper respect for the laws.

Students have made commendable progress in their studies during the past year from religious motives.

The following students were not absent during the past year from religious motives:

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G. W. Greene, " "

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good, when we consider the prevalence, at one time, of sickness. And officers feel, on the whole, that they have closed a pleasant and profitable session.

We regret that a larger number than usual have been, and will be called away by declining health, and hope that the time is not distant when some better means may be devised for stimulating our young men to healthful exercise. Old-fashioned walking and jumping, with prisoner's base, and base-ball; and this last not held in esteem by many, form our whole collection, and these fail to furnish the needful variety.

With regard to the addition of a commercial department, to some extent considered at your last meeting—mature reflection has confirmed me in the view recommended by the Faculty at that time, viz: To attempt only, by a course of writing, practical arithmetic, book-keeping, &c., to furnish the basis of a good business education. But to bring to our aid, additional instructors or expensive machinery in the prosecution of our plan, or indeed, to give any special prominence to this school, it seems to me, is to depart from our legitimate work and to forget our main design as one of the higher institutions of learning. A larger number of students might be brought together for a time by giving prominence to what seems to be so short and easy a method for turning out practical business men. But if successful in this direction, and to the degree that we were, it would divert attention from the longer and more thorough courses, and would form an easy escape from their difficulties. And to this whole extent, as indolence or disaffection might rule, would mar our general efficiency.

It would seem to be our policy to make haste slowly, but surely, to make men practical and efficient in the highest departments of life and send them out to fill, not clerkships and telegraphic offices so much, but positions which demand culture and scientific attainments. If we may extend our courses of instruction in these directions we shall achieve solid and enduring results.

The appointment of a good general agent, I think indispensable to the success of the College. Whether this agent should give his whole time to the endowment, or should be allowed a wider margin, such as the improvement of building grounds, &c., and the ingathering of students is question of some importance.

With the consent of my respected colleagues of the Faculty I herewith recommend the following named gentlemen as worthy of Degrees.

DOCTOR IN DIVINITY.

Rev. Matthew Tyson Yates, Shanghai, China.

MASTER IN ARTS.

Capt. T. D. Boone, Murfreesboro.

BACHELOR IN ARTS.

A. H. Hicks, Nashville, Tenn.

W. H. Pack, Wake.

R. S. Pritchard, Wilmington.

J. C. Scarborough, Wake.

R. P. Thomas, Hertford.

PROFICIENT.

SCHOOL OF LATIN—A.

Wm. Bland, S. W. Brewer, M. L. Fowler, G. W. Greene, R. E. Royall and C. M. Seawell.

SCHOOL OF GREEK—B.

Wm. Bland, S. W. Brewer, M. L. Fowler, G. W. Greene, R. E. Royall and C. M. Seawell.

SCHOOL D.—ALGEBRA & GEOMETRY.

R. J. Biggs, Proficient.

J. C. Bond, " "

C. L. Clay, " "

C. Durham, " "

L. R. Highsmith, " "

T. T. Mitchell, " "

W. C. Powell, " "

H. E. Boyall, " "

M. N. Sykes, " "

W. D. Trantham, " "

C. M. Walters, " "

B. F. Walters, " "

W. G. SIMMONS, Prof.

L. R. MILLS, Assist. Prof.

SCHOOL E.—TRIGONOMETRY & ASTROLOGY.

Wm. Bland, Proficient.

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R. G. Biggs, T. R. Bowers and B. F. Boykin.

The following were not absent during the Fall Term:

L. Bryan, E. D. Edwards, G. W. Greene, C. L. Powell and T. H. Skinner.

The following were not absent during Spring Term:

J. G. Baskerville, Oliver Blackburn, J. L. Joyner, E. V. Royall and F. M. Toon.

President Wingate was instructed to confer the degrees.

The part relating to the agency was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Pritchard Walters and Williams.

The part relating to the commercial school was referred to the Committee on that subject.

On motion of Professor Walters, the Secretary was instructed to furnish to the Faculty so much of the proceedings of the Board as relates to their duties as officers of the Institution.

The Committee on the Campus was discharged with thanks for past services.

The buildings and grounds were put in charge of the Faculty.

The Bursar's report was read and Messrs P. A. Dunn and J. G. Williams were requested to audit the same. The recommendations of the Bursar and the resolutions of the Societies were refused to Drs Pritchard and Vaun.

The Bursar's report mentioned, Disbursements, \$ 5,924.90

Receipts, 5,863.69

Deficit, \$ 61.29

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 P. M.

The Committee on a Musical Department reported that the establishment of such a department is desirable, and that a suitable man can be secured; but our present finances do not justify such an enlargement of our operations.

J. H. MILLS, J. G. WILLIAMS.

The report was adopted.

Elder Overby's resignation was referred to the committee on the agency.

The resignation of Prof. Simmons as Prof. of Natural Science was not accepted.

The Board declined to pay Mr. Henry Bond's bill for brick.

The claims of Mr. Roberts were referred to the Treasurer with discretionary powers.

The Treasurer was instructed to receive \$65 as full payment of a note on George and Francis Reams.

Prayer by Elder Hufham.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

The President called the Board to order.

Prayer, Elder Walters leading.

The Secretary read the proceedings of Tuesday.

The Committee on the Agency reported a recommendation that Elder Overby act as agent in the East, and Dr. Wingate in the West as his health and duties may allow. The report was withdrawn by consent.

The Committee on vacancies reported and the seats of Elder E. Dodson, W. W. Vass and R. G. Lewis were declared vacant, and Elders G. W. Sanderlin, J. C. Hiden and W. R. Gaultney and W. H. Mitchell were elected Trustees.

Elder R. E. Overby, the Agent read the following

REPORT.

I have taken notes amounting to \$16625 00

Cash collections (expenses \$91.50 being deducted) 2506 24

To Treasurer, \$265 53

" " per Dr. Wingate, 335 00

Salary, 1785 71

PAID 2506 24

The report was received and the thanks of the Board were rendered.

The Committee on the Bursar's report offered the following:

Your Committee appointed to audit the Bursar's report, have examined the same and found it correct.

J. G. WILLIAMS, P. A. DUNN.

Drs. McDowell and Pritchard and Elders Emerson and Hufham were requested to discuss through the public press Education in connection with Wake Forest College.

B. W. Justice, A. M., was re-elected President.

Adjourned with benediction to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY 2 P. M.

The salaries of the adjunct professors were raised to \$1000.

A motion to appropriate \$3000 to the improvement of the premises was lost.

Rev. W. T. Brooks offered through Prof. W. T. Walters his resignation as Secretary. The same was not accepted.

The Agency Committee recommended the appointment of Elder Overby as agent at a salary of \$1500 a year. The recommendation was adopted.

Elders Pritchard, Walters, Purefoy and Brooks were appointed with the President of the Board as an Executive Committee.

Adjourned with prayer, Elder Sanderlin leading, to 8 A. M., on Thursday.

THURSDAY, 8 A. M.

The President called the Board to order.

Prayer, Elder Hiden leading.

Elder Hufham, acting Secretary, read the proceedings of Wednesday.

The establishment of the Commercial department was referred to the Executive Committee with authority to cooperate with the Faculty and to act as their judgment may dictate.

Moved that the Board do not approve the attendance of students on political meetings of any kind. The motion prevailed.

Adjourned with prayer, Dr. Pritchard leading.

COMMENCEMENT.

LECTURE ON AFRICA.

On Tuesday evening, Rev. A. D. Phillips, returned missionary, delivered a very interesting lecture in the college chapel on the manners of the people of Africa.

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Large audience in the Chapel. Music.

Prayer, Elder Phillips, Missionary to Africa, leading.

Elder Hiden delivered the Annual Address on Symmetrical Culture. Music—"Dixie."

Benediction. 4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Music.

Prayer, Dr. Pritchard leading.

Rev. W. T. Walters, President of the Alumni Association introduced B. W. Justice, A. M., as orator of the day.

The speaker discussed Social Progress and the Destiny of our Race.

Music. 8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Hymn, "Christ and his cross are all our theme," &c

Prayer, Elder Hiden leading.

Hymn, "The Savior, O what endless charms," &c

TEXT—"For the Jews require a sign; the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

It was a good gospel sermon delivered withunction and affection.

Hymn, "Dearest of all the names above," &c

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