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## TRIBUTE TO GOOD WOMEN

### Dedication of the Confederate Woman's Home

### A HAPPY OCCASION

**Mayor Gibbs Delivered Address of Welcome—Speeches by Statesmen From Various Sections of the State.**

In the face of most inclement weather conditions the exercises at the newly erected Confederate Woman's Home last evening were largely attended and most especially by visitors to Fayetteville.

The dedication program was attractive, instructive and exceedingly entertaining from first to last.

Hon. John C. Gillis, the mayor, made the address of welcome and it was to every sense of the word an address of welcome, and at its conclusion everyone felt more at ease and at home.

In response to Mayor Gibbs, Col. James Bryan, chairman of the Board of Directors, made a powerful address, stating the need for additional appropriations from the State to complete and maintain the home. He took occasion to tell the ladies just a little concerning their power in politics, not that they have the right to vote, but that they "Have the right and power to control those who do have the right to vote." He stated too, that had it not been for our good women there would have been no Southern army or widows of Confederate veterans, in need for a home.

Lieut. Gov. Daughtridge was then introduced, and too much cannot be said of his address, but we will have to content ourselves with short sentences here. He came as the special representative of North Carolina at the request of the Attorney and as the secretary of the Board of Directors. In part he told us what we knew, namely that Fayetteville was the first city in North Carolina to build a home for the Confederate veteran. He paid a glowing tribute to the women of the south, if memory serves us right, stating that the women of the South were truly and eternally loyal.

Mrs. Kinney Lyon, of Wilmington, president of the U. D. C., then introduced the Governor of the State, who gave the address proper of the evening in behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy, this gladness. She stated that of most of the converged towns along the entire trip Daughters of other chapters were at the train to meet and greet them and send them on their way rejoicing. She stated further that the United Daughters of the Confederacy was the most wonderful and most appreciated organization of its kind in the country. She is a charming and interesting woman and it does one good to know her.

**Mrs. Hardee Townsend read a resolution of appreciation to those who had responded so splendidly to the** call for the erection of such a home and who aided in getting it located at Fayetteville.

Hon. B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, was introduced and he said: "I cannot speak and am not going to try," but before it was over everyone knew that he could speak and without trying. His stories and poems wafted his hearers from the ridiculous to the sublime at will. He must not tell us again that he cannot speak. He stated that there was no difference in the conduct of a highwayman who at the point of a revolver, holds up the traveler by the road and that of our women who go to Raleigh and hold up our representatives, but so long as they could do it and get away with it he would sign the checks. He told the women to go to Raleigh at the next session of the Legislature and tell the boys to hold up their hands and walk in and take all they need, none would dare say "nay."

Dr. Bonsal, of Winston-Salem, member of the Board of Directors, made a short address, full of humor and pathos, speaking in his concise and most appreciatable manner, he paid a real tribute to the widows of Confederate veterans.

Col. Thorp, of Rocky Mount, said a great deal in a very few words. "The Southern men failed to gain Southern Independence, but the Southern women did not fail to build, keep and maintain homes to which their husbands, fathers and sons might return at the close of the war. Therefore we dedicate this to them in memory of their efforts and as a token of our love and appreciation them in these trying days."

Mrs. M. O. Winstead, of Rocky Mount, made a splendid address in the presentation of a handsome electric, the gift to the Home from the "Junior Bethel Heroes" of Rocky Mount, as a memorial to Mrs. J. W. Hines, who was president of the Rocky Mount Chapter at her death. She dwelt considerably upon the charms of music and its close relation to all action, calling especial attention to the fact that nations go to battle by music, that our bullets seize the realms of slumber at its charm, that we march to the altar upon our wedding day to the strains of music, and when we died we are laid to rest and covered with earth under the spell of music.

Mrs. Hunter G. South, on the part of the directors, received the electric with a few most appropriate remarks, and it was hard to decide for Mrs. Townsend and herself, from the U. D. C. Street Congress, as to most beautiful gift of this occasion.

All who had a part in the program were more adequate of their duty, and each showed talking to Mrs. Hines.

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