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Eye Hath Not Seen.

BY MRS. IDAC. H. HORNE.

How fair and bright these blue June skies,
How sweet the roses bloom;
And yet there shines a purer day,
Beyond the quiet tomb.

We love these soft and balmy days,
And sigh to see them fade,
But still there gleams a fairer clime,
Without a care or shade.

These Summer days will pass away,
They will not; cannot last;
The flowers so sweet will droop and die,
With Autumn's chilling blast.

We have a home forever bright,
With joys that will not die,
Fair, fadeless flowers, and music sweet,
And love that knows no sigh.

This earth is fair and beautiful,
In spring-times smiling hours,
When sweet-voiced birds ring joyously,
And wake the fragrant flowers.

And yet, beyond these azure skies,
As greets the spirit there;
Soft thrilling notes of melody,
That fill the ravished ear,

Ear hath not heard a strain so sweet,
As greets the spirit there;
Soft thrilling notes of melody,
That fill the ravished ear,

And we, who feel our pulses beat,
With quick and painful thrill,
When music sweet falls on our ear,
And all our senses fill;

Will feel a purer, holier joy,
We'll hear a sweeter strain,
A joy that thrills the soul's deep chords,
And leaves no aching pain.

The heart has never yet conceived,
The beauty of that home,
The joy, the peace, the happiness,
That wait beyond the gloom.

For those who love the Father, here,
And strive to do His will,
That peaceful home in glory waits,
Beyond the crystal rill.

O, let me love Him more and more,
With every passing day,
That I may live in light with Him,
Across the shining way.

Closing Exercises of Clayton Institute.

The spring term of Clayton Institute closed on last Wednesday, the 6th instant. At 10 o'clock a. m., a large crowd had assembled in the Academy building, and the exercises were opened by a fervent prayer offered by Rev. Amos Weaver, of Clayton. The first thing on the programme was the reading of Essays. The following named young ladies each read an essay, except one or two—the reading of which was, on request, performed by proxy. They were well written, and were creditable, not only to the young ladies, whose names and the subject of each we give below, but were a credit to the school: Miss Hattie M. Honeycutt, Clayton—subject: "Our School Days"; Miss Kittie Ellington, of Clayton—subject: "Kindness"; Miss Mattie E. Johnson, of Clayton—subject: "Youth"; Miss Lula M. Thurston, Clayton—subject: "Beyond the Clouds the Stars are Shining"; Miss Mary E. Barnes, of Clayton—subject: "Forgiveness"; Miss Sallie D. Weaver, Clayton—subject: "Music"; Miss Ella G. Nowell, of Clayton—subject: "Beauties of Nature"; Miss Lizzie B. Jones, of Chatham—subject: "No Royal Road to Knowledge." A sweet piece of music was then played by the band; after which the contestants for the medal declaimed. Mr. John B. Jones, of Chatham, was first

speaker—subject: "The South; Faithful to Duty"; 2nd speaker was Mr. Wade H. Atkinson, of Johnston—subject: "Count Candespina's Standard"; 3d speech was by Mr. J. N. Booth, of Wake—subject: "Courtship"; and the last contestant was Mr. A. A. Maynard, of Wake, whose subject was "The Stars and Stripes." These young gentlemen acquitted themselves handsomely. They, each, put fire animation into their delivery, carrying themselves on the stage, and some of them gesturing as gracefully, as many men who have a national reputation for oratory. Mr. S. T. Underhill, of Wake, and Mr. W. M. Burns, of Chatham, both of whom had prepared themselves to declaim, were too unwell to do so.

F. H. Busbee, Esq., of Raleigh, who had been invited to deliver the Literary Address, was then introduced by N. R. Richardson, Esq., to the audience. Mr. Busbee, is a fine orator. His theme for the occasion was: "What shall we do with our girls when they leave school?" He spoke very interestingly for fifty minutes. He showed very conclusively that woman's sphere was not confined alone to the needle and the kitchen. That other fields for the ladies of North Carolina would open up before them. Teaching, clerkships, journalism, law, and particularly medicine. In the latter they would be specially suited as they were kind, tender and soothing in nursing. The late war developed their gift in that direction. The idea enlarged upon, was that our girls should not go home from school, and sit down and wait for the bridal veil, and orange bloom, but that they should lighten the burden of their parents, by entering upon some pursuits or profession that would be remunerative, and render them independent. Mr. Busbee's oration was an admirable one, and we endorse his sentiments throughout. In order to be happy we must be useful—have some employment and not be dependent. To be all the while dependent is certainly enough to make one miserable. There is a bright future for the girls who put forth efforts in the right direction. After music by the band came the presentation of medals. The committee appointed as judges, awarded the "Richardson" medal for best Declamation to Mr. W. H. Atkinson, of Johnston, which was presented in a brief, but graceful speech by F. H. Busbee, Esq. The medal for the best essayist was awarded to Miss Lizzie Jones, of Chatham, and was presented by Rev. J. M. White. The "Excelsior" medal, for best General Report, was awarded to Mr. J. N. Booth, of Wake, and was presented by N. R. Richard-

son, Esq. The "Excelsior, Jr.," for best General Report, under 12 years old, was awarded to Master Bruce White, of Clayton, and was presented by Mr. Busbee. "Penman's Badge," for best improvement in Penmanship was awarded to Master Sammie Honeycutt, of Clayton, and presented by Rev. W. C. Nowell. The exercises during the day were unusually interesting. The awarding of medals is a new feature in the school, but will now be a permanent thing. By 8 o'clock p. m., the Academy Hall was packed, and at 8.30 the exercises began. A good long programme was carried out, and the whole of the evening's entertainment was good, we only mention two or three acts. "Buds of Promise" was well acted by a class of promising little boys, as was also "Young America," "Description of a Ship on fire at Sea," spoken by a little boy, was exceedingly good, and was highly complimented. "Patsy O'Dowd," a dialogue, was acted to perfection. We would be glad to give the whole evening's programme, in detail, if space of our columns would permit it. Still it would be a pity for "everybody" was there and could see and hear for themselves. The crowd was an immensely large one. After the exercises closed, the social gathering was hugely enjoyed by the young people.

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