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DR. SMITH'S GREAT SPEECH.

WIDE FIELDS OPEN TO THE YOUNG

The South Demands Thoroughly Equipped Young Talent—Industry and Complete Education Necessary to Rise in the World.

Concord was treated to a gem of practical thought at the close of the Concord High School Friday by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson College. The speaker makes no attempt at oratorical flourishes but pours out a stream of thought unimpeached with aught but facts put in plain, good English.

He took for his subject, "How to Rise in the World." He would not have come to Concord but for the hope of addressing the young.

He was sorry for anyone contented with his or her attainments and his object was to inspire ambitions among the young for the highest proficiency in any calling.

He declared that the young in the South have better opportunities than anywhere in the world.

The day was when the world demanded those of riper age to fill the pulpits, to exercise the judicial functions, to occupy political positions, to manage grand mercantile and industrial enterprises, to be at the head of great institutions of learning and to command grand armies, but not so now. All things else being equal the young man is preferred. Young men that can't sport a moustache are found at the head of vast enterprises.

It is a young man's era and even more a young woman's era. Every avenue is open to the young especially in the South.

Gradually, even the office of president of the United States is being filled by younger men, and that, too, from the humbler walks of life.

He contrasted the opportunities here with those in Europe. A hotel waiter in Europe is the best in the world but he is born and bred a waiter. His ancestry were waiters, as his posterity will be, but here the waiter ambitions to succeed will yet own the hotel and command others.

The worthy heroes of the great civil war were long idolized and were practically the leaders and dictators in the South. They are now filling honorable graves and there are no conspicuous leaders. No better opportunity ever existed for great political talent to forge to the front. Especially is this true from the fact that politics in the South is unsettled and unstable, with no predominant issues. The Democratic party would now drop into factional fragments but for the race problem.

Every manufacturing establishment is a standing advocate of the protective system.

There is a field for some towering political talent to blaze the pathway in the South.

The phenomenal growth of manufacturing in the South opens the way for many to rise to positions of dignity and emolument. We need professional industry.

The field of literature, once practically closed against Southern authors, is wide open and Southern literature from Southern authors is more eagerly sought today than from anywhere.

The population is growing denser and ere long journalism will reach a higher stage and must have the more advanced talent. Great leading journals will be needed to mould

the advancing thought in the expanding development of the South.

Colleges and schools are multiplying and must have able heads and efficient corps.

There is room for all and the man well equipped is perplexed to choose among his opportunities.

The means by which to attain these desirable ends are industry equipped with education.

The speaker assailed village laziness, the hanging around the soda fountain for a five cent drink that it takes four hours more to digest.

There should be no idlers and attainments should embrace a complete mastery of the line of industry engaged in. The South demands more industry and education than formerly.

The speaker said that Appleton's biographical encyclopedia contains the names of all men of marked success in life in our country. There are 175,000 graduates on the rolls of our colleges since the birth of the nation. Five thousand of these, or 1 to 35, have their names in the cyclopedia. Of about 100,000,000 of men that have lived in the United State beside, but ten thousand, or 1 to every 10,000, have won places in this cyclopedia.

Among physicians the thoroughly educated have ninteen chances of eminence to one of those short of a complete college course, as shown by the cyclopedia.

The speaker was impressive with the idea that there is too much ease and idleness that hinders educational and industrial progress which the South is demanding.

The speaker strongly urged that no one who will equip himself well will lack a remunerative place to fill in life.

Death of Mrs. J. L. Cook.

Mrs. J. L. Cook, of Forest Hill, died on Friday evening. She was probably 40 years of age, and a husband and four children are bereft by this visitation of death. The youngest child is an infant of one month. The funeral will take place at 6 o'clock this evening conducted by Rev. J. D. Arnold.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

Conflagration on Coney Island.

Coney Island, N. Y., was the scene and sufferer of a fearful conflagration Friday morning. It was evidently the work of firebugs for plunder's sake. Twenty acres of the heart of the city was swept over burning some 200 buildings, inflicting a property loss of \$1,000,000.

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CLOSING EXERCISES.

The Graded School Entertains—Good Music—Winning "Tots"—Edifying Essays and Recitation—Diplomas Presented.

The annual commencement of the Concord Graded Schools held in the court house Friday night was a pleasurable occasion.

The chancel was decorated and the class motto "To Be Rather Than to Seem" was suspended gracefully over the five girls who have just finished the course.

Rev. C. B. Miller opened the exercises with an invocation after which the program was rendered without announcement. Prot. Keesler presided at the organ and that whole enthusiastic band of singers seemed in the heights of joyousness as they sang to perfect time and great unison of chord.

It is always a treat to hear these children and watch their expressive countenances as they sing. Miss Harris' band of little "tots" were just so cute, lovely and sweet in their charming little motion songs that the aged and staid could but descend from their grave and dignified mien and in sympathy be "tots" too, again.

The essays of Miss Daisy Barrier, subject, "Henry W. Longfellow," Miss Nina Dayvault, subject, "The Value of Books," Miss Olie Fisher, subject, "China and Chinese," and Miss Flossie Pounds, subject, "The Friend," were all of high and edifying order. Miss Mary Stricker recited a poem on the great snow clad natural cross in the mountains of Colorado entitled "The Mount of the Holy Cross." The tones, the emphasis and the enunciation were up to the average of the same number of speakers in any performance. They showed good training.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane the president of the board of school commissioners presented diplomas to each of the class which is a new feature in the Concord Graded School. Mr. Coltrane extended his remarks in the interest of all the children of the town as invited and urged to attend the Graded School.

The class then sang their "Farewell to the School" which was the only feature of the entertainment calculated to bring a pang of serious reflections.

Rev. B. L. Hoge closed the exercises with prayer and benediction.

Thus ended a most successful session of the Graded School and the exercises as well as the general atmosphere of the school shows it to be at the high water mark of proficiency and progress.

AN EPIDEMIC OF WHOOPING COUGH.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure. John L. Clifford, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood N. Y. This remedy is for sale by M. L. Marsh & Co.

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A Concord Man Prospecting.

There was a gentleman from Concord here last week to buy or rent the J. P. Beatty sash and blind shop. Success to him. Mr. Beatty speaks of returning to the North.—New London correspondence to Stanly Enterprise.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Miss Willie Durant returned to Charlotte this morning.

—Mr. S. J. Lowe arrived yesterday evening to spend Sunday here with his family.

—Mr. M. L. Buchanan returned home this morning from Washington.

—Messrs. Robert and McGhee Pfifer will leave for Salisbury tonight on their way to their home in Danville, Va.

—Miss Mamie Ury went to Charlotte this morning to spend Sunday with Mrs. C. L. T. Fisher and Miss Caldwell at Elizabeth college.

—Dr. R. C. Holland, of Charlotte, passed through here today on his way to Mt. Pleasant. He will preach the baccalaureate sermon there tomorrow morning.

—Misses Ida and Mollie Dodson left this morning for Milton. After visiting there Miss Mollie will go to Witheville, and Miss Ida will return to her home in Baltimore.

ORGANDIES.

We have made some late purchases in Colored Organdies at a very low price and the advantage is all yours. The show is beautiful; can satisfy almost any color taste.

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