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IMPORTANT MATTERS.

The Board of Trustees Met Tuesday—Alumni Association Meets and Selects Speaker for Next Year—Commencement Exercises.
Written for The Standard.

Mt. Pleasant, May 30.—When I closed my report Tuesday evening the Junior Oratorical contest was on. I give here the names of the Junior representatives and their subjects:

Alonzo Blackwelder—"Beyond the Gates of Gold."

Hugh A Crigler—"Virginia as a Battlefield."

Clifford P Fisher—"The Dawn of the Twentieth Century."

Joe V Sutton—"On the Cruiser Will."

J Marshall Tise—"Footprints of Time."

This was an admirable exercise—it is said to be one of the most creditable Junior exhibition in the history of North Carolina College. Each member was the point of earnest endeavor—the literary merit of each oration being marked and pleasing.

The fine display of imagery by Mr. Blackwelder and the beautiful and effective delivery won for him the medal; but to Mr. Tise the committee awarded the distinction of honorable mention; indeed in the whole programme as rendered by the Juniors it seemed to be Greek meeting Greek.

CONGRESSMAN KLUTZ

Drew a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Klutz's subject was "Education in General." I would not undertake to give a synopsis of this forceful discourse full of facts, truths and a grand defense of our own and a warning to young men to prepare to meet the demands and dangers of the future. Mr. Klutz, of charming personality, is a polished and fascinating speaker. The very man himself, gives force and character to what he says.

As I have said, it would be useless to attempt a synopsis; but, in closing, Congressman Klutz, touching the removal idea of the college, paid a handsome tribute to the character and loyalty and record of the community in which North Carolina College is located. Not only for his magnificent address to the Literary societies but his goodness and honest expression a hearty applause was given.

THE ALUMNI ADDRESS

Was delivered by Mr. Jno. M Cook, Clerk of the Court, at 3 p. m. He took for his theme "The True Ideal of a College." From expressions on all sides this is regarded one of the strongest addresses with which the Alumni association has been favored. The large audience seemed to follow in sympathy with the speaker's treatment of the subject.

The exercises were opened by prayer by Rev. J A Linn of the class of '73. The sentiment of the prayer was so pure, so tender, so appropriate and so appealing to the Omnipotent God to preserve our dear alma mater from the ruin threatened by misguided officials that many shed

tears as they followed the speaker in his fervent prayer.

I would do injustice to the hundreds who heard it, if I decline the request of many to furnish for publication the closing remarks which Mr. Cook felt was due to his alma mater and to his fellow Alumni. They are in substance:

"The closing of another commencement occasion, fellow alumni, will be witnessed tomorrow. Then will another chapter in the life and history of our alma mater have been complete; another mile stone will have been planted in the course of a desperate, yet heroic march into the domain of ignorance and illiteracy. So too, in our lives will another period of time have been rounded up, and each of us will be distant another year from the day, when standing here, or if not here, then within sight of these buildings, on the hill we delivered graduating addresses, received diplomas and bade farewell to instructors, fellow students, friends and acquaintances, and went forth into the world to participate and become factors in the affairs of life. Not a few years have passed over the heads of some of you since that day. You have engaged in many difficult tasks, witnessed many changes, and life's battle-scars are beginning to show. With others their going forth is of recent date and they are yet novices in the drama of life. But if it is with you as it was with me time can not dim nor destroy the memories and recollections of college days; neither can distance cause me to forget the spot around which these memories securely cling.

I know not what your feelings would be, nor what emotions would thrill your soul. Indeed I would have no need to consult you to ascertain what emotions would fill my breast should I hear some voice joyously chanting the funeral dirge of the college on the hill. This, fellow alumni, is not a fanciful reference of mine to the passing away of an institution for the the upbuilding of which it is sad to say there has been no united effort—but to to which some men have given their best time, their best talent and their money. Already it has been noised abroad that the college will be moved, the edict has gone forth saying that it must be moved, and who knows otherwise but that this is our last gathering together as alumni of North Carolina College as she stands and as she exists today, and that it has fallen to my lot to be and per chance I am the last one of your number to address you under present circumstances and conditions. If that be true then no new names will be enrolled on our list but those which have already been written there will one by one be stricken out.

It is hard to think that some, in assigning reasons for the removal of the college, should assert a lack of hospitality and charity on the part of the institution's staunchest friends. And to you who have been

thus aggrieved I would say forgive and forget.

Without the proper support, often openly opposed, you and those who have gone before you have done a work creditable to a people of larger means, of greater advantages. Tho' human hands may despoil that which is visible and tangible of the institution, they can not blast the effect and influences of immortal minds that were trained for life's conflicts within her walls. Should the quality of the work of the institution ever be called in question produce such evidence as him (pointing to Dr. Ludwig.)

And lastly I would say—point proudly to the record of you institution.

Tho' it be a shame and a disgrace in the sight of some because of its deficiencies and misfortunes, yet the work of those who have nurtured and fostered it, the work of those who have faithfully labored for the training and developing of immortal minds, will sometime, somewhere, somehow be rewarded."

After the address the Alumni Association met in annual session. A letter from Rev. Frank P Cook, of Jewette, Ohio, of the class of '73, with financial enclosures for the workings of the association and expressing regrets upon the removal agitation, was read.

Upon motion the association decided to continue the medal awards. It was a unit among the alumni that many more N. C. College Alumni meetings at Mt. Pleasant would be held.

Rev. W J Boger, of Mt. Holly was elected alumni orator for 1900.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Met at 10 a. m., and after confirming degrees recommended by faculty went into the election of officers of the Board for the ensuing year. The selection is as follows: H C McAllister, Esq., president; Rev. V R Stickley, vice-president; C G Heilig, Esq., secretary, and Capt. Jones Cook treasurer.

While the Board recognized that Synod had no power to take the action relative to the removal of the college; and tho' appreciating the matter was not referred to them (the only place where Synod can make recommendations), the Board took occasion to emphatically express its disapproval of the course of Synod in regard to the college, and thus ends all the removal agitation. It is clearly demonstrated that the Board, in its official capacity and opinions, is opposed to the removal idea—it recognizes the evil to be something else than the present location, which, were it left to the hundreds in attendance upon commencement exercises, would receive every vote save, perhaps, a corporal's guard.

NOTES.

Revs. C A Rose, C B Miller and W B Oney, each a member of the board of trustees of the college, arrived this morning, also Mr. Jno. K Patterson.

The annual sociable is going on tonight on the college campus, which is beautifully illuminated.

It is the regret of many friends that the editor and his good wife are not here with us.

Singing "Happy on the Way," "Happy on the Way!" caused a South Carolinian to have his wedding day unusually marked. P.

Man Should Have an Helpmeet.

Our newgatherer at Forest Hill informs us that there will be a marriage tonight up there. The necessary parties in the contract are Mr. Geo. R Upchurch and Miss Lottie Moore. Rev. Arnold will officiate.

Intimate Friends of the Groom.

Rev. Y Van A Riser, of Sumter, S. C., Mr. J D Gates, of Elloree, S. C., and Mr. Will East, of near Columbia, who assisted at the McCullough-Blackwelder wedding, are intimate friends of Rev. McCullough. Rev. Riser did not return home with the others but is visiting his cousin, Rev. Geo. Riser, near Mt. Pleasant.

NO CURE, NO PAY.

That is the way all druggists sell Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic for chills and Malaria. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults refer to it bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price, 50c.

A Young Mule Did It.

Mr. Bob Baker, of No. 5 township, is still on crutches on account of an accident with a young mule one day last week. The mule ran over him and stepped on his ankle. He has not been confined but his injury incapacitates him for work.

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.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mrs. R A Brown returned home this morning from Salisbury.

—Miss Ella Walter returned home this morning from Mt. Pleasant.

—Mrs. G T Crowell returned home this morning from Mt. Pleasant, after spending yesterday there.

—Miss Nellie Souder, who during the past session, taught elocution at Mont Amena, is spending today at Mr. Jno. A Cline's. She will leave tonight for her home in Virginia.

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To Our Customers.

On account of the extra work and expense required to keep and collect small accounts, we have decided to adopt a

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