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GRADED SCHOOL CLOSING.

The Young Graduates Acquaint Themselves Well Under Very Unfavorable Circumstances—Mr. Mebane Speaks with His Characteristic Enthusiasm for Public Education—Honors Conferred.

The Concord Graded School held its commencement exercises in the court house Friday night. The court room was altogether out of proportion to the interest taken in the school. The audience was a jam-like sardines in a box, every available space being occupied, people standing where there were no seats. Under such circumstances the tender voices of the young performers, however clear, they might have rung in a less crowded hall could not fill that dense mass of vibrating, respiratory atmosphere. The half could not be heard and when an audience cannot hear, all know it becomes restive and noisy, making the chances of hearing still less. We are informed that the graduating class is chagrined on account of the disorder that prevailed, some of which was inexcusable. The hissing and cat-calls from a number of boys, that need a few good warm draughts of the slipper, were exasperating enough and the class may justly feel offended at that and any other noise avoidable under the circumstances.

All in all, however, the exercises were quite creditable and friends and lovers of youth as well as parents and relatives of the young people are proud of the class and we herein offer our sincere congratulations.

The music was specially good; the enunciation being very good for so many voices.

The scene was delightful to behold with its bright young faces intermingled with flowers and plants.

Prof. Chas. H. Mebane, president of Catawba college, was introduced and for one hour addressed the audience, throwing himself well into his favorite theme, "The Public Schools and Popular Education." He was not altogether free from gloom over the lack of attendance on the public schools. He sees no way of getting all the children into the schools, but by compelling parents to send them.

He congratulated Cabarrus on being in the front in the movement for larger school districts and better school houses. He saw in this movement the opportunity for better paid teachers and better work.

At the close of Mr. Mebane's address the graduating certificates were presented by Mr. D. B. Coltrane, the chairman of the graded school board. He prefaced the act with some happy

prophetic statements, showing his great faith in the onward and upward movement for popular education.

A very happy closing feature was the presentation of a pack of 25 visiting cards from Mr. J. B. Sherrill to each girl in the white graded schools who made a record during the term free from absence or tardiness. The following are the names called out to receive the cards and the honor that a delighted audience was pleased to bestow: Elizabeth McEachern, Bertha Hill, Hattie Pounds, Margaret McEachern, Mary Morrison, Margurite Brown, Anna Douglass Sherrill, Jennie Winslow Coltrane, Mary Lilly Sherrill, Helen Patterson, Eugenia Lore, Bessie Caldwell, Ida Cook, Nora Belle McDaniel, Viola Blalock, Lilly May Cook and Mary Jones.

Thus ended the most largely attended and, we think it fair to say, the best session in the history of the Concord Graded School. It is also the last to be held in the old Central building.

Mrs. Jas. O. Dent Dead.

Mrs. Jas. O. Dent died at her home at Forest Hill at 9 o'clock this (Saturday) morning, of typhoid fever. She was a great sufferer, the disease affecting the brain. Three physicians and community of friends and neighbors ministered to her, but relief only came in death. She was about 47 years old. She leaves a husband and one child in this sad bereavement. She was a member of the Baptist church at Jerusalem, Davie county. The remains will be buried tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon.

Mr. John L. Bost Dead.

Mr. John L. Bost, son of Mr. M. L. Bost, died this (Saturday) morning at the home of his father at Bosts Mills after lingering for several years with consumption. He was about 40 years old. He leaves a wife and one son, about five years old, and an aged and invalid father, five sisters and two brothers to mourn his death. He was a member of St. Martin's M. E. church, where the burial of the remains took place this evening.

Mrs. Chas. D. McDonald Dead.

The wife of Mr. Chas. D. McDonald, night boss of spinning at Cabarrus Mill, died at her home on West Corbin street at 9 o'clock Friday night, of consumption. She was 35 years old. She leaves a surviving husband and six children. She was a member of the Episcopal church and the funeral services were conducted at the home at 5 o'clock this evening by Dr. J. C. Davis, and the body was laid to rest in the city cemetery.

MEETING AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Pastor Smith Pleads for Courageous Christian Faith and Perseverance.

Interesting services have been in progress at the Baptist church through the week. Last night the pastor, Mr. Smith, preached from the text, "and we came to Kadesh Barnea," delineating in a forceful manner the fatal mistake of the children of Israel in yielding to cowardly leadership and returning to the wilderness, to wander forty years, instead of following men of faith and courage into the land of the Father's promise. The lesson applied showed the importance of knowing where you are going and who you are following—whether brave men into an inheritance of life and peace, or retreating cowards into death and destruction.

Services will continue for some days at 3 and 8 o'clock p. m. to which all are cordially invited.

Mr. Wiley to Leave for New York.

Capt. W. Murdock Wiley has resigned as manager of the Union Copper mine at Gold Hill to go into the brokerage business in New York.

Unique School Record.

Miss Anna Douglass Sherrill, who has finished her sixth year in the graded school and has, in the time, finished the course in seven grades has made the unique record of not a single tardy attendance in all this period. More than this, her teacher, Miss Ora Hoover, offered a prize this session for highest progress in spelling and in Latin and Miss Anna took them both. The prizes are valuable books. This, we repeat, is unique as a record and we offer our congratulations.

Found Dead Near Spencer.

Mr. Julius Howell, of Gold Hill, was found dead in the woods near Spencer, Wednesday afternoon. He was sixty years old and was not enjoying good health. He was a gallant Confederate soldier.

Mrs. H. M. Blair Dead.

The wife of Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, died after a few hours of sickness on the 18th inst. Editor Blair has our deepest sympathy in this sore bereavement.

Dr. Leith Seriously Ill.

We regret to announce the serious sickness of Rev. Dr. W. Leith, at the Stokes-Withehead Sanitarium in Salisbury. He is reported to be rapidly failing, and there is perhaps little prospect of recovery. Let prayer be offered for his recovery, if it be the will of God.—North Carolina Christian Advocate of April 16.

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