

Dedication of The Cannon Memorial Building Tuesday

Building Was Formally Presented to Jackson Training School by David H. Blair For Mrs. J. W. Cannon.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE J. W. CANNON Structure Erected at Cost of \$50,000—Hon. Clyde Hoey of Shelby, Made Principal Address of the Day.

The Cannon Memorial Building, the most imposing and the most costly structure among those making up the plant of the Stonewall Jackson Training School, was formally dedicated Tuesday afternoon with exercises most befitting to the occasion.

The exercises were held in a beautiful grove adjoining the property on which the Cannon building was erected. A temporary pavilion housed the speakers, with whom sat Mrs. James W. Cannon, donor of the building, and her children. The spectators were seated on chairs in the grove. To their right were the students of the school, who sat on improvised benches after marching to the grove in military fashion.

Every rank and file of citizenship was represented among those present, indicating the general interest that has been aroused in the institution which cares for unfortunate boys of the State. The high and low mingled in pleasing comradeship, and every feature of the appropriate program proved of interest to each person in the audience.

Before the dedication exercises began a number of the visitors made an inspection tour of the memorial building, which will be used as an administration building by the school. Others visited the rapidly growing and modern plant of the school, special interest being shown in the model dairy, said to be one of the finest in the State. The visitors were also taken through some of the cottages, were shown the bakery, the laundry, the school rooms and the print shop. In the latter two youngsters not more than 12 years of age were delighted with the opportunity of demonstrating their ability in mastering two of the latest model Linotypes.

The general inspection of the memorial building was not made, however, until after the dedication. The building was then thrown open, and practically every opportunity of inspecting the structure at close range.

The invocation at the dedication exercises was delivered by Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of Central Methodist Church, after which the students of the school sang "Come Thou Almighty King," the first of several numbers rendered during the service. Chas. E. Boger, superintendent of the school, presided.

After the hymn Hon. David H. Blair, commissioner of Internal Revenue, and a son-in-law of Mrs. Cannon, presented the building to the institution. Mr. Blair declared the structure would assist in the "building of character," and "is dedicated to the advancement of the noble purposes for which this humanitarian institution was founded—the building of character, the making of good citizens for the State."

"All the great civilized nations of the earth have made notable contributions to the world's architecture," said Mr. Blair in beginning. "Egypt gave to civilization the pyramids and obelisks, tombs and temples, monuments and places of worship. For more than six thousand years they have stood and they still stand as objects of wonder, delight and inspiration for the people of each succeeding generation."

"A thousand years before the birth of Christ, Greece developed the Doric, Ionic and the Corinthian architecture, which with all the experience and progress of the ages have never been surpassed and seldom equaled. The Parthenon still stands upon the Acropolis in Athens, a model of symmetric beauty in harmony, line and proportion."

"A thousand years later Rome gave to the world the Coliseum and the Pantheon and the Renaissance gave to civilization the Gothic cathedrals of the British Isles and Europe."

"Our own splendid capital at Washington with its crowning glory, the imposing dome and lantern surmounted by the statue of freedom, towering high above the street below is one of the beautiful and architecturally perfect buildings of our own time."

"The names of the builders of these great structures in many instances are forgotten, but their great works stand as monuments to their genius and skill, and despite the fact that they are unknown to us, they still live and the influence of their creations have inspired the peoples of all ages."

"The world owes its progress and its advancement to builders, some of whom have devoted their lives and their talents to architecture, some to the building of great industries, some to commerce and the means of transportation, and others to the building of character, such as the profession of teaching and the ministry. The constructive history of the world is the history of these builders."

"The Pyramids, the Parthenon, the Coliseum, the great cathedrals and the Capitol at Washington would have been impossible but for the industry and energy produced by the builders of industry and commerce, and industry and commerce would have been impotent to produce the needed wealth, but for that kind of character which the Stonewall Jackson Training School is successfully building today."

"This administration building which we are about to dedicate has been made possible through the thoughtful generosity of Mrs. J. W. Cannon, the widow of one of the State's most successful and exemplary men, one of America's greatest industrial builders. At the time of his death, one year ago last December, the press of the State and the Nation paid just and liberal tribute to the life and achievements of Mr. Cannon, who was your fellow townsman, your neighbor and your friend. It was conceived

by the donor that a gift to the Stonewall Jackson Training School of a building to replace the one which was destroyed by fire would be acceptable and appropriate. Mrs. Cannon was the constant and capable helper of her husband in building his great industries throughout the South, and she now wants to help this great State, through the Stonewall Jackson Training School, to give to these young men the opportunity to build character for themselves and to become builders in such line of endeavor as they may determine to follow.

"A generous gift by a noble woman to a great State for an exalted purpose. No finer and more appropriate act could have been conceived. May it serve as an inspiration to others to emulate her example."

"You are building your life's structure right now. The training which you are receiving here is not so much a preparation for life as it ultimately succeeds at anything. If you make mistakes, you should be discouraged. If by inadvertence you should put into the structure a rotten plank, or a faulty stone, take out the defective material and replace it with the best that can be had. Longfellow, the one man in literature who understood all of your problems and your perplexities, expressed this idea in his beautiful poem called 'The Builders.'"

All are architects of Fate, Working in these walls of Time; Some with massive deeds and great, Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low; Each thing in its place is best; And what seems but idle show Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise, Time is with materials filled; Our to-days and yesterdays Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these; Leave no yawning gaps between; Think not because no man sees, Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of Art, Builders wrought with greatest care Each minute and unseem part; For the gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well, Both the unseem and the seem; Make the house where gods may dwell, Beautiful, entire, and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete, Standing in the walls of Time, Broken stairways, where the feet Stumble, as they seek to climb.

Build today, then, strong and sure, With a firm and ample base; And ascending and secure, Shall tomorrow find its place.

Thus alone can we attain To those turrets, where the eye Sees the world as one vast plain, And one boundless reach of sky.

"The silent but powerful influence of a well designed and beautifully proportioned building, such as this, can hardly be estimated or appreciated. It is plain, simple, straight, staunch, strong solid as a stone wall, with no defective material, no sham, no weak spots, genuine through and through. Choose it a model for your own life and in after years it will recall to your minds this occasion, and your hearts will swell with gratitude to the good woman who so generously gave this building to the State, as a memorial to one of the greatest builders of his time. You will be inspired by his example. You will remember that he started life as an errand boy and by the application of industry, honesty and intelligence he soon became a clerk, then a merchant, then the head of a great mercantile establishment, then a manufacturer on a small scale, then on a large scale, then a builder of a great city of spindles, then one of the greatest powers in the textile world. The example of his splendid life will urge you on to do nobler and better things each day. It will remind you that the same door of opportunity is open to you and that if you practice the same virtues as he you can in a measure attain the same success. He is dead, yet when you contemplate what he has accomplished with no better opportunity than your own you will say with Holmes:

"From his dead lips a clearer note is born Than ever Triton blew from wreathed horn! While on mine ear it rings, Through the deep caves of thought I hear a voice that sings:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll; Leave thy low-vaulted past; Let each new temple, nobler than the last Shalt thee from heaven with a dome more vast.

Till thou at length art free, Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

"It becomes my peculiar pleasure, on behalf of Mrs. James William Cannon, to present to the State of North Carolina, through the chairman representing the Board of Trustees, this administration building which today we dedicate to the advancement of the noble purposes for which this humanitarian institution was founded, the Building of Character, the making of Good Citizens for the State."

"The building was accepted for the school by James P. Cook, chairman of the board of trustees, and the man who has done more, perhaps, than any one individual, or any agency for the school. Mr. Cook showed very deeply the appreciation he felt for the generous gift of Mrs. Cannon, and it was evident to everyone present that he spoke from the depths of his heart when he made the speech of acceptance."

"Our cup of joy is today running over," he declared. "Your beautiful and gracious words, Mr. Blair, representing our noble benefactress, in presenting this splendid building to our institution, touches our very hearts. Speaking for the Board of Trustees, the officers and the student body, I beg to express our most grateful thanks and profoundest

appreciation. "This institution was conceived thirty years ago, yet it was not until 1907 that the General Assembly gave it a charter. It started with the small and simple blessing of a ten-thousand dollar appropriation. Concord and Cabarrus county contributed three hundred acres of land. The State King's Daughters, with the financial help of the Women's Federated Clubs, contributed five thousand dollars to the building fund, and several godly women secured from generous people in the State the entire equipment of the first two cottages, and furnished the farm with vehicles and tools and stock."

"Though lacking an enthusiastic support and sympathy from the State, because it was an innovation in the life of the State which had not yet come to fully realize its duty in this particular cause, the growth, the development and good name of the Jackson Training School were from the very beginning in the hearts of our people, the school threw open its doors, starting with just one pupil, who today is an upright man and a credit to organized society. That accomplishment alone is worth all that it cost, for have we not heard of the great rejoicing over the one found who had gone astray, for it is not the will of the Father that one of these little ones should perish?"

"Sixteen years ago this property was a worn-out cotton farm, overgrown with a series of impassible gullies. The buildings consisted of a wrecked house and a dilapidated barn and a well gone dry. Behold it today! It represents a value of over a million dollars, the majority of which is an expression of the great heart of North Carolinians, without a cent of cost to the institution or to the State. It is no longer an innovation. It has so well functioned that it has won the confidence of the entire state and is cited by other States as a marvel of success. It is an accomplished fact, and not an experiment. This, however, is the material side, the other side—the side that answers the question 'Am I my brother's keeper?'—is a record of achievements. As a witness of this, hundreds and hundreds of doped striches of a vanished land, whom some of the schools, society, and even the common law confessed their inability to manage properly, have been restored to their rightful places in society as assets and not as menaces. These be our jewels in which we rightfully rejoice."

"But we have met today for another purpose. We have come together to modestly and fittingly take note of the greatest benefaction in the history of the institution. One year and three days ago our Administration building was reduced to ashes. The angry flames wiped out the interior, leaving nothing larger than my finger, destroying our business offices and the home of the devoted woman—who they are 100 per cent, missionaries—who aid in the conduct of the school. It was a crisis. Faint we were at the harrowing spectacle, but not without hope. No money, and the building an imperative necessity. Right here, my friends, permit me to give public testimony to our abiding faith and belief in the efficacy of prayer."

"Before the heat of that disastrous fire had subsided, a fine hope bade us be strong and brave under our affliction. Not many hours had passed before the restoration of the building, larger and better adapted to the purpose for which it is intended, was assured. One of the State's noble women, touched by the catastrophe and sympathizing deeply with the work of the institution, came and offered to go forward and she would bear the cost. That splendid and handsome building yonder—a joy to us all—is the expression of the interest and love of Mrs. James W. Cannon, whose prompt and beautiful generosity and goodness blotted out the sting and injury of our misfortune."

"It is an agency in our hands for a greater service—it is more than that. It is a fitting memorial to the memory of one of the State's greatest constructive leaders and builders, James William Cannon. No man in all the history of North Carolina or in the South ever surpassed him in the possession of an unerring vision; no man ever surpassed him in analyzing the potentialities of the present and measuring the possibilities of the future. In these his was a consummation master. His power to read and measure, character and capacity and understand human nature was a marvel. He picked out scores and scores of men here and there, in whom he unerringly saw the ability to execute the delicate details of a great undertaking, which he had whipped into shape in his remarkable mind. While building enormous manufacturing enterprises and being an outstanding leader in putting North Carolina on the industrial map, he discovered fine subjects and built them into strong and outstanding men in the business and commercial world; and the hands to whom he carried the opportunities of a broader and richer life attest the might and power of the great intellect that inaugurated and carried to a successful conclusion hundreds of developments. This memorial, therefore, is in perfect harmony with the task that belongs to us, which seeks out the overprivileged and the under privileged amongst our youth, and like this great builder in another field of activities, gives to each of them, having wiped the slate clean, the chance to burgeon out the good that is in them."

"Speaking for the Board of Trustees and the officers of the Jackson Training School, we accept this splendid gift of Mrs. Cannon with profoundest thanks and gratitude; and we are proud to have it as a memorial of her distinguished husband—the departed and she who is spared to us, in life were typical of the very finest examples of devoted companionship I ever knew—for it will prove an incentive to the youngsters now with us and those to follow to strive for better and more substantial things. This, my friends, is an inspiring business—it is no small matter to throw out the life line and pull to safety a drowning and perishing soul."

"Acknowledging, as we do in the conduct of this institution, the eternal truths in the Book of all books as the only safe guide to proper living, and conscious of the power and goodness of the great God, who feeds and protects us, and without disrespect to any constitution, or doing violence to the feelings of any of our pupils, we would appeal to the King of kings to bless this fine gift to our service and to His glory."

"The Rev. Mr. Rowan will please lead

us in this petition to the throne of mercy. The dedicatory prayer was then delivered by Mr. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. Hon. Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, delivered the principal address. He spoke in the absence of Governor Cameron Morrison, who wiped from New York that on account of important State business he was unable to be present.

Mr. Hoey, one of the most gifted speakers in the State, and always popular with Concord audiences, spoke most interestingly and most appealingly for greater State and individual aid for such institutions as the Jackson Training School, which he characterized in his opinion as "the greatest of State institutions." Mr. Hoey was introduced by Mr. D. B. Coltrane, treasurer of the school, who had been presented by Supt. Boger as the man who "keeps money for the school at all times."

Mr. Hoey declared that a State should have a three-fold life—physical, intellectual and spiritual, or humanitarian. North Carolina has made great and marvelous strides in development each of these necessary characteristics, he asserted, but in the latter especially, the State has not done all that she can or should do.

"We rank fourth agriculturally in the United States," he asserted, "and our industrial life is astounding the rest of the world. Mr. Blair just informed me that this State will pay \$140,000,000 in revenues to the Federal government this year. That is more than nine other Southern States combined will pay. We have built larger, greater and better colleges and schools, and we are developing the intellectual life as well as the physical."

"But a State is like a man. If a man has riches and does not use them in service to humanity he is a poor man. It is the same with a State. There is a limit to physical and intellectual development, but the spiritual development has no limit. The greatest test to civilization is the capacity of a State to minister to the needs of its people. We have done well by the cripples, the deaf, the dumb, the feeble-minded, the unfortunate—but we have not done enough."

"Of all the great institutions in the State none is greater than this. I salute you, young men, and tell you we have faith in you. There is no greater task than saving boys and giving them a chance. We raise good crops and manufacture fine goods, but our greatest work is producing boys. Boys are the only things men ever grow from."

The greatest men in history, Mr. Hoey pointed out, are those who have rendered service. He showed that in the Hall of Fame in Washington, where hang pictures of two men from each state, there is not a man pictured there who did not render great service to humanity. "Men who merely made money do not have their pictures there. The men chosen from each of the 48 states were men who worked not for themselves wholly, but men who stroved for humanity."

There is great wealth in North Carolina, Mr. Hoey declared again, and it should be spent for institutions that will render great aid to society. "We do not admire the man who hoards his money. He is soon forgotten after he dies. It is the same with a State. Wealth is worth nothing to a State unless it can be used to help person who need help. It should be given in greater quantities to such institutions as this—institutions which deal directly with life."

"To every boy who enters the Jackson Training School, Mr. Hoey pointed out, an opportunity is given to get away from the past and build for the future. 'Each boy as he enters the school is forgiven. He has the opportunity to grow into a useful citizen, an asset to society. The fact that 90 per cent. of the boys from this school have made good is proof enough to the worth of the institution, and is proof enough, also, that this school, which deals with life, should be given more financial support by the State and by wealthy individuals.'

The address of Mr. Hoey was followed by the singing of another song by the school students, after which the service was concluded at the memorial building, where the memorial tablet was unveiled by James William Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Cannon, of York, S. C., and William Coltrane Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cannon, of this city. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. W. Smith.

The tablet is inscribed on it: Erected in Memory of James William Cannon By His Wife To aid the aid the Jackson Training School in its high purpose and service in the giving of a chance to the boys of the State who need its care and direction. The memorial building is three stories in height, counting the large basement, which houses the kitchens and dining rooms. The structure is built completely of brick, with large white columns adding to the beauty of the front. At the rear a pergola adds to the appearance of the building. There are thirty-one bed rooms, in addition to the administrative offices, kitchens and dining rooms in the building. In each room there is hot and cold water, and there are two baths on each of the second and third floors. The bed rooms will be used by the house mothers, family of assistant superintendent, lady instructors and clerks. Three of the larger rooms on the ground floor will be used as administrative offices. Over the mantel in the left living room on the ground floor there hangs a handsome and strikingly true portrait of a man in whose memory the building was erected. On the ground floor there are two large kitchens, two dining rooms and a number of closets. The building is equipped with steam heat. Every piece of furniture, which tones in perfectly with the finishings in each room, was a gift from six children of Mrs. Cannon. They are Mrs. C. E. Lambeth, Mrs. C. G. Hill, Mrs. Julian S. Carr, Mrs. Blair, C. A. Cannon and J. Ross Cannon. Before the formal exercises began the members of Mrs. Cannon's family, several of those who took part in the program, and a few other invited guests, were honored at a dinner served in the Cannon building. The meal was prepared and served by the boys in the baking department of the school, and the diners were frank in their admiration of the excellent meal prepared. A special feature of the dinner was

the presentation of a large white cake made by the boys of the department, to Mrs. Cannon. The cake was presented by Mr. Blair in behalf of the students. With Mrs. Cannon on the platform during the exercises were the following children: Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Lambeth, Messrs. J. F. J. W. M. L. I. T. J. R. and C. A. Cannon.

The great interest that had been evoked in the State by the occasion was evidenced by the large number of visitors present. Among the cities represented were Salisbury, Hixson, Pott, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Albemarle, Kannapolis, Mt. Pleasant and Greenville, S. C.

The Cannon building represents the most generous gift ever made to the institution. The building was erected at a cost of about \$50,000 and Mrs. Cannon made her donation last year shortly after the former administration building was gutted by a destructive fire.

EVERYTHING MOVED OFF SMOOTH AT OPENING Prof. Webb Pleaseth With Manner in Which Schools of City Began Their Work Monday Morning. Prof. A. S. Webb, superintendent of the Concord public schools, this morning expressed delight with the manner in which the 1923-24 school term began Monday morning. Everything in the schools moved off smoothly on the opening day, Prof. Webb stated, with the largest enrollment in the history of the schools recorded.

The greatest congestion at present is at Central School, Prof. Webb stated. Some of the rooms there are badly crowded, and in the primary building there are not enough rooms for each teacher to have one. For this reason, Prof. Webb stated, it will be necessary for one primary teacher to conduct her class in the afternoon. For the first two weeks Miss Clara Harris will teach in the afternoon, and after that other first grade teachers will alternate with her.

When the high school building is completed the congestion in the schools will be relieved, Prof. Webb stated. It is hoped that the building will be completed some time in November.

Prof. P. E. Wright to Lenoir College Chair. Salisbury Post. Prof. Pete E. Wright, of China Grove, one of the best known and most efficient educators in this section, goes to Hickory within a few days where he is to fill the chair of Latin and Greek at Lenoir-Rhyne college during the coming school year.

Charlotte won the first game from Marion in the series to decide the champion of the South Atlantic League. The score was 4 to 2. Most of the scoring was due to home run clouts, one by Pope for Marion and the other by Paschal for Charlotte.

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