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TO BURN ONE THIRD VERA CRUZ HOMES

DR. CHASE DELIVERED GREAT ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES TRAINING SCHOOL YESTERDAY

The address before the graduating class of the Training School by Dr. Harry W. Chase was delivered yesterday morning at ten-thirty o'clock. It was a great address, stimulating, thoughtful, powerful, filled with optimism.

The great central theme was an educational program that will enable America to meet the great problems she is facing to-day. The difficult tasks that confront the world in working out democracy are complicated and call for the highest development of the individual, and this can be done only through an educational program that will give all a chance.

He began by saying that he had a feeling of solemnity and exaltation on this occasion, solemnity because of the great confused and confusing tasks that lay ahead of such a group and exaltation that such a group is being added to those who will go to help in meeting these tasks. He said that when the historians of the future come to set down the place of this period in the world's history it will be clearly seen that this is one of the great focal periods of all history.

For hundreds of years the lines have been converging towards this and in the future they will be seen to diverge from this. It can be seen that two great lines have been growing out of the centuries, and have come into conflict in this age: the one idea that the government existed in order to manage the State, and there was no thought of the individual, and all that was done for the individual was for the purpose of making him a more efficient, better trained being for the sake of the state; the other ideal was that the State existed merely as a means a mere device for giving men and women what they truly wanted, for the people. The other having the State as the end is autocracy; an impersonal machine which grinds the people down; the other is democracy, where the people become the end and the government the mere means. Victory in the great conflict with democracy.

The question now is will the democracy be able to think its way through the confusing problems that now arise. Democracy is on trial now as it never has been before. Democracy is far more difficult to work than autocracy, because it is easier to rule the people to dominate them and make them do certain ways than it is to liberate them. The task ahead of democracy is far harder to-day than it was in 1776, and will be far more difficult in the generations coming ahead, for the problems grow bigger and vaster and broader every age.

Dr. Chase declared that he was an optimist although he could not fail to see the distress and suffering of the world. Just as it now is seen that it was necessary for the Roman Empire to fall so that humanity might advance, so it was necessary that the German empire should fall and this period of distress and turmoil follow for the advancement of humanity. He expressed the firm belief that there is promise and potency in the individual life set free and liberated by a democratic program of education.

If democracy has faith in education then it is time to work up our minds to put this faith into practice. Where there is anywhere else to turn for help except by enlightening humanity so that it can think its way through the problems. He then passed to the explanation of the reasons why the task is more difficult than ever and calls for higher training. He compared the knowledge possessed by great scholars of the past to that possessed by even school boys and girls

to-day, and proved that it is not that the minds of man are greater, the raw material is the same, but that the environment is different and more complex. The task before is to bring together all the great agencies, the press, the home, the school, the pulpit, each offering the best it has to offer. We have been mere bunglers at the job of education. He called on his listeners to imagine what it would mean to North Carolina if the very best possible could be given to every boy and girl in North Carolina for one generation; there would be more advance made in that one way than in any ten before. "It is not so much machinery we need as enlightenment, trained men and women.

He proved that the world is looking to America, as there is no other country that can contribute greatly to it, and that America is looking to the South because of the pure type of Americanism that is here. He spoke of the great material wealth that has come to this section and reminded the audience to the fact that North Carolina has climbed to the fourth place among the states as to the value of its farm crops. He also called attention to the fact that in the ten years just passed she has climbed from next to the bottom of the list to fourth from the bottom only in educational efficiency. The time has come when we must place her educationally at the top.

He concluded by telling the young women of the class that it was their privilege to take part in this great period ahead when and it would be theirs to help place North Carolina where she rightly belongs. President Wright at the close of the address presented the diplomas and Bibles to each one of the sixty-two graduates, and at the same time gave them the State certificates for teaching. He announced that they also had the health certificates that are required by law of all teachers in this State.

He then called on Dr. J. Y. Joyner for a few words to the class. This was indeed a happy surprise. Dr. Joyner made a wonderfully touching and beautiful talk to the young ladies, recalling the past, referring to the beginning of the school, and giving optimistic visions of the future, closing with inspiring words of good cheer and God-speed to the class.

Mrs. Ed Harvey of Greenville, then, in behalf of the Pitt county Federation of Women's Clubs presented to the school a check for \$2,500 for an endowment scholarship that would keep some young woman in the school all the time. She reviewed the history of the Pitt County Loan Fund, from which the endowment fund has grown. President Wright in accepting the gift said that the gift showed plainly the type of women who were the givers and expressed great appreciation of the gift.

President Wright then made other announcements. The Alumnae Association, which he commended as a working body, presented to the school the sum of \$250 to be used as the school shall see fit to use it. Edgecombe County has organized an alumnae association and has raised a Loan Fund to put a girl in school here next fall.

The class of 1920 presented the sum of \$915 to be used for interior decoration. The Edgar Allen Poe Society has given the school a moving picture machine to be here ready for use next fall. He announced that hereafter not one would be admitted to the school except those who had completed two years of high school work instead of one as heretofore, but that high school graduates would graduate in two years as heretofore.

GRADUATES CLASS 1920: Gay Leighton Albritton, Lenoir; Annie Lou Alston, Vance; Elizabeth Gray Bass, Wilson; Mary Alice Batts, (Continued on Page Five).

S. J. EVERETT IS NAMED MEMBER FOR THE STATE

Mr. S. J. Everett of this city has just received the following letter from L. S. Tomlinson, president of the North Carolina division of the American Cotton Association, appointing him as a member on the permanent transportation committee of the American Cotton Association for North Carolina. Mr. Tomlinson's letter to Mr. Everett follows:

Raleigh, N. C. Sir:—I take great pleasure in appointing you on the permanent transportation committee of the American Cotton Association to represent North Carolina in the national councils of our association. As a member of this committee you will have an opportunity to render great service to your association and your best efforts along this line will be very highly appreciated by the association and by me. Sincerely yours, L. S. Tomlinson, President of the N. C. Division of the American Cotton Association.

There are thirteen members of this transportation committee and Mr. Everett will be the North Carolina member. Some of the duties of this committee will be fixing transportation charges on cotton, fertilizers and heavy commerce in which the farmers are now vitally interested. It will also select ports for exports and cargo charges. This is quite a distinct complement to our townsmen and that he will fill the position creditably both to himself and to the cotton farmers.

Washington.—The President's flock of forty eight prize sheep were shorn today. Near two hundred pounds of wool was yielded. This will be given to the Salvation army.

Cork.—It is reported that Sinn Feiners during last night attacked one naval and five coast guard stations in the Queenstown district. The arrival of troops is continuing at many ports.

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THEIR EXAMPLE IS WORTH FOLLOWING DON'T YOU AGREE?

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KIDNAPPING OF YOUNG CHILD IS A MYSTERY

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O. MAX GARDNER THRILLED AND CAPTURED A LARGE AUDIENCE, HIS SPEECH WINS MANY VOTES

O. Max Gardner, Pitt county friends simply and Greenville and county upstate last night. The fact is that at the present hotly contested campaign has so much enthusiasm been shown for any candidate as was exhibited here last night. Mr. Gardner has many strong supporters in Pitt county and unless all signs fail Max, "our Max" as Mr. H. A. White expressed it in presenting the distinguished speaker, has a larger number thinking his way today and will so express themselves at the Primary next Saturday.

Mr. Gardner was most delightfully and affectionately presented to his large audience, every seat in the court room being occupied and standing room at a premium, by Mr. H. A. White. Mr. White spoke of him as "our Max" and that one of his admirable traits was his sympathy for his fellowman.

Time and time again during his speech Mr. Gardner was interrupted by spontaneous and enthusiastic applause from his hearers. With the same vigor and forcefulness which has characterized his strenuous campaign in the three cornered fight for the democratic nomination and with voice strong, clear and eloquent he told of his political ideals and aspirations. "My campaign has been conducted," said he, "by an appeal for the reeducation of our government to the constitution and the guarantee of the bill of rights." "I stand opposed to all the new isms that are seeking to undermine our institutions and our boasted civilization. I have no pet schemes to be drafted into the organic policy of the state."

"I notice" said the speaker, "that Mr. Morrison in his speeches is attacking me for my failure to answer the Federation of Labor questionnaire. When he attacks me for this failure he attacks every one of the fifteen candidates for congress from this state and eleven of those running for state offices who also declined to answer these pledges." Mr. Morrison devotes considerable of his speeches in telling of the historic happenings twenty years ago which makes me think of the little couplet about the lightning bug.

"The lightning bug is brilliant, but of very little mind; He flies throughout creation with his headlight on behind." I don't want my headlight on behind, I want it in front. I stand uncovered in the presence of the men whose great fight saved the state for open way to untrammelled service to their names will live forever as heroes in North Carolina, but I claim that the next governor of North Carolina must be a man who is thinking and working for the present and future plans and good of our great state.

Mr. Gardner prefaced his remarks touching his failure to answer the questionnaire by saying that the result of the war was two diseases, Spanish Influenza and Bolshevism. He said that the latter was not only in our nation but was making itself felt right here in North Carolina by a group of men who would break down our traditions and our past history. I received the questionnaire and gave it careful and unbiased thought. I declined to answer it for the reason I elected your next governor I propose to enter the high office with my hands untied and unfettered. Why should I commit myself to this questionnaire any more so than if the doctors, the lawyers, the business men or whatnot, get together and submit questionnaires to a candidate ten months before he assumes office which binds him to certain pledges. Preposterous, said the speaker. I stand upon the position I assumed boldly. They have thrown down the gauntlet of battle and I have accepted it without reservation. I shall be governor unfettered or not governor at all. This man Jim Barrett is pursuing me, all over the state for some purpose and is the instrument of somebody. He can't vote in

the coming primary. He reserves the right to vote for Parker (Republican) for governor.

It has been frequently stated by my opponents that my position on public questions is vague and uncertain. In reply to this criticism I unhesitatingly state that my platform is the platform of the Democratic party. I am content to stand upon that declaration of principles and defend that policy. I am willing to carry that banner into the thickest of the fight and meet all comers. This platform favors good roads-so do I, this platform stands for public health, so do I; I say I stand on the Democratic platform. This platform is constructive; sound, comprehensive and forward looking. It touches the whole life of the state. It commits the party to those high principles of government which have given the state such high place in the sisterhood of states. I challenge a complete reading of this platform and a verdict upon the issue of its sufficiency for any Democratic candidate for any state office and I reiterate that I shall stand upon it in its fullness and shall otherwise remain unpledged by public declarations or private promises.

Mr. Gardner spoke most kindly of his opponents in the race, said they were his friends and that so far as he was concerned he was fighting this fight fair and in the open.

In closing his admirable address Mr. Gardner said, "my conception of the high office of governor of North Carolina is the open way to untrammelled service to the whole people of the state. I covet the opportunity of approaching the performance of all public service absolutely unfettered by pledges and unhampered by promises. My promise is the full measure of unselfish devotion and my pledge is unswerving devotion to all the people of the state."

No stronger or more convincing speech has been heard here during the campaign and the consensus of opinion is that its result will be felt good and strong next Saturday when the people cast their ballot. Sixty-five supporters of Mr. Gardner from Beaufort county were here last night to hear his address. Gardner is a decided favorite for governor in Pitt county and is gaining favor daily.

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