

The Strawberry Crop in Eastern North Carolina

Shipments Larger Than Usual and More Than a Million Dollars Poured Into the Pockets of the Farmers

Wilmington, N. C., May 25.—Special. To date the car load shipments of strawberries in refrigerator cars have been about 1,812 cars, with express shipments reaching about 54,668 crates, against 1,119 cars and 41,259 crates last year. Beginning April 10th there has been a steady movement from eastern Carolina, moving from 25 to 125 car loads a day from this territory. In the distribution of these shipments have covered all the leading cities and towns of the northern, New England, and middle western states, and while prices were not so high in the beginning of the shipping season as have been known in past years, nevertheless the general average has been well high if not quite up to the standard, and the aggregate volume has been fully 25 per cent. ahead of any previous year. Up to this writing not less than 600,000 crates have gone forward out of this territory, yielding the growers a net sum of more than \$1,125,000 and each day shipments continue. Berries will go forward in car load lots for at least a week or two longer. The crown berries are now on the move and they are delicious, bringing good prices.

In some sections a few of the growers report the outlook brightening for a second crop to follow close on the heels of the present crop. Should it turn out that this section will produce two crops of strawberries every year, then the people of this section will have discovered a bonanza for a fact. The Fruit Growers' Journal has had accounts of innumerable growers clearing on an average of from \$100 to \$250 on an acre in berries this season, and if that is to be doubled the farmers of east Carolina should be the most prosperous and independent people on the globe.

Potatoes, beans, peas, huckleberries and blackberries are now moving to the markets in considerable quantities and the prices are very satisfactory. Unless all signs fail, the first day of June will find the berry and vegetable growers with more ready cash than they have had before in years.

Several car loads of strawberries have been shipped this season from points along the Seaboard Air Line between Wilmington and Hamlet, and from the same territory next year shipments will be fully 100 per cent. in excess of this year.

GUILFORD COLLEGE

Class Day—Baccalaureate Sermon—Annual Concert

Guilford College, N. C., May 25.—Special.—The class day exercises came off this afternoon in the presence of the senior class and a few invited friends. The exercises were all that the class could wish for. The prophecy certainly showed the great imagination of the prophets, Messrs. Charles M. Short, Hugh P. Leak and Miss Ida Millis.

Mr. Irvin Blanchard, Miss Della Raiford and Miss Flora Harding were the historians. They gave a complete history of the present class, interwoven with many lively jokes.

The poem by Mr. R. W. McColloch was second to none that has ever been produced at Guilford College. After this entertainment refreshments were served in the lunch room.

The baccalaureate sermon by Rev. W. T. Doggett of Danville, Va., drew a large crowd of visitors to Guilford's peaceful roof Sunday. The sermon was full of high thought and happy religious teaching, and was delivered with plain, unaffected force. The speaker's text was from the 127th Psalm—"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain."

The commencement musical was

thing that can be done with ourselves. It lifts us from things degrading and makes us what we never could become ourselves. God cannot worship Himself, but the whole creation praises God. Shall not we?

The sermon was forcibly delivered, was strong in the personality of the speaker, the logic of its development, and its intense spirituality.

To be counted as a part of the commencement, although not on the program, is the excellent sermon on missions in China preached Sunday morning by Missionary R. T. Bryan. He discussed the political, commercial, social and religious aspects of the Chinese question, and found in all hope for great progress in the future of missions.

Devotional meetings of fifteen minutes are held every morning. Monday morning the meeting was conducted by Mr. Bryan. Tuesday morning the venerable Dr. Skinner will lead. These meetings are characterized by a sweet spirituality which, indeed, seems to pervade everything and everybody at Wake Forest just now. Besides, everybody seems intensely in earnest.

The public need not be surprised to hear that some great things have been undertaken for the college. The trustees hold their first meeting this afternoon. The address before the law class was delivered at 8 p. m. by Hon. William W. Kitchin.

The features for Tuesday are the literary address at 11 a. m. by Rev. R. F. Johnson, of Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York; the alumni address at 8 p. m. by Editor J. W. Bailey, and immediately after the alumni banquet.

given in Memorial Hall Saturday evening before a large audience. The entertainment was very refreshing to the weary student who had just finished his examinations, as well as to the visitor. The program, prepared under the supervision of Miss Lena O. Watson, musical instructor, was well rendered. Everything went off just right and was well received by the entire audience.

The members of the present graduating class of Guilford College are Mr. Charles L. Holton, Yadkinville, N. C.; president; Miss Della Raiford, Zuni, Va., secretary; Mr. Philip D. M. Lord, Biddeford, Me., marshal; Mr. Irvin T. Blanchard, Woodland, N. C.; Miss Maria Edgeworth, Conley, Va.; Miss Flora Harding, Farmington, N. C.; Hugh P. Leak, Kernersville, N. C.; Mr. R. William McCulloch, Maywood, N. C.; Miss Ida Eleanor Millis, Guilford College, N. C.; Mr. Charles McCoy Short, Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. Edgar Thomas Snipes, Menola, N. C.

"DEAR OLD FRANKLIN"

A Former Resident Returns After Long Absence

Henderson, N. C., May 25.—Special.—After a lapse of many years the writer was privileged a few days ago to visit the haunts of early life in Franklin. Changes were marvelous. Neat comfortable dwellings and outhouses dot the face of the country, indicating thrift and prosperity. Many old landmarks have disappeared, but some remain at Epsom, Trinity, Morton, Laurel, and Old Cobb's cross roads. Old Midway, once the scene of joyous life, is not recognizable—companions and teacher gone, and but few left to tell the tale. Fields are opened where once stood noble forests; then in turn, fields once in cultivation are covered with pines. Strange, new faces appeared on every hand, and one to the manner born stood as a stranger and alone on his own native heath. How sad are the changes in life, yet how true. But such is life, and such are its vicissitudes. They sadden the heart and teach man that earth is not his home. To one reared in rural life surrounded by sturdy, honest associations, how different from the atmosphere of cities. There does not breathe a better population than dear old Franklin holds.

SERMON TO WAKE FOREST SENIORS

Commencement Begins With an Able Discourse—Events on Today's Program

Wake Forest, N. C., May 25.—Special. Wake Forest commencement began Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. E. C. Dargatzis, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. His subject was An Appeal for a Consecrated Life, from Rom. 12: 1—"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." He discussed the ground of the appeal which he made to consist, first, in a logical ground, the absolute sovereignty of God as unfolded in the first eleven chapters of Romans; second, in a hopeful ground, the mercies of God; third, in the character of the man who made the appeal. He next discussed the meaning of the appeal. To present your bodies a living sacrifice means not to present the corpse, but the body with the soul in it to God. Everything a man has should be consecrated to God—a clean body, a pure soul, his young manhood, all his capacities of mind and body. Sacrifice means separation, to set apart for God's use. Finally, the preacher discussed the justification of the appeal. Service and worship are all that we can give to God in return for His mercies. The service is rational; it is approved by the reason; it is the highest

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SPIBIT OF THE WORLD

Bishop Gailor's Magnificent Discourse Sunday Evening

Bishop Thos. P. Gailor of Tennessee preached a magnificent sermon Sunday night in Christ church, before a large congregation. Within the chapel with Bishop Gailor were Bishop Chesbro, Rev. Dr. Marshall, Rev. Dr. Bratton, Rev. Dr. Pittenger and Rev. Dr. Holmes of Columbia, S. C. The music was grand, especially the offertory by Mrs. Charles McKimmon, Mrs. Ashley L. Baker, Mr. Theo. Hudson and Mr. Sherwood Haywood, accompanied by Mary W. Johnson on the violin.

Bishop Gailor's subject was "Our Faith that overcometh the world." He gave a strong picture of the spirit of the world which is very antagonistic to the spirit of Christ. The spirit of the world today is the same as that which existed in the day of the Roman empire. Bishop Gailor pointed out the dangers manifested by the spirit in social and commercial life, in literature and education. He referred to a speech delivered at the Southern Educational Conference in Richmond, when the orator magnified the mind above all else, making the soul its supplement. This doctrine, Bishop Gailor declared, was the spirit of Pagan Greece, and he asserted vigorously that the mind was but a part of the soul.

Brought to the Pen

Deputy Sheriff McLeod of Robeson county brought Henry Marlow, a white man, to the state's prison yesterday to serve a fifteen-year term for the slaying of another white man.

Associated Charities

A special meeting of the general committee of the Associated Charities will be held this (Tuesday) afternoon in the rear room of the Carolina Trust Bank at 5:30. Every member is urgently requested to be present.

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Sixty-second Commencement of St. Mary's School

Powerful Baccalaureate Sermon by Bishop Nailor of Tennessee—Subject, Relation of Religion to Our Life—A Grand Concert Last Night. Commencement Week Program

The sixty-second annual commencement of St. Mary's School began Sunday morning, with a baccalaureate sermon of great ability and wonderful power by Rt. Rev. Thos. P. Gailor, bishop of Tennessee.

Last night there was a superbly rendered grand concert. Other features of the program for commencement week will be:

Today at 4:30 p. m.—Alumnae meeting.

Tonight at 8:15 o'clock—Class evening.

Wednesday, 4 p. m.—Meeting of the board of trustees.

Wednesday, 4 to 10 p. m.—Art exhibit.

Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Grand concert.

Thursday, 11 a. m.—Literary exercises in the parlor, followed by graduating exercises in St. Mary's chapel.

The students who will receive diplomas are Annie Webb Chesire, Mary Day Faison, Eliza Moore Gregory, Julia Hamlet Harris, Mary Penwood Henderson, Marietta Belo Holman, Mary Holton Hunter, Katherine DeRosse Meares, Annie Gales Root, Mary Allen Short, Florence Jackson Thomas, Mary Wood Winston.

The sermon Sunday morning was in St. Mary's chapel and was heard by a congregation that filled the church to overflowing. Every one was delighted, pronouncing it a masterful discourse delivered with eloquence and a deep spiritual fervor. The subject chosen by Bishop Gailor was "The Relation of Religion to our Life," the text being from Deut. 32:47. Bishop Gailor declared the text—the words of Moses—to show the supremacy of God's love and the value of religion—not a vain thing but one of the deepest and truest of all realities, ministering to the mind of the whole man all that touches the nature of man in its completeness. To ignore religion, declared the bishop, is to make your manhood and womanhood dwarfed and narrow.

What a beautiful, splendid thing is life, declared Bishop Gailor in announcing his subject. You students here in this beautiful home of culture can but respond to its joy and hopefulness. He discussed in an eloquent and comprehensive manner the meaning, significance, value and measure of life, drawing the conclusion that it does not make life more tolerable to preach the theory of despair, that the fact of life is the fact of sin and that the deepest and truest yearning of life is the yearning for salvation. That no intellectual development can save the race. That the real satisfaction of living is in the text. This life is a school time during which our capacity is developed which it will take all eternity to complete and satisfy.

Bishop Gailor's closing charge to the students was especially beautiful and appropriate. He said:

"So, my friends, I come from Tennessee at the bidding of my dear friend and former pupil, the principal of this school, to say this word to you. I am happy that I came. I have found more even than I expected in the shrill and shroud and atmosphere of this splendid school. And what better subject could I choose than the one of which I have spoken—the relation of religion to our life.

"I have tried to show how impossible it is to interpret life by the conditions, the limitations of the present time and that only in our Lord Jesus Christ do we find the revelation of what life is: 'The law of God is not a vain thing, because it is your life,' and 'This is life eternal to know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.' That eternal life begins here and now. We do not have to die to find it. Beneath the superficial crust of the unrealities, the untruths, the merely accidental and confusing cir-

cumstances, the seeming wrongs and contradictions of the world, as we see it now, it is possible by His power to penetrate to the great facts and principles of the eternal and everlasting order. To fashion our lives by these principles, to harmonize them with these facts, to lift every faculty of mind and soul out of the narrowing, bewildering and deceiving shadows of mere selfish interest and to stand with Christ upon the sunlit heights of God's larger world—this is the true meaning and value and motive of education; this is the measure and interpretation of human life.

"For life, with all its yields of joy and woe, And hope and fear, . . . Is just our chance of the prize of learning love. How love might be, hath been indeed, and is; And that we hold thenceforth to the uttermost Such prize despite the envy of the world, And, having gained truth, keep truth; that is all.

"I say the acknowledgment of God in it Accepted by thy reason solves for thee All questions in the earth and out of it, And has so far advanced thee to be wise."

"This is the deepest thought in our religion, the life of love, the life in Christ, the life eternal, which transfigures and consecrates the results of all righteous effort and consummates the achievements of all human knowledge. To you, who are about to leave this school, I may say this home of truth and culture, I pray that this thought may be a helpful and hopeful inspiration in the days that are to come. In your truest joys, as in your deepest griefs—for all men and women have joys and griefs—may this be the sure and steadfast anchor of comfort and peace. Death and sorrow are the accidents of time; but life abides. 'I came,' said the Holy One, the Perfect One, 'that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly.'

"And as the years pass, and you are compelled again and again to face that ancient mystery of uncertainty and defeat, which speaks to us from every injustice, every wrong, every failure of noble hope and every grave of vanished love, there is but one answer: This life is the beginning; yonder is the end. The law of God is not a vain thing to us, because it is our life."

Concert Last Night

A large and fashionable audience assembled in the chapel last night and enjoyed immensely a superb concert in which many of the most gifted students were the participants. It was a most creditable affair, sustaining the enviable reputation of the fine old school as an institution for the training and cultivation of young women. The program follows:

PART I. Priest's March, from Athalia—Mendelssohn. Misses Thomas, Venable, Brevard and Means.

Song—"O, Stars so Pure"—Bischoff, Marie Stewart Phinley.

Reading—"The White Cow"—James Lane Allan. Mary Norcott Broadfoot.

Song—"The Lass of Norwich Town," Violin Obligato—Bullard. May Lee Montague.

Valse Chromatique—Godard. Julia Haughton.

Song—"Rosalie—de Koven. Katherine Spach.

Tarantella—For violin—Rentsch, Minna Hampton.

Song—"Grass and Roses," Violin Obligato—Barlett. Mary Holton Hunter.

PART II.

Song—"O, Loving Heart"—Gottschalk, Miss Marshall.

Spinnelled—Joseffy. May Lee Montague.

Reading—"Mars Chan"—Thomas Nelson Page. Mildred Dransfield Tilton.

Song—"Mid the Hush of the Corn," Violin Obligato—Temple. Margaret Longfellow Sarborn.

(a) Polonaise—For Violin, Alard. (b) Ferpetuum Mobile—For Violin, Gail. Margaret Rosalie DuDose.

Tarantella—Duo, Raff. Julia Harris and Bessie Woodard.

Part Song—"The Gypsies"—Schumann, Chorus.

Quick Arrest

J. A. Gallinger of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Buckler's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. Get all druggists.

Graded Schools for Kenly

Capt. John Duckett, chief clerk in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction, received a telegram late last night from W. A. Harper at Kenly, N. C., saying, "Graded school special tax was carried today by a handsome majority."

Several state officers, including Governor Aycock and State Superintendent Joyner, made speeches at Kenly for this election, and the news of victory is very gratifying to them.

Mr. G. W. Blacknall Here

Mr. George W. Blacknall, a Raleigh boy and a son of the late lamented Dr. Blacknall, has moved here with his family from Waterbury, Conn., where he has been living. Mr. Blacknall has accepted a position as traveling salesman for Stephen G. Condit of New York, manufacturer of well known brands of clear Havana cigars. Mr. Blacknall has a host of friends in Raleigh who rejoice over his return to the place of his nativity, and congratulate the company that has secured his services.

Mr. A. D. Hobgood has returned to Durham, after a visit to Mr. R. F. Knott.

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