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EDITORIAL.

TRINITY COMMENCEMENT.

It is very easy for us under the spell of the occasion to say that each successive Commencement at Trinity College is better than the previous one. Ridding ourselves of any illusive influence, and properly appreciating the value of correct statement even in regard to a Commencement occasion, we record the fact that the Commencement of 1899 was the greatest in all of Trinity's dear inspiring history. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance. There were so many preachers present that it seemed as if we were looking on an Annual Conference. From North, South, East and West, the Alumni came, some with gray beards and halting steps; others with the freshness and glow of young manhood. There were several forces drawing together such a throng, and focussing on the occasion such an unusual interest. There was the new Memorial Hall erected to the memory of the immortal Craven. Many went to honor their old teacher whose influence will never pass from the lives of those whom he taught and loved. There was a programme such as we do not often have. Duncan the eloquent, and Vincent the man of polyhedral wisdom, White the earnest and successful man of affairs, and a graduating class representing the best training of their Alma Mater formed the list of speakers who drew with the power of a magnet. But let it not be forgotten that the success of this Commencement is due also to the fact that there is a new and larger interest in Trinity College. Every baptism of suffering through which she has passed has not only rendered her purer and better but has sunk her deeper in the affections of North Carolina Methodism. Never before in her history have interest and purpose in her behalf been so intensified. Just as the children of Israel as they passed through the dreary wilderness encamped around the tabernacle, so will the Methodist people of North Carolina stand with loving and watchful interest around Trinity College, their greatest educational institution. Newer and deepening love was seen in the eyes of the great throng which gathered on Trinity Park during the Commencement exercises.

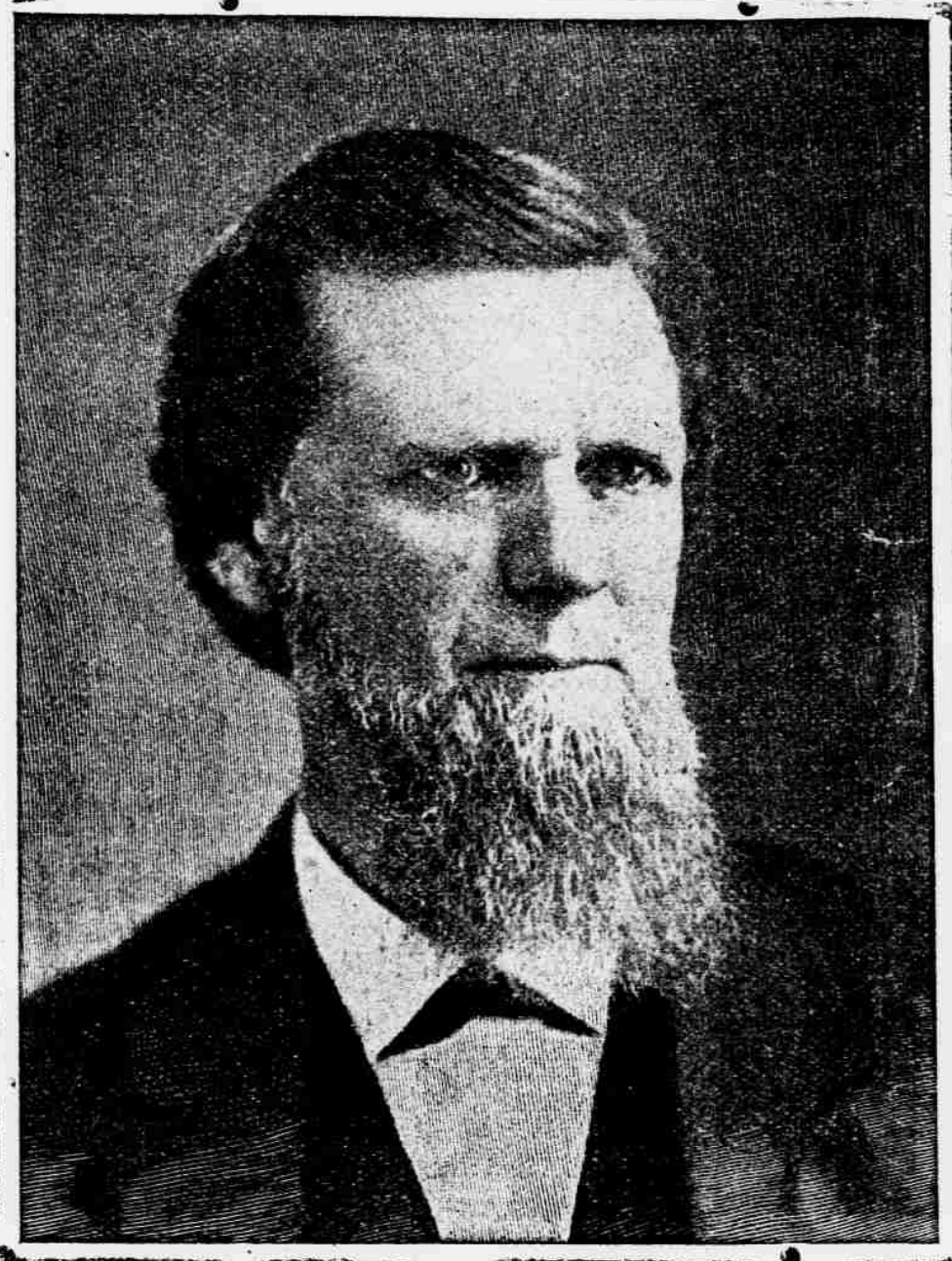
TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL.

The Commencement exercises of this school were held on Saturday, June 3d. Mr. J. W. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, delivered the annual address at 11 a. m. It was an address marked by strong, practical thought elegantly expressed. Mr. Bailey in his address vindicated the claim made by his friends that he is one of the most attractive and forcible speakers in the State. His subject was: "Happiness as a Task," and his effort has been highly praised. The exercises on Saturday night were very interesting, and consisted of declamations by the following young men: W. S. Lowdermilk, Z. V. Judd, E. M. Hornson, W. M. Biles and D. I. Duniap.

The prizes were delivered by President Kilgo. The Debater's medal was won by E. W. Cranford; the Declaimer's medal by W. M. Biles.

Head Master Bivins presented diplomas to quite a number who had finished the High School course.

Trinity High School is the outcome of a movement which had its beginning in the Western North Carolina Conference. Numbers of applicants for admission



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into the college had been refused because of inability to meet the requirements for admission, and it was seen that a fitting school on Trinity Park was a necessity. The High School building is large and elegant, and is one of the most complete school buildings in the South. The dormitory buildings are comfortable and commodious. The first session, which closed on Saturday, June 3, was a successful one. There were about seventy-five students. The school paid its way, and made a wonderful and unexpected record.

Prof. Bivins is Head Master of the school, assisted by Profs. F. S. Aldridge, S. W. Sparger, P. V. Anderson, W. K. Boyd and D. W. Newsom. All these are trained men, and are capable of doing the most thorough work. We have no hesitancy in making the claim that in point of teachers, equipment, and other excellent features, Trinity High School is one of the best fitting schools of the South. Its career is only begun, and we predict for it a future both brilliant and useful. The same faculty was elected for another year.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

was preached on Sunday night in the Craven Memorial Hall to a large audience by President Kilgo. His theme was "Joseph." Those who heard him say that Dr. Kilgo, though much worn by recent labors, was at his best. He drew from the life of Joseph many practical lessons, which he applied with powerful effect. His deliverance on the "Negro Problem" was timely and just, and is worthy of the serious attention of all.

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

was held in the President's office on Monday afternoon. The attendance was unusually large. Thirty out of the thirty-six were present. Of those who were absent, several were sick. There was nothing of special importance before the Board. The business was mainly routine. The absence of William H. Branson, who was taken away by death last March, was deeply felt. Suitable memorial resolutions were passed. Bro. Branson was a most useful trustee.

The President's report showed that the past year was a most successful one in point of numbers of students, financial success, and work done. He recommended that an adjunct chair of Biblical Criticism and Church History be established, and that \$7,000 be applied to the Department of Science. The Board ordered that these recommendations be carried out. The Scientific Department hereafter will be second to none in the South. The Board leased the buildings at Trinity, Randolph County, N. C., to Rev. J. F. Heitman for a term of five years. This school will prepare students for Trinity College, and it is the general desire that Prof. Heitman may succeed in building up a fine school.

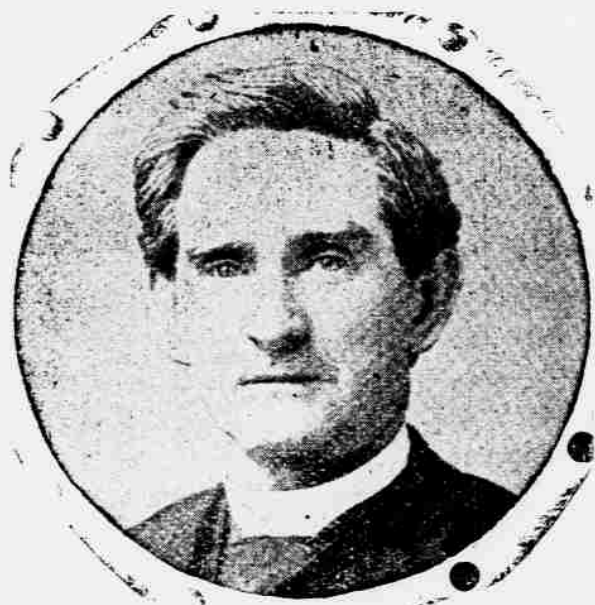
The places made vacant by the death of Mr. W. H. Branson, and the moving of Capt. E. J. Parrish to Japan, were filled by H. J. Bass and J. A. Long. The other new trustees were Drs. E. T. White and W. G. Bradshaw.

ATHLETIC EXHIBITION.

On Monday night Prof. Whitehouse,

the Director of the Gymnasium, gave an athletic exhibition which was interesting, and demonstrated the fact that Trinity College is furnishing its students the very finest physical training. The Gymnasium, which is the gift of Mr. B. N. Duke is a most elegant building, having an equipment such as is had by no other Southern institution of learning. It is fitted up with running track, bowling alley, swimming pool, shower baths, bath tubs, and other paraphernalia necessary to a first-class gymnasium. The work done by Prof. Whitehouse within the last three months is a marvel.

The college should feel itself fortunate in having such a man at the head of its Physical Culture Department. A student enjoys a rare privilege in having access to the gymnasium.



BISHOP W. W. DUNCAN.

THE ANNUAL SERMON

was preached on Tuesday morning, at 11 a. m., by Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C. The large hall was filled with expectant and intelligent people. Bishop Duncan has often preached in North Carolina, but it is the consensus of opinion that he surpassed on this occasion his other efforts.

Rev. John E. White, Secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board, led in an earnest prayer. After music by the fine choir, under the direction of Prof. W. G. Ramsey, the Bishop announced as his text Luke 12th chapter and 40th verse: "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

The following taken from the report of the *Morning Post*, gives a good idea of the Bishop's thought:

"The man needed by the church and the world to-day, is the prepared man. For such men all the country is calling to-day. One of the saddest facts of the age is that there are so few thoroughly furnished and ready men for any work that may come, to respond to the call of duty. This is not because men cannot get ready or for lack of endowment or opportunity. They are simply unprepared and not ready. We frequently rail out against Providence because of our failures. Providence has nothing to do with our failure; we determine that ourselves. No man fails in this life except him who is not ready, not prepared. God gives every man a royal charge and an opportunity according to his ability. The world always gives a man a chance. It is the prepared man—and that means the educated man—and that is needed to-day. The end of life, so solemn as it is, is not as serious as the beginning of life. The end is determined by the

way we begin. Get ready to live that richer, grander, nobler life, that will know no Commencements nor graduating days.

"Preparedness means a faithful response to life's work, and there can be no faithful response unless there is growth. All that God expects of you is truthness, according to the talent He has given you. He does not expect ten talents returned when you receive but two. The difference between men is not always the difference in endowment—except with foolish people. It is not a question of endowment or of genius whether we succeed or not; it all depends on whether or not we are prepared. Nearly every man who fails at everything else thinks he has a call to teach or preach. He is unprepared, and not wanted in that field of life.

"This world is not cruel. Every man, I say, is given a chance in life. There is not a State or city in this great Union where the doors will not be thrown open to the prepared man. It is more so now than ever before, and the reason for this is that the men of the North, South, East and West know each other better because they clasped hands around the camp-fires in the late war. It was all directed by the hand of God.

"To be prepared does not mean to be educated alone. The heart must be prepared as well as the head. The hand of God was in the movements of the war with Spain. He said he was not defending the administration, but what concerned him was the planting of the cross in the ends of the world.

"The last part of Bishop Duncan's sermon was devoted to a discussion of Christian education, the only true education, he said. The youth of the land must be prepared by the Christian men and women of this land. The church must do the work. "I protest," exclaimed the speaker, "against an infidel teaching a Methodist boy or girl." There should not be a desk in any school, college or university in this land on which a Bible could not be seen. We have reached a point where education must not be godless. God should be in the teacher, and, young gentlemen, you will never get beyond the Bible.

"It was as able a sermon as was ever heard here, and in this sketch only an attempt has been made at the line of thought presented."

CRAVEN MEMORIAL HALL.

Tuesday afternoon was marked by a service which was memorable on account of the acceptance of the Craven Memorial Hall and the alumni address delivered by Dr. E. T. White, of Oxford.

Every Methodist in North Carolina should make a pilgrimage to Trinity Park to gaze upon this beautiful monument to the founder of the college. The public has heard of the origin, of the building of the labors of the agent, Rev. N. M. Journey, of his gift of over \$1,000 to the enterprise, of the liberality of Mr. W. R. Odell who gave \$1,000 of the generosity of Col. J. S. Carr, who furnished the Hall, costing \$2000, of the numerous other contributions, ranging from \$500 by Mr. P. H. Hanes, and Capt. J. M. Odell to the dimes by the children. The hall contains only an auditorium, capable of seating regularly 1200 people. It can accommodate without much crowding 1,500 people. The walls are of gray plastic and the ceiling is of native pine. The seats are opera chairs. The exterior presents a pleasing appearance. The architecture is Grecian. The walls are made of gray brick and the whole building is 60x108 feet. The words "Craven Memorial Hall" appear in large raised letters on the front of the building. The Hall is an ornament to the campus, which is growing more beautiful each passing year. A large oil portrait of Dr. Craven will soon be secured by the alumni and it will grace the wall back of the speaker's stand. The Hall is truly a memorial hall. It stands as a monument to Braxton Craven and hundreds of his old pupils rejoice in the fact that while his body sleeps in the old cemetery among the Randolph hills and his spirit exults in the life beyond, this beautiful tribute to his memory will stand during the passing years to be used by us, our children, and our children's children.

THE ALUMNI ADDRESS.

On Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock a large audience gathered in the Hall to hear the Alumni address by Dr. E. T. White of Oxford. Dr. White graduated from Trinity College in 1878, and was one of the brightest and most popular men of his class. Everybody loved "E. T." White. After a lapse of over twenty years he had come back to speak a word in behalf of his Alma Mater. He looked

a man every inch of him, as he stood calm and self-poised before the expectant audience. He had done his audience the high honor of making thorough preparation for his task. His theme was "The Man of Affairs." He discussed it in a broad, dignified, scholarly way. The thoughts were practical and vital, expressed in terse, luminous language, and delivered with grace and enthusiasm. Among many things Dr. White said:

"As we turn from art to nature we find everything stamped with a quality peculiar to itself. There are no two trees alike. Every man has a character peculiar to himself, which marks and discriminates himself from others of the human family and endows him with a manner and temperament peculiar to humanity, and when this particular quality is worthy and commendable it is his business to cultivate and preserve it. In this respect pattern after no man, preserve your own individuality. Individuality is the stamp of nature, and leaves its impress when science, art and skill fail.

In pleading to preserve the individuality of man, I would not underrate the work of our literary institutions. I would not detract from the strides of higher education; for the deeper and more fertile the soil, the more quickly and surely it responds to civilization.

It is well for us to gather all sorts of information. Gather ideas from men living and dead. Draw from the histories of individuals and nations. The God of nature plants the germ—education and culture assist the growth.

The temperament and dispositions of men vary as the shade and coloring of vegetation. We have the different temperaments. An idea or thought is looked at differently through these glasses. Thought and ideas grow and assume shape around these temperaments, and to grow into a strong man, all this education must be used to forward, strengthen and develop this inborn nature and not convert him into something he cannot be. We see in the self-made man the plantings of nature bursting, budding, growing. This principle impelled our beloved Craven to brook difficulties and burn the midnight lightwood torch, that his name might be transmitted a memorial to coming generations.

When we step out upon the arena of life and come face to face with its problems, we find two grand divisions—necessities and superfluities.

The necessities of life are strewn around within easy reach of all and whatever is actually necessary is divinely arranged so that it can be obtained. In this life muscle has full sway. But as we step across the line from necessities to superfluities we come in contact with the combination locks, which can be opened only with skill. Education and brains now come to the front and have full recognition. Along the line of necessities and superfluities we find the battle ground where this age and commerce and competitions are struggling. There was perhaps, never a time in the history of the world when civilized mankind had more of its comforts accessible to the masses so cheaply as now. What are the superfluities of one age become the necessities of another. We benefit by the concrete example of the experience of past centuries. The marvelous growth and development of our country bring to us enlarged responsibilities. The pioneers of our country brought muscle in the shape of slaves at the price of five and ten dollars per pound for life. Now some of our great institutions and leading insurance societies pay one thousand dollars an ounce on brain for one year, and these bids are forced and most generally captured by educated men of affairs. Inside of twelve months we change the map of the whole world and plant our flag on the international chess board. A Mauser rifle, fired on the island of Samoa, is reflected in the fluctuating exchanges of New York, Berlin, London, St. Petersburg, and Paris.

The address was pronounced by many one of the best ever delivered at Trinity College.

THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE HALL.

After Dr. White's address, amid profound silence, Rev. N. M. Journey arose to present the Memorial Hall to Hon. J. H. Southgate, President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Journey was deeply affected. He had seen visions of brightness during the prosecution of his arduous work, but he has seen also seen visions that saddened. He loved Dr. Craven with such a passionate devotion that he could not understand how any alumnus or friend of Trinity College could refuse to help in the great work. Mr. Journey said:

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