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## THE OXFORD SEMINARY.

### COMMENCEMENT OF THIS SPLENDID SCHOOL.

#### Fine Sermons Preached by Able Divines—Graduating Exercises and Concert.

If there is one thing above everything else that Oxford can boast of it is her fine educational advantages, which have classed her as possessing one of the most refined towns in our beloved state. Among her most excellent school the new and modern equipped Oxford Seminary, under the splendid management of President F. P. Hobgood comes in for a large share of praise. His reputation is co-extensive with the education of young ladies in North Carolina, as thousands of beloved women within its borders bear testimony to the excellency of this seat of learning. Each year it has grown stronger in the hearts of parents and guardians owing to its efficient management and the fine training of young ladies that are fortunate enough to imbibe the judicious instructions of this noted institution of learning. The session just closed can really be put down as the most successful since its establishment years ago, which is conclusive evidence that its merits are duly appreciated by a discerning public beyond doubt the equal of any school of its character within the broad limits of the Old North State. And why? Because Prof. Hobgood who stands unrivaled as an educator of young ladies, surrounded himself with an exceptionally able faculty in every department, thus affording the pupils every advantage possible for their training on the highest plane of improvement.

The annual commencements of this fine school bears ample testimony to what we have said, and the large concourse of people of taste, refinement and intelligence who attend these closing exercises of the Seminary are always charmed by the very delightful intellectual entertainments in which they abound.

Sunday morning the gifted Dr. Marr, of High Point, preached the Missionary sermon in the Baptist church at 11 o'clock. The beautiful edifice was full to overflowing with lovely and attractive young ladies, matronly dames and the chivalry of Oxford and Granville county, along with many strangers, who come to regale themselves with intellectual feast. Joyous and attractive music and the best of all to listen to encouraging words from the ambassadors of Christ.

After some choice music rendered by the choir with Miss Mary Webb at the organ, and prayer by Rev. F. M. Shamburger, Dr. Marr arose and in a most forceful and practical way discussed the true mission of women on the earth. He urged the young ladies and all present to commence at once and aid in advancing the cause of the Master upon the earth. His sermon was a gem of its kind, and was listened to with marked attention by the immense congregation. Dr. Marr is one of the bright stars in the Methodist Conference to guide men to the blessed Christ.

Sunday night at 8 o'clock the seating capacity of the church was again tested to accommodate the immense concourse of people that assembled to listen to the sermon before the graduating class by Rev. J. L. White, of Beaumont, Texas, and an old North Carolinian. After the rendition of the splendidly executed music under the leadership of Miss Tauman, the able divine treated the large congregation to a fine discourse. "That Priceless Thing" was his subject. He spoke of Christian character, what it is, how to attain it and its results. The discourse abounded in deep thought, and freighted with love for the Great Redeemer and part taken by the noble women in spreading the gospel.

The address to the Literary Societies was delivered Monday evening by Dr. E. M. Poteat, President of Furman University, Greenville, S. C. Dr. Poteat is a brother of President of W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College. The speaker treated an old subject—Education—in a novel way. The work of the schools in imparting knowledge, fixing ideals, and teaching the reign of law; and the true aim of education, the development of the Jesus' type of character rather than the Scribe type, inner worth rather than outward show—these topics were handled in an interesting and brilliant manner. The address was profound in thought, and yet it scintillated with wit and wisdom.

These speakers are both natives of North Carolina who have made good in other States.

**GRADUATING EXERCISES.**  
Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock

## THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

### Non Commissioned Officers Appointed by the Commander.

At the annual meeting of Maurice T. Smith Camp No. 1277 U. C. V. the following officers were elected:  
A. W. Graham, Commander; Abner D. Peace, 1st. Lieut. Commander; M. Blalock, 2nd Lieut. Commander; J. K. Wood, Adjutant.

A resolution was passed authorizing the Commander to appoint all non-commissioned and other officers and to fill vacancies. The following have been appointed:

W. B. Royster, First Sergeant; J. H. Cozart, Second Sergeant; L. Meadows, Third Sergeant; J. R. Fowler, Fourth Sergeant; D. Y. Hunt, Fifth Sergeant; B. I. Breedlove, Color Sergeant; Thos. D. Royster, Color Guard; John T. Murray, Color Guard; J. L. Ferguson, Commissary; Rev. A. B. Dunaway, Chaplain.

The following are the delegates and alternates to the Reunion:

Delegates: B. P. Thorp, N. D. Morton, A. S. Carrington, M. Blalock

Alternates: J. M. B. Hunt, E. E. Lyon, Geo. B. Daniel, W. A. Blackley.

The delegates and alternates will attend and participate in all the business meetings of the General Camp.

The veterans and sons of veterans will assemble in the Court House promptly at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning May 29th to attend to the first details of the trip and to complete the organization.

If there be any veterans or sons of veterans who intend going and have not yet sent in their names to J. K. Wood, Adjutant, they are requested to do so at once.

A. W. GRAHAM, Commander.  
J. K. WOOD, Adjutant.

### Thrown Out of Buggy.

While Mr. W. T. Yancey and sister, Miss Ione, were out riding Saturday afternoon on Broad Street one end of the shaft came loose and the spirited young animal attempted to run. The buggy was thrown to one side of the slope of the street, throwing both of them out, but fortunately they were not hurt much.

The Graduating Exercises took place in the Chapel of the Seminary, which were largely attended. The regular graduates were: Bachelor of Arts—Misses Grace Williams Bland, of Burgaw; Annie Lee Hoffman, of Morganton; Nellie Ossena McMillan, of Mulin, S. C.; Vena Myrtle Goode, of Mooreboro; Dixie Taylor Hester, of Oxford. Bachelor of Letters—Misses Ruby Carolina Ellis, of Clayton; Mary Willie Milliner, of Leaksville; Eva May Godfrey, of Elizabeth City; Carrie Ward Toon, of Chadburn; Mary Caroline Dowell, of Carthage; Kate Hays Fleming, of Camilla Brooks, of Oxford; Annie Lovelace Hamrick, of Henrietta, thirteen lovely and fascinating young ladies who gracefully crowned themselves and the school with honor by the excellent essays and the creditable manner in which they were read.

The music rendered was of a high order and proved that the instruction in the music department was thorough and complete, all the young ladies acquitting themselves in a handsome manner. President Hobgood's report was a flattering one, showing the rapid strides the school had made during the closing session.

### FINE ART EXHIBIT.

This important feature of the school proved attractive and entertaining, as during the afternoon large crowds visited the Art Room, viewing the artistic work accomplished by the young ladies.

### MUSICAL CONCERT.

The Annual Concert Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock is deserving of the most unstinted praise, and showed that Miss Tauman knew both how to teach music and how to direct a concert in the most approved manner and the program was admirably carried out by the attractive young ladies who took part in the Concert.

We close with the expression of great satisfaction that the commencement exercises of this celebrated institution of learning has ended with so much satisfaction and elat to all concerned, as it was one of the most brilliant that has taken place in Oxford since this school has been under the present management.

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## DOUBLE MURDER CHARGED GRADED SCHOOL CLOSING.

### DR. ROWLAND CHARGED WITH KILLING OF HIS SON.

#### Other Murder Was When he Killed Engineer Strange in Order to Marry His Wife.

Raleigh, N. C. May 20.—Dr. D. S. Rowland, well known practicing physician of this city, was arrested this morning by Raleigh police on the strength of a telegram from Sheriff Powell, of Vance county, that he is wanted in Henderson to answer the charge of murder. Rowland was locked up in the city prison to await the coming of the Vance sheriff.

Sheriff Powell, of Vance, says Rowland visited his son the day of his death at school and went for a walk with him immediately after which the child began complaining and soon died. Dr. Rowland starting to leave the place after the child was quite ill. It is feared that he used a hypodermic syringe so that the poisoning cannot be proven. He says there was always a suspicion that he killed his wife, she having died much the same way. She was Miss Fuller, a woman of considerable means. Dr. Rowland sold his property in Henderson last week and later purchasers found he had married the Strange widow and issued a warrant for him to force refund of money or have deed signed by his wife. Then the murder charge materialized Saturday, culminating in the arrest here today.

There is alleged to have been a life insurance policy on the boy's life in favor of Dr. Rowland. On the other hand Dr. Rowland carried \$30,000 on his life for the boys benefit. Dr. Rowland has been a widower for a number of years. Relatives of the deceased wife are understood to be behind the prosecution.

What adds to the complication is a movement against Rowland by the brotherhood of locomotive engineers of the first division Seaboard Air Line involving the recent sudden death of Engineer C. E. Strange, of the Seaboard. He was taken suddenly ill after breakfast three weeks ago. Rowland was the first physician to arrive and Strange died, it was announced, from heart failure. Rowland and the widow of Strange went to Norfolk one week ago and registered as man and wife under a fictitious name and claim now to be married. Engineer Strange carried \$5,000 insurance and had several thousand in the bank.

At the city prison Dr. Rowland declines to talk about the charges, saying that he has no idea of the case until he goes to Henderson. Rowland has one of the largest and best equipped suites of medical offices in this state, equipped with X-ray and electricity and appliances of every kind. He lived in Kittrell and Henderson before locating here six years ago.

The sheriff of Vance county arrived this afternoon for Dr. Rowland and was instructed by the coroner of Wake county to hold him for the authorities here in the event the murder of his little son cannot be proven there as he will be wanted here for the murder of Engineer Strange. A warrant is just issued for Mrs. Strange, now Mrs. Rowland, charging "accessory before the fact" in the murder of her husband and the body of Strange is to be taken up for examination.

A telephone message from Henderson last night was to the effect that no new judicial developments had taken place but that the stomach had been taken from the body of Dr. Rowland's late son and that this would be sent to Raleigh this morning for chemical analysis in order to determine what kind of poison it contains. The body when exhumed Monday was in a good state of preservation.

Mrs. Rowland was arrested in the Police Station where she had gone to see her husband after his arrest. The warrant was served by Constable D. R. Byrum and she was taken to the office of the Clerk of the Court, where she deposited \$2,340 in cash upon the advice of her attorneys.

Justice of the Peace C. A. Separk required a bond of \$2,000 for her appearance on June 3rd for a preliminary hearing Mr. W. B. Jones for the State, and acting in the place of his father, Solicitor Armistead Jones agreed to the amount of the bond. The woman late in the afternoon gave the required bond and was released from custody. The bond consisted of \$1,410 in cash and an order on the Clerk of the Court for \$590. This was satisfactory to the State's representatives and she went home.

I want to sell you an Incubator and brooder. Cash or credit. W. M. Britt, Agt.

### MOST ENJOYABLE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

#### The dear Children did Exceedingly well—Concert—Graduates and Addresses, Etc.

Rarely has it been the privilege of an Oxford audience to witness such a pleasing display of child-talent as was presented at the Opera House on last Friday night when the Primary grades of the Oxford Graded School gave a most delightful entertainment.

This play was entitled "A Summer Night Dream," was under the efficient management of Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming, Musical Instructor of the school, and to say that it was well planned and well presented only expresses in part the amount of careful training that had been expended on the sixty children who were engaged in it.

The audience was simply charmed, and could not say whether it was the daintily winged fairies, the lovely little faces half hidden in flower costume, the comically dressed dolls, the grotesque but very natural looking bear, monkey and owl, or the fat little robin red breast, which was pleasing and amusing. There was decided dramatic talent in evidence at times, and the sweet voices of the children, beautifully trained, never sounded to better advantage or reflected more credit on their instructor.

On Tuesday morning, May 21st, at 10:30 o'clock the closing exercises of the school were held in the Assembly Hall of the building. The first thing on the program was the address of welcome by County Superintendent R. G. Kittrell, who in a cordial manner bade all the people a hearty welcome.

Mr. Kittrell who never loses an opportunity to inculcate principles of ambition into the public for the upbuilding of education, and for all improvements in connection with it, did not forget his favorite theme at this time, and our people knowing the vast amount of work he has accomplished and the wonderful strides of advancement made in the cause of education in the county during his administration, always listen to him with confidence and a feeling of pride.

After this address the audience was led in prayer by Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, then followed the reading of five carefully prepared Essays by graduates. They were as follows:

The Impeachment and Trial of Andrew Johnson—James Lynch Booth.  
The Dream of a Latin Empire in the West—Iola May Franklin.

Three Hundred Years at Jamestown—Augusta Williamson Landis.  
The Southern Plantation During the Civil War—James Russell Webb.  
The Passing of the Red Man—Lucy Goshen Smith.

These papers were the products of well tutored minds and reflected great credit on the talented instructor of English Literature of the Ninth Grade, Mr. C. T. Goode. He to prove his appreciation of the conscientious work of his class on this occasion presented to each of the six graduating girls a beautiful fan, and to the two boys copies of Lowell's poems.

After reading of distinctions by Superintendent D. H. Bland Prof. S. H. Hodgin, of Guilford College, came forward to present the certificates to the graduating class. This he did in his own characteristic style. His thoughts were beautifully expressed, freely interspersed with appropriate quotations from the classics in the which he is "native and to the manner born." The spontaneous bursts of applause ever and anon during his address proved the appreciation with which it was received by the friendly audience.

After the presentation of certificates the Davis medal was awarded by Mr. Goode to Miss Myrtle Renn for highest scholarship attained in the school during the entire session. This was won in close competition and in a class with so many ambitious students represented much hard work and close application.

Mr. Goode's address in presenting this medal was ornate with beautiful thoughts beautifully expressed. It was more than a speech, it was a gem.

The bright choruses rendered by the light-hearted girls during the morning exercises lent added inspiration to an occasion already inspired, and shed brightness on an audience already charmed.

On Tuesday evening at the Opera House there was an address delivered before the school by Major Robert Bingham, of Asheville, he having first been presented to the audience by Judge A. W. Graham in a few graceful and very appropriate remarks.

## BAGLEY MONUMENT UNVEILED.

### Many distinguished Visitors Participate in Unveiling Ceremonies.

The monument erected to Ensign Worth Bagley, the first man to lose his life in the Spanish American War was unveiled in the Capital Square Raleigh, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Many distinguished visitors were participants of the occasion, and a splendid array of speakers which included Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, who delivered the oration, and Lieutenant Victor Blue made the address, amid the cheering throng that consisted of many thousands. The attendance included people from all over North Carolina.

The military feature was an admirable epoch of the occasion, the entire military divisions from Wilmington, New Bern and Winston, including the cadets from the A. & M. College presenting a display of North Carolina's troops.

Decorations were artistic and beautiful. The platform which faced the monument was arranged with United States flags and shields surmounted with eagles, the basis of the decorations being red and white bunting. The bronze statue of Worth Bagley was swathed in a great United States flag, so arranged by means of ribbon wrappings that when the rope was pulled the flag fell from the shoulders like a cloak. Other attractive decorations adorned the residences and buildings throughout the city.

The parade began on Fayetteville street and marched to Capitol Square. The line of march had been arranged appropriate to the occasion and included the veterans of the Spanish-American War, the local camp of Confederate Veterans, Meade Post G. A. R., Third Regiment and A. & M. Bands, schoolmates of Worth Bagley, children of the graded school, National Guards and ended with carriages containing the monument committee, the speakers, guests and others. The unveiling ceremonies at the Capital Square were as follows:

Prayer by Rev. John S. Watkins.  
Music, "The Holy City."  
Song, "Let the Hills and Valies Resound," by 360 children, with band accompaniment.

[At this juncture in the program a cloud came up and rain poured down for about 10 minutes, and probably about 2,000 ladies and children got wet doing much damage to fine dresses and hats. The immense throng of people was the most orderly and neat dressed we ever had the pleasure of mingling with.]

Oration by Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson.  
Song, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."  
Poem, "Bagley and Four at Cardenas Bay," by Robert Burns Wilson, read by Dr. Hubert Royster.

Address by Lieutenant Victor Blue. Presentation of the statue to the State by Chairman Russ, and its acceptance by Governor R. B. Glenn.

Unveiled by Worth Bagley Daniels, during which the band played the "Star Spangled Banner."  
Song, "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

The musical part of the program was an admirable feature. The vocal music was rendered by a children's chorus of 350, and instrumental music was by the Third Regiment Band.

Immediately following the unveiling exercises a public reception was given in the Governor's office and this afforded an opportunity for all to meet the distinguished visitors of the city. The reception was given by Governor and Mrs. Glenn, while attending the Governor was a large part of his personal staff, as well as others of the North Carolina National Guard.

The house was crowded with a large audience, most of whom were eager to hear all that fell from the lips of this one of North Carolina's most gifted sons. Maj. Bingham, though nearly approaching 70, is wonderfully well preserved, physically, and the brilliance and activity of mind so well known in the strength of his young manhood, has only acquired added strength and dignity, with the passing of the years.

He took "Sectional Misunderstandings" for his subject and the brilliant activity of his mind has only acquired and discussed issues still existing between the North and South, all who are familiar with the masterful style of this great hearted broad-minded Southerner, knew that he would handle this subject in an able manner, and they were not disappointed. The Graded School feels that it was indeed honored to have had Maj. Bingham for a guest, and Superintendent Bland is to be congratulated upon securing him for this occasion.

Major Bingham while in Oxford was the guest of Dr. Sam Booth.

## IN DEATH'S COLD CLASP.

### MRS. WILLIE THORP DIES SUDDENL Y SUNDAY

#### Died at her Home Near Goshen, Walnut Grove Township of Child Birth.

Seldom has it been our duty to record so sudden a death. A dark gloom spread over the whole community when it became known that Sabbath afternoon that Mrs. Thorp died. She was a Miss Winston, of Youngsville, and a consecrated Christian. She was of an affectionate disposition, bright and winning in her ways, so that friendship's circle was to her a large one. Indeed, it may be said of her that "none knew her but to love her."

Only a few years ago she was married to our good friend, Mr. Willie Thorp, who she leaves to mourn her loss, along with a large number of relatives in Franklin county, and to all of whom the editor extends the deepest sympathy.

The funeral and burial took place Tuesday afternoon at Goshen where a large number of relatives, friends and neighbors gathered about the dear form with honest bereavement to lay her away tenderly in the narrow house with its curtains of fadeless green. The burial services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Horsfield, of Oxford.

To her the struggle and burden bearing of earth are ended, and we confidently trust that like one who awakes from a troubled dream she has awakened to see life's endless morning break and knows herself at home with all the vast throng of loved ones missed from earth, safe about her. Her home instincts were strong and her affection for friends and kindred was tender and abiding.

She ranked always as a woman of culture, refinement, sympathy, a kind neighbor, a true friend, and withal a woman of heroic mould in bravely meeting the stern requirements and often the disappointments of life.

She was a true wife and clung to her husband with devoted fondness and he is called upon to mourn earth's greatest loss, and may she not by this very transition wield over him a stronger force of goodness and truth than before.

### Ice Trust Thawing Out.

Owing to the cold wave the two moguls of the Ice Trust were cornered on Wednesday morning in the bright and glorious sunshine, out of the cold wind wondering when winter would cease, and regular July weather be enjoyed. After getting thawed out a division of spoils took place, which did not pan out much as the cold wave had given the short-weight trust a black eye. It is not known whether the moguls decided to advance the price on inferior ice or continue short weight scheme. At any rate you had better get your scales in good working order unless you are willing to shell out a cent a pound for ice this summer.

### Death of a Baby Girl.

After about 10 days illness Marion, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Crews, died Monday afternoon about 6 o'clock, and the deep sympathies of our people go out to them in the trying hour.

The little body was tenderly laid to rest Tuesday afternoon in the church cemetery at Salem, attended by many relatives and friends, Rev. W. H. Puckett conducting the funeral services.

Thus over a happy home the shadow of a little grave has fallen; and, as another has said, "it is wonderful how long a shadow a little grave can throw."

This beautiful baby life was so precious, so fraught with blessing to her parents that she seemed a flower of paradise permitted to bloom for a brief season by their side, then recalled to its native skies, leaving the earth road for them dark and lonely indeed.

And when the messenger came from the unseen lands to claim the dainty darling as his own:

She only crossed her little hands,  
She only looked more meek and fair,

We parted back her silken hair,  
We wove the roses round her brow,  
White buds, the summer's drifted snow,

Wrapt her from head to foot in flowers,  
And thus she went out of this world of ours.

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