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THE FIDDLE AND THE BOW

SEN. "BOB" TAYLOR PLEASURES AUDIENCE WITH HIS WORD PAINTING

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Senator Robert Love Taylor, of Tennessee, better known as "Gov. Bob," touched every emotion in the hearts of those who heard his lecture. "The Fiddle and the Bow," Friday night. His words centered around the memories of his boyhood home in Happy Valley in the mountains of "North Carolina's daughter state."

Senator Taylor was introduced as "the high-priest of the altar of mirth," but his title did not include the department in which he is most preeminently a master. His fun came when least expected and was all the more appreciated but his greatest power, like that of the fiddle and the bow, lies in his ability to touch the beauty in one's soul, a chord that ever vibrates and is particularly clear-toned in Southern people.

Senator Taylor started with a description of the beautiful mountain region of Tennessee, the place where the old time darkeys used to laugh "till the ripe corn ears grinned thru their shucks." In a few minutes he was telling of a young couple he had seen afloat on the crystal waters of some clear mountain stream; he was describing his own feelings as he watched the wooing, and his emotion became so strong that he burst into song, singing:

"He held her little hand in his,
Smoothing her hair of brown,
The boat struck a rock and both fell in,

Just as the sun went down."

Gov. Bob gave a clear evidence of how very akin are the sublime and the ridiculous. He would be describing scenes of wondrous beauty. A word, and the audience is laughing in applause of some humorous sally.

The whole lecture was enlivened by the speaker's love of natural beauty and nature's melodies. In words, themselves a melody, he told of the joy of the fox hunt and of the music of the hounds. He told of the negro and his love of the 'possum and coon. Nothing could have been more enjoyable than his tales and description of the old time negro, so different from the modern generation who, "as soon as they learn their hic, haec, hoc, forget their gee, haw, woh."

And then Senator Taylor launched into the real subject of his lecture, the power of music and of music's mightiest instrument; the violin, the aristocrat of the mansion, the fiddle, the democrat of the lowly home. He told tales of the governor of Tennessee and the pardons he granted thru the persuasion of the fiddle.

Then followed a eulogy on the country barefoot boy, the happiest mortal that treads the earth and scorns the bathtub and Sunday School, the autocrat of the breakfast table and the dinner table and the supper table, the democrat of the play ground and the republican of the lunch basket—he wants everything good inside—the bit-

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IN MEMORY OF JUDGE MacRAE

STATE VOICES HER GRIEF AT LOSS OF HER ILLUSTRIOUS SON

Judge Shepherd, Judge Walker, Dr. Ruffin, Messrs. Grimes and Battle were the speakers

Memorial services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in Gerard Hall in honor of Judge James Cameron MacRae, late dean of the Law department in the University. Just now Judge MacRae has been dead long enough for his absence to begin to be felt. Not only is he missed here at the University but all over the State there is grief felt at his loss. The exercises were not of the University but of the state.

Gathered here to express in a small way the universal feeling of the state of North Carolina were: Judge James E. Shepherd, of Raleigh, Ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, a life-long friend of Judge MacRae, and most appropriately the man to preside at memorial services in his honor; Judge Platt D. Walker, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, who has known and admired Judge MacRae from his childhood. To speak for those at the University were Dr. Thomas Ruffin of the law faculty, Mr. W. H. Grimes who graduated in law last year and who for the time being is one of the law faculty, and Mr. K. D. Battle, student in law.

The services were opened with a prayer from Rev. W. R. Hogue of the Episcopal Church of Chapel Hill. After Mr. Hogue had offered up a touching prayer from a fervent heart the old hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," was rendered by a quartet consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Herty and Dr. and Mrs. Mangum.

Judge James E. Shepherd presided and opened the service with a few words of reminiscence of Judge MacRae. Judge Shepherd remembered him as leader of men when the state was going thru an excruciating crisis, and a jurist whose verdicts could be depended upon as absolutely impartial and dependent upon the facts of the case. He recounted the honored course the life of James C. MacRae had run and how fitting it was that the close should find him here, at the state university instilling the beautiful pure principles that had guided his life into the young manhood going out to the struggle. Such a life for imitation and such a spur to the ambition of all who knew him.

The exercises were brought to a close after Judge Walker's speech. The quartet sang "I heard the voice of Jesus say," and Rev. R. W. Hogue dismissed the audience with a few words of prayer. The soft gray shades of the twilight were silently sifting down and they seemed to signify the peaceful calm that has settled about the departed soul of Judge James Cameron MacRae.

Dr. Ruffin, in behalf of the faculty, told of the inspirational power of the man with whom he had been associated as a teacher of the law. Association with him, he said, brought into one's life, love, the joy of living, and

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