

BACCALAUREATE SERMON

The Rev. Mr. James Y. Fair, D.D., of Richmond, Va., delivered the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class and the general public in Memorial Hall Sunday morning. The large hall was well filled. The audience had the pleasure of listening to a most delightful and strengthening discourse.

Mr. Fair's sermon was briefly this:

Every life has a motive. Just as in the bosom of the steamship there is a mighty engine, whose rhythmic throbbing forces it steadily forward, so enshrouded in the complexities of that strange thing we call life, there is a motive that drives it onward. That motive may be hidden: it may be good or it may be bad. The greatest metaphysician may be unable to lift the veil and penetrate the secret of life, to analyze the correlation of intellect, volition, and emotion, but the motive exists. Hidden beneath the surface, every human bosom conceals some secret mainspring that imparts movement to it, the focus from which its energies radiate, the center around which its hopes revolve.

God should be the great motive of every life. The locomotive is a wonderful invention, but so constructed that, in all the universe, there is only one motive that can enable it to fulfill the purpose of its creation. It is possible to move a locomotive without steam: human hands may pry it along slowly with crowbars, but that is not realizing the capacity of its being. Innumerable forces in land and sky may leap about it and play upon it, but there is only one power that can fully move its heart and make it accomplish its mighty purpose. The human soul is a mechanism far more wonderful and complicated than man ever created, but it is so constructed that there is only one motive power that can meet its needs and enable it to fulfill its destiny—that is God. Other motives may move the soul. Patriotism is a noble motive; it may inspire a man to brilliant deeds: love of home is a beautiful and sacred thing; it may lead to lives of heroism and martyr deaths: love of science is grand and commendable, too. There are innumerable and lofty motives that may move the soul of man to noble deeds, but by its very nature, by the grandeur of its origin and destiny, by its depth and by its breadth, the soul is so built that only one agency can fire its mighty nature, thrill it from the center to the circumference of its boundless horizon, meet its wants, and stir its capacities till they quiver and vibrate into life and full fruition. That motive is the infinite and eternal God from whose bosom man sprang and to whose bosom he must rise and return. For the soul is not a thing of earth: therefore no earthly force can dominate it. Its pathway is not here, but yonder pathway of stars shining thru the opening vistas of the blue eternities.

As God only can move man to enter upon his true destiny, so He alone can keep man in the right way. Astronomy reveals that the globe is held in its place by the interplay of two opposite forces that counterbalance each other: their nice adjustment makes the world revolve with the precision of clockwork around the sun, never deviating from its orbit. In the soul of man there is a centrifugal force which impels it to fly away from God, which, if not counteracted, gathers increasing power, drives man further and further from God, out into ever-widening circles of darkness, down into ever-deepening depths of sin. There is only one deterrent to arrest this tendency and hold man in his true orbit as a rational and immortal being revolving around

the throne of God. That is the religion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And this is the true conception of life, the ideal of Christian manhood, the realization of a well-rounded and symmetrical character. It is a life that rightly estimates this world, fulfill all obligations to it. A life, so to speak, suspended between heaven and earth, that feels the attraction of each, drawing its inspiration from above, shedding down its light and helpfulness below, a life that makes its influence felt and does its full duty here, but is all the time tending onward and upward. This also is the only safeguard against the powers of evil and temptation that beset men. Many a young man goes out into life relying only on the strength of his character or the power of his will, and in the hour of trial, it is not sufficient to stand the strain. This is the secret of the defalcations and moral wrecks that in this day so often sadden the heart. Without the support of religion the character, however lofty its purpose, is exposed to deadly peril. In concluding the speaker earnestly urged the young men to carry God with them as their great aim and to take as their motto not "What do I want? What will advance me in life?" but "What is right?" So the way, tho hard, will be made plain and flowers of joy and contentment blossom on the path and it will end at last in the glory of the throne.

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to offer up his son as a dead sacrifice. By so doing he blazed the way for living service to be the noblest gift of an individual. So, in the course of time, the giving of gifts has assumed a different significance. We no longer give gifts as an inferior to a superior, given in a spirit of awe or fear, but the gift of today stands as a symbol of loyalty, respect, devotion, and love that we have for an individual or an institution.

"So we, the class of 1910, following our long line of predecessors in their immemorial custom, present today a gift to our Alma Mater as a token of our esteem, devotion, loyalty, respect, and love for her. We are deeply conscious of the fact that no small gift of ours could ever repay the debt we owe the University, but, if the spirit in which we give this gift be credited at par value, it can be said of us that we have done what we could.

"For the next five years each member is expected to contribute two dollars annually to a sum which is to be devoted to equipping the North Carolina room of the Library of the University. The first one hundred and fifty dollars of this sum, or thereabouts, is to be used by the trustees of the fund in placing some substantial furniture in the North Carolina Room. The rest of the fund is to be placed in good securities, the interest of which is to be used in buying books, maps, or anything else that the trustees of the fund may designate.

"The class appoints Dr. J. G. deRoulac Hamilton and Dr. L. R. Wilson together with the permanent treasurer of the class as trustees of this fund. This is the gift of the class of 1910."

Last Will and Testament

Mr. W. Hoke Ramsaur ceremoniously read the last will and testament of the class of 1910, as drawn up at the office of Squire Augustus Barbee on the 28th day of May 1910. All the valuables and otherwise of the class of 1910 were carefully distributed.

Wishing to keep some of the property of the class still in possession of its members, such valuables as the business principles of Tom McManis and

that phlegmatic demeanor of William Penn Henley were bequeathed to A. H. Wolfe and S. B. Stroup respectively. Also the 13244 fraternity was formally turned over by the desire of its present members, Manager Lasley and Tige Kramer, to S. H. Basnight, of cavalry club fame, and Fiery Maupin.

Members of the faculty became the proud heirs of various sacred heirlooms. Chief among these legacies was that to Dr. W. B. MacNider. To him the following problem was left: "If two boys are born at the same time, of the same parents, reared in the same house, amused with the same toys, held on the same knee of the same father the same number of times each day—why should one of these boys grow one-half foot higher than the other and make 4's on his work in college, while the little brother makes 1's?" Illustration the Venable twins.

The management of the University, which for the past two years has been the care of Manager Lasley, was declared to revert back to Dr. Venable.

Chief among the recipients in the lower classes were those who were given the various hair tonics of "that noble old man", S. F. Teague.

Messrs. Lee Turlington, "Sap" Hyman, and Samuel Coopersmith were named the legal representatives of 1910 in Chapel Hill. At any time they may be found with the other fossils of Davie Hall.

Class Prophecy

Mr J. M. Reeves produced a voluminous document which purported to give the fate of every senior who was comfortably wearing his stuffy black gown. The Prophet, as the story went, after various and sundry acts such as "wending his way" to some secluded spot and lighting his trusty pipe, settled himself against a tree dozing off to dreams under the narcotic influence of the aforesaid pipe, had succeeded in imagining a wonderful journey wheron led by a fairy maiden he had seen many a wonderful thing relating to the future of his classmates. Among the most inspiring was the fact that Tige Cramer should have a son like himself. President Wolfe would by warlike and politic methods succeed in going high up in politics. Stacy and Edmonds, together in the dream as in life would also be important figures in the realm of political attainment, but, and here the sooth-sayer heaved a sigh, they would fain forget the friends whom they had formerly known in their "aim committee". A startling disclosure made by the prophecy was that every single member of the class of 1910 was destined to a brilliant success in the field which he would grace with his effects.

This closed the morning exercises of the class and the hall was turned over to the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

At 5:30 p.m. the senior class once more mustered its members about the college well and marched in beautiful solemnity to the Davie Poplar. There formed in a large circle they listened to the following statistics from D. R. Kramer.

Number 75; weight 11,356 pounds; height 438 feet, 6 inches; age 2578 years. Average weight 152 pounds; average height 5 feet, 10 1-4 inches; average age 21 years, 1 month, 4 days. 12 men are six feet high; ten are over 6 feet.

The tallest and heaviest man is "Ichy" Garret, 6 feet, 3 inches; oldest, M. S. Beam; shortest men, Belden and Henley, 65 inches; lightest weight and lightest headed, "Pug" Taylor, 120 pounds.

Voted to be:

Most handsome, T. D. Rose; most popular; O. A. Hamilton; most perfect

lady, W. M. Snider; best athlete, D. M. Williams; best orator, H. E. Stacy; best dressed and hottest sport, D. R. Kramer; hardest working, W. R. Edmonds; biggest talker and kid, J. W. Lasley, Jr.; greenest, J. A. Everett; worst student, L. F. Turlington; ladies' man, J. E. Crowell; best writer and honor bull, T. P. Nash, Jr.; most religious, A. R. Morgan; biggest bluffer, H. E. Stacy.

Unfit for publication:

Best judge of booze, R. A. Urquhart; biggest liars, Presidents Nixon and Wolfe.

At the conclusion of Mr. Kramer's words, the peace pipe was smoked by all the class. The class pictured. Closing in, in a compact group, State and University songs were sung and yells given for 1910. President Wolfe then formally delivered into the hands of the juniors present all the rights and privileges of seniors at the University. The class benches were then seized and carried to the well.

The last rites followed. The benches were demolished and burned, some members of the class feeding the flames with such old friends as their books on Math. 1 and French A. Filing by the well, each member of the class took his last drink of water and the exercises closed together with the class life of 1910.

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